

2007 Early Admit Scholars honored



Dr. Ronnie Elmore addresses the group of Early Admit Scholars and their parents.

The reward for hard work is more hard work. The College of Veterinary Medicine honored 22 K-State freshman students this month for acceptance in the Early Admissions Scholars program. The first hurdle is now behind these students, although there is still plenty of hard work ahead.

Since it was established in 1999, the Early Admission Scholars program has recruited the best and brightest undergraduate students who want to study veterinary medicine. After acceptance into the program and completion of 64 hours of preprofessional requirements, the scholars are guaranteed admission into the College of Veterinary Medicine.

"This is the top 5 percent of K-State students according to their college

acceptance test scores," said Dr. Ronnie Elmore, associate dean for admissions and diversity programs. "Qualifying for this program is a big deal because there are hundreds of applicants for only a limited number of positions. The program helps these students bypass the regular admissions process, which is already highly competitive"

The College of Veterinary Medicine assigns each scholar a faculty mentor and student mentor to stimulate career and academic development and to provide orientation and access to college activities. The preveterinary students attend regular meetings during the academic year to develop a sense of community and share their progress.



Dave Adams prepares the students for a group photo.

Congratulations!

Jessyca Allen, Walkerton, Ind.
Maura Cornell, Omaha, Neb.
Teal Culbertson, Arkansas City
Jenna Dockweiler, Encinitas, Calif.
Kelsey Fiddes, Eagle, Neb.
Paige Girard, Clyde
Megan Haney, Lincoln, Neb.
Abby Jennings, Leawood
Michele Kerns, Olathe
Haley Marceau, Wichita
Allison Melia, Prairie Village
Rebecca Miller, Olathe
Jessica Rodriguez, Overland Park
Lauren Schiller, Brookfield Conn.
Lance Schmidt, Monroe, Neb.
Kelsey Schnoebelen, Lewis
Natalie Schreyer, Mankato, Minn.
Amy Sents, McPherson
Douglas Shane, Louisburg
Miles Theurer, Wellington
Jennifer Wright, Argyle, Texas
Alecia Zimbelman, St. Francis.



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- Dr. Hodgson's homecoming
- More American Royal photos
- German exchange students
- and more!



Doctor becomes president

Dr. James Carpenter, professor of zoological medicine, was elected to serve as the new president of the American College of Zoological Medicine (ACZM).

Dr. Carpenter hopes to improve the ACZM's role in education and to increase the awareness and value of ACZM board certification within the veterinary profession. His goals also include developing strategies to increase membership, re-evaluating standards for postdoctoral training and certification, and increasing the international role of the



Dr. Carpenter

ACZM.

Dr. Carpenter has been interested in captive and wild animals ever since he was young. He earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife conservation at Cornell University and a master's degree and DVM at Oklahoma State University.

"To become a diplomate of the ACZM has been one of the greatest achievements of my career," Dr. Carpenter said. "It would be an understatement to say how honored and proud I am to have been elected by my peers to serve as the next ACZM president!"

Workshop encourages interaction between students, practitioners

The CVM and College of Business Administration held the Veterinary Career Opportunities Workshop Nov. 2-3.

The workshop featured Drs. Brad White and Bob Larson from the CVM and Drs. David Andrus, Kevin Gwinner and Bruce Prince from the College of Business. Topics included skills related to improving the business, designing good job descriptions, understanding student expectations, and finding and hiring new associates.

The conference was attended by 15 practitioners who visited with CVM students and graduates interested in associate positions and externships at their practices. Thirty-five students participated in the speed interviews to explore the types of positions the practitioners were looking to fill.

The workshop was supported, in part, by contributions from Schering-Plough Animal Health, Bayer Animal Health and Intervet. For more information on upcoming K-State Veterinary Medical Continuing Education conferences go to: <http://www.vet.k-state.edu/CE/index.htm>.



Students participate in speed interviews with practitioners at the workshop.



By Carol Elmore

Since the holidays are near and families get together to visit and share meals, this is an excellent time to discuss family medical history. Grandparents can be queried about medical conditions that they know about in the family history, and other family members could be encouraged to contribute what might be known about

Check it Out

at the Library

Family medical history

family health conditions.

The U.S. Surgeon General thinks that this is so important that a special Web site has been created called My Family Health Portrait (www.hhs.gov/familyhistory) that can be used to generate a family health history report. The director of the Human Genome Project, Dr. Francis S. Collins, says that family history can give insight into

the glitches and susceptibilities to common illnesses that a person's genes carry. This information can be used to track illnesses that are passed down from one generation to another and can help in risk assessment and formulation of personalized disease-prevention plans.

Many people have one or more family members who are actively researching

genealogical records to find information about their family's ancestry but may not realize that this can help locate medical history as well. Even if family members are deceased, death certificates can often be ordered using some of the genealogical information that their family genealogist has uncovered.

Both of my grandparents on my father's side died before I was born, but I ordered copies of their death certificates, which listed their causes of death. Although this is not always totally accurate, it can be a start when combined with oral history in piecing together a family health portrait.

Dr. Hodgson comes home CVM visits American Royal



After five months teaching veterinary medicine in Afghanistan, Dr. David Hodgson received an enthusiastic and emotional welcome back party on Nov. 19 in the College of Veterinary Medicine. He returned home a few days earlier, having utilized a grant through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to work in the veterinary program at Kabul University. During his time away, he e-mailed weekly updates to the CVM staff and educated readers about the many challenges he faced. During the welcome back party, Dr. Hodgson expressed his gratitude for the supplies, support and encouragement during his time in Afghanistan and then presented a slide show to demonstrate the conditions at Kabul University.

The CVM sponsored a birthing center at the American Royal in Kansas City, Oct. 17-27. The center featured a sow, piglets, baby chicks, radiographs and anatomical displays.

The purpose of the annual birthing center is to educate the public about veterinary medicine: what we do, what the opportunities are, and how veterinary medicine impacts both public and livestock health. Faculty and residents in agricultural practices and equine medicine took senior veterinary students each day to be present in our display and visit with the public.



Message from SCAVMA

by SCAVMA president, Nicolette Dudley

Hello! Wow, it seems that this semester has truly flown by as usual! Who can believe it is already after Thanksgiving? I hope everyone is hanging in there these next few weeks until Winter Break.

We have lots of events in the spring to look forward to. On Jan. 28, we will be hosting our 2nd annual SCAVMA talent show. This year it will be held in Forum Hall at the Student Union! This is a great location equipped with just about anything you would need to present talent. Be thinking about what talent you can show off!

We also have several unique speakers lined up for the spring, including a veterinarian from Sea World, a Hollywood veterinarian (Dr. Peddie) and possibly Dr. Lila Miller (ASPCA).

For the Christmas season, we are hosting a giving tree which will benefit children from K-State Child Development Center. To participate, pick an ornament off of the tree in the lobby of Trotter and purchase the item listed. Bring your unwrapped gift to the dean's office (101 Trotter) by the first week in December, and SCAVMA will hold a wrapping party to prepare the gifts for the children at the K-State Child Development Center. This project is a great cause for this great season!

Hang in there through finals, and I wish everyone the best of luck!



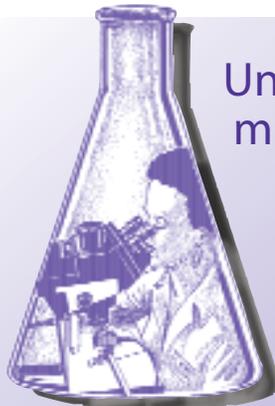
A golden recovery



Meet Midas Hall, a golden retriever who was hit by a car. His injuries included belly wounds, a penetrated abdominal cavity and a sheared off ankle with loss of all supporting structures. He also developed pneumonia, infection in his wounds, urinary tract infection and pancreatitis. Following an intense team effort involving almost every small animal faculty member, Midas pauses with owner Lori Hall and veterinary students Irene Vanderweff and Sonya Wesselowski for a picture on his way home.

BCI meeting scheduled for Dec. 10

Join us for a BCI meeting in the Practice Management Center on Monday, Dec. 10, at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Roger McHaney will be speaking on how distance education, the Internet and globalization impact teaching in Kansas. After the lecture, join us for Call Hall ice cream with all the fixings.



Under the
microscope:

**Kevin
Crain**

Human Resources
Director, VMTH



Place of birth: Murray, Ky.

Family Information: One son and one daughter, both a little crazy!

Pets: A pug, named Pug.

Favorite day of the year: The first day of fall.

If you could go back in time and spend a day with anyone, who would you choose? Abraham Lincoln.

Favorite Joke: Best thing to say if caught sleeping at your desk: "Ah, the unique and unpredictable circadian rhythms of the workaholic!"

How would you spend a million dollars in 24 hours? I'd give it to Frito Lay, as an incentive to bring back the X-13d Dorito.

Favorite game as a child: Football.

If you could have any superpower, what would you choose? Time manipulation!

Office presents silvery surprise



When Lisa Duer returned to her office on Friday, Nov. 9th, after being out for a work-related conference, she opened the door to a silver surprise — someone had covered all of the surfaces in her office with foil.

"I was quite surprised when I returned to see the 'bling' in my normally plain office," Lisa said. "It took me and a co-worker (who is also one of my prime suspects) about 10 minutes to unwrap everything. I believe she was feeling somewhat guilty. I would not like to divulge their names, though paybacks are due."

CVM News Ticker

Dr. Ken Harkin presented talks on leptospirosis on Oct. 17, 18 and 25 in Bonita Springs and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and San Antonio. He also spoke Nov. 7 to area veterinarians in the West Palm Beach, Fla., area on the topic of canine leptospirosis.

Drs. Michael Apley and Rhonette Gehring spoke Nov. 8 at the American Chemical Society's 42nd Midwest Regional Meeting in Kansas City.

Dr. Greg Grauer presented at the Milwaukee VMA on Nov. 13 on the use of NSAIDs in dogs with liver and kidney disease.

Dr. Mike Dryden

gave a presentation to a capacity crowd at St.

Joseph's Hospital in Kansas City on Oct. 25. Dr. Dryden was invited to speak at the

Greater Kansas

City Lyme Disease Association's monthly meeting by CVM alum, Dr. Jack Dunham (1967).



Dr. Roman Ganta was recently elected vice-president of the American Society for Rickettsiology, where he has been the secretary/treasurer since 2003. Congratulations!

new arrivals

welcome

Lisa Pohlman - DM/P

Lin-Hua Wang - A&P

Tiffany Loving - Dean's Business Office

recent departures

thanks

Christa Linsenmeyer -A&P

Stefan Yates - Library

Brae V. Surgeon - DM/P

Lin-Hua Wang - DM/P

Mrinal K. Ghosh - DM/P