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## A Surprised Mentor

**Dr. Mark Weiss receives unexpected campus recognition**

A lunch invitation turned serendipitous for Dr. Mark Weiss, professor in the Department of Anatomy and Physiology. In mid-October, he was recognized for being a mentor at a K-State Mortar Board banquet by an undergraduate student who works in his research laboratory: Phuoc Bui, senior in microbiology.

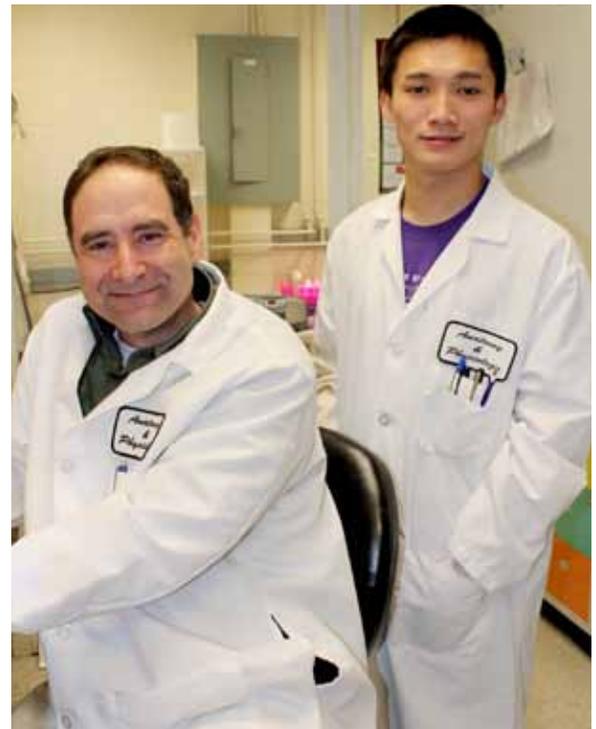
"Dr. Weiss believes in his students, whether they're undergrads or graduate students," Phuoc said. "He devotes his full attention to them and inspires them. He has an open door policy. Anytime I have any kind of question or need help, I can come and ask. Whatever he's working on, he usually drops it, and gives me his attention."

Phuoc is a member of K-State's chapter of the Mortar Board National Senior College Honor Society, which was founded on the values of scholarship, leadership and service. This organization models its beliefs based on assisting others.

"We have a list of past members who've been recognized, and I noticed there weren't many faculty from veterinary medicine," Phuoc said. "I couldn't think of anybody else who exemplifies those three pillars besides Dr. Weiss. I wanted to get his name out there and show everybody what a great person he is, and try to integrate veterinary medicine more with the main campus."

Several faculty members from across campus were distinguished for recognition at the banquet, but Dr. Weiss said his inclusion was a surprise.

"When I was invited, I thought it was just a thank-you lunch from the students in the society," Dr. Weiss said. "Each of the students



**Dr. Mark Weiss demonstrates research lab techniques to undergraduate assistant Phuoc Bui, a senior in microbiology. Phuoc nominated Dr. Weiss for mentor recognition at the Mortar Board banquet in October.**

went through and introduced the professor they brought with them and told the audience what it was about that professor that got them energized. Those other professors – they're really impressive, highly motivated instructors who are creative – I was honored to be considered one of them. I don't think of myself like that. I just try to share what I love, which is my research, with my students."

The banquet was also attended by the College of Veterinary Medicine's Associate Dean of Research, Dr. Frank Blecha.

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## A proud Dr. Payne graduates another service dog

by Rebecca Martineau

Barstow, puppy in training, will no longer be accompanying Dr. Pat Payne through the CVM halls. Training completed, he now has a new duty as a companion to Teresa McVey, an autism consultant in Caney, Kan. Barstow will be assisting Teresa's work with students, calming them while utilizing positive behavior. The job is an excellent fit for his friendly character.

"I'm pretty sure they made up this job specifically for him," said Dr. Payne, "he instantly falls in love with any child."

Dr. Payne and her KSDS service dogs have been a common sight at CVM for the past few years. Each dog stays with her from 18 months up to two years while she teaches them basic obedience, manners and socialization. KSDS is a Kansas-based program that trains guide, service and social dogs for implementation into the lives of people in need. Dr. Payne believes that her involvement with KSDS has resulted in a positive impact on her life, as well as the entire veterinary college.

"I learn something every day because of this program, it has brought amazing people into my life," said Dr. Payne. She explained that people are likely to stop and talk to her, even if they wouldn't have otherwise, because of the service dogs. Students are often willing to lend a helping hand, and the Veterinary Health Center takes care of the dogs' medical needs.

Barstow and Dr. Payne were brought together by unique circumstances. The nine month old puppy was returned to KSDS when his original trainer became sick, therefore unable to train him properly. Dr. Payne, on the other hand, had just lost her previous trainee, Kelly, to an unexpected death. Taking on an older puppy for training is a bigger risk that may have deterred other potential trainers, but she took on the challenge.

Although Barstow will be missed, a new yellow Labrador puppy is in training with Dr. Payne. Champagne, like Barstow and the puppies before him, will be a common sight around campus for the next few months, until he too finds his career path.



**Barstow will be helping Teresa McVey (pictured) work with autistic students by providing a calming presence.**



## Veterinary Health Center communications update



The Veterinary Health Center is taking new initiatives to provide client education and communication opportunities online.

The VHC has established a Facebook page with the goal of increasing interactions between clients, donors, friends and referring veterinarians. The page will highlight daily happenings, as well as provide information from our expert veterinarians on animal health care. We encourage faculty, staff and students to go online and "like" the new page at [facebook.com/VeterinaryHealthCenter](http://facebook.com/VeterinaryHealthCenter).

In addition to the Facebook page, the Pet Health Center is beginning an e-newsletter "PawPads" for monthly distribution to Pet Health Center clients. This will feature advice from PHC veterinarians, as well as news, tips and events. Join the list by subscribing at [www.vet.ksu.edu/depts/vhc/phc](http://www.vet.ksu.edu/depts/vhc/phc) or on the VHC Facebook page.

## Second year student receives Marshall Scholarship nod

Second-year student Amy Sents is one of three students nominated by K-State for the 2012 Marshall Scholarship.

“These nominees were selected competitively from a strong field of campus applicants. Their nominations reflect not only their talents and abilities, but also the countless hours of hard work they have dedicated to achieving excellence and reaching their goals,” said Jim Hohenbary, assistant dean for nationally competitive scholarships. “We are proud to have them represent Kansas State University in the national competitions.”

Marshall scholarships are awarded to as many as 40 students each year and provide full funding for one or two years of study in the United Kingdom. Nominees selected as competition finalists for either scholarship will interview in November.

Amy is active in the university’s Public Health and Bovine clubs, as well as the Frontier program. She was awarded the Harry S. Truman Scholarship in 2010 and was named the university’s outstanding senior in animal science in 2011. She won first prize in the 2012 American Veterinary Medical Historical Society Smithcors Essay Contest and was an International Farm Youth Exchange Association representative to Germany and Switzerland for six months in 2010. She would like to study science and security at King’s College London or security and terrorism at the University of Nottingham, both in the United Kingdom. A 2007 graduate of McPherson High School, she is the daughter of Deanna and Allan Sents.



**Second-year student Amy Sents has been recognized many times for her hard work and determination.**

## CVM pets show Halloween spirit



**From Batman to football stars, the CVM pets dressed up to participate in the Halloween festivities.**

**Left: Tesla cheers on Mitt and Mosby.**

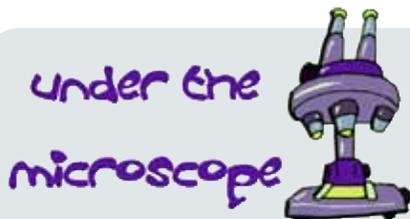
**Below (from left to right): Jett is ready to save the town as a canine batman.**

**Cricket models her homemade mermaid costume with third-year student Kellie Lewis.**

**Maverick is certain to terrify as the headless horseman.**

**Tuna appears unexcited about his clown-like hoodie outfit.**





## Florence Wang

Research Technologist, Anatomy and Physiology



**Hometown:** Taipei, Taiwan, and now Manhattan, Kan.

**Family:** John Wu (husband) and Hera Wu (daughter).

**What is your favorite part of your job?** Research experiments and cell culture.

**What is your favorite winter activity?** Drama and shopping because it is fulfilling.

**If you could visit anywhere in the world where would you go?** Thailand and Italy.

**If you could be any animal, what would you be?** A human being or angry bird.

**What is your favorite restaurant here in Manhattan?** Happy Valley.

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“It was a privilege to represent the college at the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society Faculty Recognition Banquet,” Dr. Blecha said. “Dr. Weiss has mentored many undergraduate students in his laboratory, and it is truly an honor for Mark and the college that Mortar Board selected him for this award. The research relationship that Dr. Weiss and Phuoc have developed is an outstanding example of what is possible for undergraduates working in a research laboratory.”

## CVM NEWS TICKER

Congratulations to the team in the Apple to Capital Relay, a 73 mile race from Manhattan to Topeka. The team, named Run Like an Animal, included Amy Brusk, Mindy Strick, Dr. Bonnie Rush, Sophia Wharton (race organizer), Dr. Amy Rankin, Kristin Clement, Ruth Hester and Lindsay Gehring.



## New landscaping adorns buildings



**Agricultural Technician Senior Kelly Guilfoyle, with K-State's Division of Facilities, shows off some of the landscaping he designed and installed next to Trotter Hall. He worked with Dr. Roger Finland, executive associate dean and director of the Veterinary Health Center, to get approval for redesigning these areas as well as areas next to Mosier Hall.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 1: Cat Town - K-State vs. Texas, TBA

### Continuing Education Events

Nov. 17: Inaugural Kansas Horse Council Equine Clinic:

Horse Care 101

Nov. 29-30: International PRRS Symposium and National

Swine Improvement Federation Conference

Kansas City, Mo.

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