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A record-setting 22 members of the Class of 1954 were honored at the 41st Annual Veterinary Conference and Alumni Reunion in April. This outstanding class not only had the most returning alums after 50 years, but had the highest percentage of members contributing to the College’s class campaign and the most Presidents Club members.

Our newest alums – members of the Class of 2004 -- are shown minutes before they received their hard-earned DVMs at graduation in May.

Achievers — then and now

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Field service launched for zoos, aquariums, and aviaries

A field service has been added to the College’s exotic animal, wildlife, and zoo animal services to provide specialized support for the staff of zoo collections, aquariums, and aviaries who find it difficult to bring animals to the hospital. Visitation services can be scheduled for the care and treatment of birds, fish, reptiles, or mammals. The visiting zoo team generally consists of one

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of four boarded veterinary specialists, one veterinary intern, one technician, and several senior veterinary students who have been trained in exotic and zoo animal medicine. Specialists in nutrition, surgery, radiology, anesthesia, small and large internal medicine, dermatology, ophthalmology, neurology, and oncology can also be made available.

The range of services includes consultation on management (such as husbandry, nutrition, reproduction, disease control); physical exams and health evaluations; diagnostic imaging; medical therapies; and surgeries, including castration, wound repair, dentistry, and trimming of beaks, wings, or nails and hooves.

Dr. Stephen Hernandez-Divers heads the service, which works in close cooperation with the client’s local veterinarian, who should be the primary contact.

For appointments or further information, please email hospital@vet.uga.edu or call 800/861.7456.

Dr. Eldred Causey graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1952 and came on the faculty shortly thereafter to teach small animal medicine. He took leave long enough to serve his country in Cambodia, then returned to the faculty briefly before establishing a popular private practice in Athens. “You won’t find anyone who doesn’t think highly of him,” says Dr. Charles Dobbins, former classmate and former associate dean of the College.
They make all of us proud

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Dr. Edward Breitschwerdt, '74
Dr. Breitschwerdt is professor of internal medicine and infectious diseases at the North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine and an adjunct professor of medicine at Duke University Medical Center.

Recognized worldwide as an expert in vector-borne diseases, he has presented scientific papers throughout the world.
North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine honored him with the Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence.

Distinguished Service Award
Dr. Travis Collins
A graduate of Auburn, Dr. Collins was a staunch supporter of the University of Georgia and one of the College’s major referring veterinarians.

He lobbied longest and hardest to launch the Georgia Equine Practitioners Association and served as an officer and a board member.

He served his country in the army and the Green Berets and was a devoted practitioner until the end of his life. He died while treating a horse on an emergency call.

Distinguished Service Award
Dr. David Forehand, '76
Dr. Forehand owned and operated the Buckhead Animal Hospital in Atlanta until his untimely death in February.

He was supportive of all aspects of the College’s mission. The faculty knew him as a progressive small animal practitioner – an ideal example of a veterinarian who understood the nature of the human-animal bond.

At his death, his family and friends established a scholarship in his name – the Dr. David Forehand Scholarship – at the College.

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Dr. Jeffrey S. Klausner, '72
Since his appointment as dean of the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Klausner has increased its prestige with such initiatives as an Equine Center and a Center for Animal Health and Food Safety.

The college’s budget has increased by $7 million, donations to have nearly doubled, while the teaching hospital became one of the busiest in the nation.

Board certified in internal medicine and oncology, he is author of more than 70 refereed journal articles and 30 book chapters.

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Dr. J. Malcolm Kling, ’59
Currently professor and director emeritus at the Medical College of Georgia, Dr. Kling has been professor of gross anatomy and pharmacology at Auburn University, the University of Florida, the Medical College of Georgia, and the University of Georgia.

He was named interim vice president for research at MCG. He also chaired the University System of Georgia Chancellor’s Research Advisory Committee.

He now is consultant for several laboratory animal facilities, MCG, and Augusta State College.

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Dr. Kenneth Padgett, ’63
After graduation, Dr. Padgett returned to his hometown to operate Jacksonville Veterinary Hospital and College View Veterinary Clinic. He also is a partner in the Coastal Veterinary Emergency Clinic.

He has been active member in AVMA and the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Padgett was named Distinguished Veterinarian by the North Carolina VMA, and appointed by the governor to serve on the North Carolina Veterinary Examining Board, of which he has served as president for the past two years.

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Dr. Susan Winston, ’76
Dr. Winston worked for one year in a small animal practice where she developed an interest in ophthalmology. She sought advanced training through an internship and a residency in ophthalmology at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Winston has owned an ophthalmology referral practice in Atlanta since 1980.

For her continuous support of the University of Georgia and the veterinary profession, she was honored by Omega Tau Sigma with the Dr. Fred C. Davison Award.

Young Achiever Award
Dr. Johanna Sherrill, ’95
Dr. Sherrill earned her DVM and a master’s degree in veterinary medical microbiology at the University of Georgia.

She completed two internships and a zoological residency at the Smithsonian National Zoological Park in Washington, DC and preceptorships at the St. Louis Zoo and Sea World of California.

Now in private practice in California, she was first employed as a marine mammal veterinarian by the Aquarium of the Pacific in California and the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

Who will be honored next year?
It’s up to you. Please send us your nomination on the enclosed form.
Good times with Reunion classes and Alumni Reunion.

Class of 1994

Class of 1989

Class of 1959

In the last issue of Aesculapian, we asked readers to let us know which students were in the above photo. All students from the Class of 1959 were identified by Drs. Charles W. Haynie, Larry Judy, and Warren Judy. Dr. Judy adds that his son, Warren Judy (DV '90), is the person with the microscope in the bottom right corner of the picture.

1. Bill Shelton
2. John Shockley
3. Roy Lindsey
4. Larry Judy
5. David Tyler
old friends

Alumni at the 41st Annual Veterinary Conference Reunion, April 16-18, 2004

To view and buy photos of the reunion, go to www.ofoto.com. Sign in as a returning member. Use the email address dsparer@vet.uga.edu and the password vetmed.

Let us know who the old friends are from each class. For the class of 1970, they are Roy Lindsey and Lewis VM '01), said the Class of 1964 is still in service.
Join us for food, fellowship, fun, and football

Food and fellowship will be available in the College’s Student Lobby on September 4 before the first home game of the year with Georgia Southern. Festivities will begin two hours before game time.

Alumni Relations Director Belinda Wells would appreciate an RSVP if you plan to be there: alumni@vet.uga.edu or 706/542.5732.

**Georgia Home Game Football Schedule**

- September 4 – Georgia Southern
- September 18 – Marshall
- October 2 – LSU
- October 9 – Tennessee
- October 16 – Vanderbilt
- November 27 – Georgia Tech

**Hope to see you there!**

UGA alumni receptions will be held at the following events

- **July 25**
  - AVMA Convention Reception 6:30-8pm

- **September 4**
  - Dean’s Fall Social

- **October (date tba)**
  - Macon area alumni BBQ

- **November 4-6**
  - North Carolina Veterinary Conference
  - Sheridan, Research Triangle Park

- **December 4-8**
  - American Association of Equine Practitioners
  - Denver, Colorado

- **January 9**
  - North American Veterinary Conference
  - Orlando, Florida

- **January 26-30**
  - South Carolina Winter Meeting
  - Charleston

- **February 5-7**
  - Virginia Veterinary Conference
  - Roanoke

- **February 21**
  - Western Veterinary Conference
  - Las Vegas

- **April 1-3**
  - 42nd Annual Conference and Alumni Reunion
  - Athens, Georgia

- **June 2-5**
  - Georgia Veterinary Medical Association Convention
  - Sandestin, Florida

**Wanted: class cheerleaders**

We’re looking for alums who’d enjoy serving as class representatives: the vital link between reunion classes and the College. The fun part is, you’d be in closer touch with your classmates.


As class rep, we’d depend on you to encourage your classmates to stay in touch, to attend reunions, receptions, and participate in other alumni activities.

If you’re interested, please contact Belinda Wells, alumni@vet.uga.edu or 706/542.5732.

**It’s REALLY a dogfight now!**

Here’s how we stand in the SEC Challenge:

- **Mississippi State** - 24.37%
- **UGA** - 18.2%
- **LSU** - 14%
- **Auburn** - 12%
- **Tennessee** - 8.9%

*With your help we can win!*

*These figures are for April 1, 2004. The campaign ends June 30, 2004.*
Dr. Corrie Brown receives UGA’s highest teaching honor

Dr. Corrie Brown, pathology professor and coordinator of international activities, was one of five outstanding faculty members who received the University’s 2004 Josiah Meigs Award for Excellence in Teaching. Brown was the 7th CVM faculty member to receive this teaching honor, which was previously awarded to Drs. Cynthia Trim and Scott Brown in 2003, Tom Purinton in 2001, Linda Medleau in 2000, Michelle Barton in 1999, and Jeanne Barsanti in 1998.

“The breadth of her contributions is truly remarkable,” says Dr. Barry Harmon, head of the Pathology Department. “Dr. Brown is as engaging and stimulating a teacher as exists anywhere. Her numeric scores are among the highest in the department and the college.”

To date, Brown has won every teaching award the college offers – a total of eight – plus the prestigious National Award for Teaching in the Basic Sciences for which she was nominated by her students.

Since her arrival at UGA in 1996, she has taught almost all the courses offered in her discipline. Today she teaches and/or coordinates seven professional courses, is guest lecturer in several undergraduate courses, while advising and mentoring about a dozen students, including some high school students and foreign visitors.

A gifted communicator, Brown uses art, current events, culture, and geography to enliven her pathology lectures. “She makes the dead come alive,” one student says. A colleague comments, “Her presentations are so engaging and informative that Corrie on live video is more effective than most other presenters are in person.”

Her ability to recognize all students by name from the first day of class is a measure of Brown’s concern for their personal and professional development. “It’s awesome!” one student comments. Another adds, “Dr. Brown rocks! Wish she taught all our classes.”

Meigs Award recipients receive a permanent salary increase of $6,000 and a fund of $1,000 for departmental use. The award is named for Josiah Meigs, who in 1801 succeeded Abraham Baldwin as president — and sole professor — of Georgia’s fledgling state university.

For referring practitioners: News you can use

This is the second in a series of articles describing the types of cases you can refer to new clinicians on the faculty. Let us know if you’d like more information about them or about the specialties of other clinicians.

Steve Hernandez-Divers

University of London, England

Previous professional experience?

Elands’ Veterinary Clinic In Kent, and the Exotic Animal Center In Essex In England

What do you consider your specialty?

I am a boarded diplomate in zoological medicine

What types of cases would you like to have referred to you?

Absolutely anything involving reptiles, amphibians, fish, mammals, birds, and/or free-ranging wildlife

Tracy Gieger

New Orleans

Where are you from?

Where did you get your professional education?

I received my DVM from Louisiana State University in 1996, followed by an internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York, a residency in internal medicine at LSU, and an oncology residency at UC-Davis.

What do you consider your specialty?

I am a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, specializing in small animal internal medicine and oncology.

What types of cases would you like to have referred to you?

Canine and feline lymphoma and leukemias.

Heather Wilson

Georgia

Where are you from?

Where did you get your professional education?

I received my DVM (’95) and residency (’98) at the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine.

Previous professional experience?

One year in private small animal and exotic practice in Jupiter, Florida from 1995 to 1996.

What do you consider your specialty?

I am board certified in avian medicine, but practice exclusively exotic animal, wildlife, and zoological medicine

What types of cases would you like to have referred to you?

Any exotic animal species including but not limited to birds, reptiles, small mammals, pocket pets, fish, marsupials, exotic canids or felids, and wildlife.

Got an email address?

We do. Getting in touch with us is easier, faster, and less expensive if you use our email addresses:

alumni@vet.uga.edu for alumni news or alumni business, including news for Aesculapian

gifts@vet.uga.edu for donations or other correspondence with our Development Office

hospital@vet.uga.edu for messages about referrals

We look forward to hearing from you!
Alumni Honors

Dr. Nina Marano, ’94, assumed the newly created position of Acting Associate Director for Veterinary Medicine and Public Health for the National Center of Infectious Diseases. The position was created to help meet the critical need for increased partnerships between the human and veterinary medical, research, and public health communities.

Dr. Ernest Ward, Jr., ’92, was voted Technician Speaker of the Year by the North American Veterinary Conference.

Faculty Honors

Liliana Jasofriedmann, associate professor, Infectious Diseases, received the Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Teaching Award for outstanding achievement as a professor of undergraduate, graduate, and professional level courses.

Samantha E. J. Gibbs, wildlife disease diagnostician, Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, created the artwork, “A Collection of Birds,” that appeared as the cover of JAVMA’s May issue. Dr. Gibbs’ research focus is on the West Nile virus in avian species.

Susan Sanchez, associate professor, Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, received the John Bowen Award for Excellence in Animal Biomedical Research at the College. It is given to a junior member of the faculty who was hired within the last five years. The recipient must be principal or co-principal investigator in research that shows promise of attaining national recognition and is supported by extramural funds. The award is an inscribed plaque and $1,000 in discretionary funds for items such as research supplies, books, and computer software.

In Memoriam

Fred C. Davison (DVM ’74), April 28, 2004 – Augusta, Georgia
W. L. (Buddy) Steffens, III, faculty, April 22, 2004 – Athens, Georgia
George A. Talbot (DVM ’68), Feb. 6, 2004 – Black Mountain, North Carolina

Our new website is a more attractive, more user-friendly way of looking for information about alumni activities, opportunities for making donations to the College, or ordering photos and publications. We think you’ll be pleasantly surprised next time you visit us online at www.vet.uga.edu. Come see us and send us your ideas for making the site even more helpful to you.

Special offer to CVM alumni

The College of Veterinary Medicine offset-lithograph is by celebrated Athens artist, Jill Leite, whose work is collected by University officials, faculty, and generations of alumni. Watercolor print comes double-matted in beige over burgundy and professionally framed in mahogany, or offered unframed. It is officially licensed by UGA. Brief history of the school is included. A percentage of the proceeds from sales of this print benefit the College of Veterinary Medicine. Image size is approx. 11” x 14.” Framed size is 18” x 22.” Print only: $40. Framed print: $165. Georgia residents please add 7% sales tax. Shipping: $5 for prints, $20 for framed prints. To order: www.georgiascenes.com or call 706/542-1446.