

## Outstanding recognition for Dr. Wilkerson

She flashes a smile when talking about her career. Dr. Melinda Wilkerson obviously enjoys the challenges of wearing several proverbial hats. In June, she was named Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year as awarded by the Association of Women Veterinarians Foundation.

"I have a multitasked position," said Dr. Wilkerson, interim associate dean of academic programs in the College of Veterinary Medicine. "I'm a veterinary pathologist by training and am board certified in pathology and clinical pathology. Since I've been at K-State more than 11 years, I've helped the Flow Cytometry/Clinical Immunology Lab to grow in its service capability. I also teach veterinary immunology and work in the dean's office, so service,

teaching, research, and administration — I think all of that is being recognized through this award."

Dr. Wilkerson was nominated for the award by Dr. M.M. Chengappa, University Distinguished Professor and department head for the Department of Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology. He said, "I see Dr. Wilkerson as nothing less than one of the very best all-around faculty in the country. She does everything so well and is engaged in every aspect of academics. Among her many accomplishments, she

has brought tremendous visibility and national recognition to the Flow Cytometry Lab that she directs. She has also introduced several new testing procedures in the Clinical Immunology Laboratory to augment our service capability. She deserves a lot of credit for the excellence she has shown in her relatively young professional career."



**Dr. Melinda Wilkerson shows off her internationally renowned Flow Cytometry lab.**



**Dr. Wilkerson, left, hands out calling lists to CVM students who volunteered at Telefund 2008 in February. She helps coordinate the college's participation in the annual fundraising event, aside from her other teaching, research and administrative responsibilities in the CVM.**

K-State has two previous winners of this same award. Dr. Lisa Freeman, associate vice president for innovation for the K-State Olathe Innovation Campus and associate dean of research and graduate programs in the College of Veterinary Medicine, received the Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year award in 2002. Dr. Bonnie Rush, department head for the Department of Clinical Sciences, received the award in 2004.



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- More tornado photos online
- More June Conference pics too
- BCI holds International Symposium on Cattle Welfare



## Hail and other surprises check in at June conference

Unexpected weather conditions added extra excitement to the 70th Annual Conference for Veterinarians. A thunderstorm with softball-sized hail hit Manhattan on the second day of the conference, but failed to dampen spirits. This year's conference featured a magical kickoff, some surprises at the KVMA luncheon and Heritage Evening Banquet, and healthy doses of continuing education for the hundreds of veterinarians in attendance.



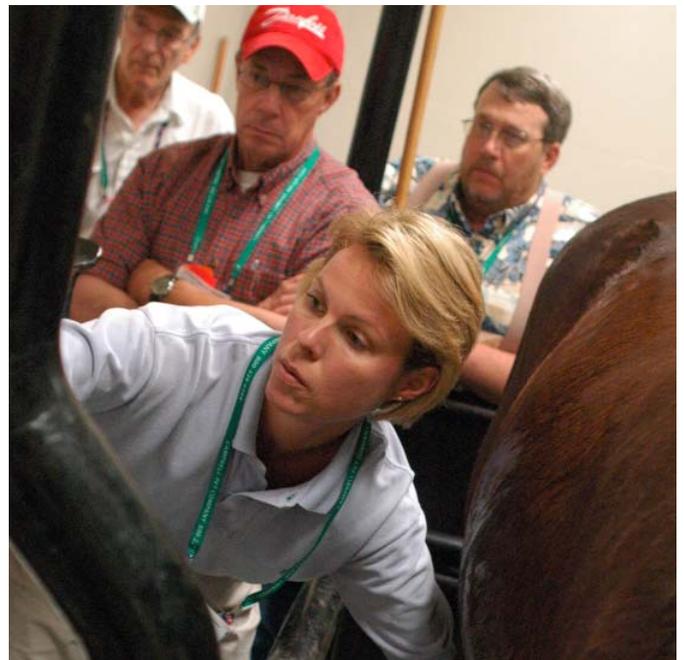
**Dean Ralph Richardson opens the conference with highlights on the CVM's activities from June 2007-June 2008.**



**Dr. Tim Yoder, DVM 1988, proves how big the hail is at the scholarship golf tournament.**



**AVMA President Dr. Greg Hammer, DVM 1973, presents a President's Award to his mentor, Dr. John Noordsy, DVM 1946.**



**Dr. Beth Davis, front, demonstrates proper use of ultrasound during a Wet Lab in Mosier Hall.**



**Dr. Dick Oberst tells how practitioners can implement molecular diagnostics in a Wet Lab at the Biosecurity Research Institute.**



**Dr. Amy Rankin, far right, explains how to use an instrument for a canine eye examination.**

# under the weather



## Tornado hits Manhattan

More than 100 students and staff with their families and pets took shelter in the basement of Trotter Hall on the night of June 11. A tornado plowed through residential areas on the west side of Manhattan, destroyed businesses along Seth Child Road and twisted through the K-State campus leaving a path of destruction along the way. No lives were lost, though many were touched. Some of our CVM colleagues have shared pictures showing damage in their own backyards and neighborhoods. At right is a house in the Amherst subdivision. Bottom left: Connor Poole and Scott Hahn shoot hoops at Lee schoolyard. Bottom right: A house and car are destroyed near Dr. Jianfa Bai's home in the Applewood areas.





Under the microscope:

**Joe Nisil**

Computer Information Specialist



**Place of birth:** Attleboro, Mass.

**Family information:** I come from a family of seven kids, so I learned early on how to fend for myself.

**Pets:** Cats Elroy and Serena, the best companions you could ask for.

**Do you have collectibles and if so, what is your biggest collection made up of?**

I have a very large collection of 12" G.I. Joes. I have collected them for many years. My grandson always complains because I won't take them out of the box and play with them.

**What has surprised you the most about being an employee in the College of Veterinary Medicine?**

I have been very lucky to have had great supervisors and mentors here at CVM. I was lucky enough to have Wayne Michaels teach me and Web and Linda Johnson let me grow as an employee.

**Name something you keep or something you do for good luck:**

I keep my sister's breast cancer ribbon pin. It was given to me by her just before she passed away.

## CVM News Ticker

**Congratulations Dr. Ralph Richardson!** The Provost's office announced that Dr. Richardson will be reappointed for a five-year term as dean.

**Dr. Vanessa Clark** presented a poster entitled "Structural Characterization and Partial Sequence of the Feline Glucokinase Gene" at the Annual Forum of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in San Antonio, Texas.

**Michael Walsh**, class of 2011, tied for second place in the J. Fred Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest for 2008.

**Lalitha Peddireddi**, Ph.D. student in Dr. Roman Ganta's laboratory in DM/P, was selected to attend the 2008 Robert J. Kadner Institute for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Students in Preparation for Careers in Microbiology.

**Dr. Mark Weiss** participated with Brad Kemp, executive director of Community Bridge, in a radio program about stem cell research that won first place award from the the Kansas Association of Broadcasters in public affairs programming.

**Megan Montgomery**, class of 2010, is among 43 veterinary students worldwide selected for the Morris Animal Foundation's Veterinary Student Scholars Program. "After earning my DVM, I am hoping to go into equine practice," she said.



## New interns take their turn



The VMTH welcomes the incoming class of clinical interns who arrived on campus in June. They are (left to right) Dr. Imma Roquet, Dr. Nicole Belair, Dr. Diana Burr, Dr. Travis Wodiske, Dr. Catherine Rivara and Dr. Judilee Marrow.

### new arrivals welcome

- Amy Burklund - DM/P-VDL
- Brenda L. Mayberry - DM/P-VDL
- Jennifer I. Hill - VDL
- Kyathanahalli Janardhan - DM/P-VDL
- Mika Doornbos - VDL
- Bonto Faburay - DM/P

### recent departures thanks

- Ying Wang - DM/P
- Kristen Schweitzer - DM/P-VDL
- Michael Dinwiddie - DM/P-VDL
- Donald Robertson - DM/P
- Kishore Das - DM/P
- Mark Minihan - Dean's Office - ARF