
College of Veterinary Medicine

Processional*

Jordyn Allen, *Senior, Applied Music and Psychology*

National Anthem*

Brittany Kovar, *Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Candidate*

Welcome and Introductions

Bonnie Rush, *Hodes Family Dean*

Greetings From the Board of Regents

Shellaine "Shelly" Kiblinger, *Regent*

Presentation of Honorary Degree in Veterinary Medicine

Bonnie Rush, *Hodes Family Dean*

Honoree

Cheryl Mellenthin, *College of Veterinary Medicine Supporter, Patron and Advocate*

Commencement Address

Michael Dryden, *University Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology*

Presentation of Degree Candidates

James Roush, *Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Student Success*

Hooding of Candidates

Derek Mosier, *Professor and Department Head, Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology*

Matthew Basel, *Assistant Professor, Anatomy and Physiology*

Emily Reppert, *Associate Professor, Clinical Sciences*

Thomas Schermerhorn, *Professor, Clinical Sciences*

Presentation of Diplomas

Bonnie Rush, *Hodes Family Dean*

Richard H. Linton, *President*

Charles S. Taber, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Oath

Jennifer Schofield, *Elanco Animal Health*

Student Address

Raymond Pottios, *President, Class of 2022*

Alma Mater*

Jordyn Allen, *Senior, Applied Music and Psychology*

Recessional

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Marshals

Leslie Weaver, *Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Sciences*

Bryan Weaver, *Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Sciences*

*The audience will please rise.

Speaker



Michael Dryden

Dryden earned a bachelor's degree in 1982 and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1984, both from K-State. He spent a couple years in private practice before going on to earn a master's degree in 1988 and a doctorate in 1990, both from Purdue University. It was while he was a graduate student at Purdue that the veterinary students started calling him "Dr. Flea," a nickname that stuck throughout his career.

Dryden joined the College of Veterinary Medicine faculty in 1990 as an assistant professor of veterinary parasitology in the diagnostic medicine and pathobiology department. He was promoted to full professor in 1999 and in 2011 he received the designation of university distinguished professor, the university's highest faculty ranking.

The professor's research program was involved in two primary areas: the biology and control of fleas and ticks infesting dogs and cats, and the diagnosis and control of gastrointestinal parasites of dogs and cats. Dryden has published more

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He has lectured in 22 countries, presenting more than 1,000 invited seminars on clinical veterinary parasitology at local, regional, national and international meetings. His work brought him several national and international honors, including being named a charter diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists in 2011; Veterinarian of the Year, presented at the 56th annual Show Dogs of the Year Awards at the Westminster Dog Show; the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists Distinguished Parasitologist of the Year; and the American Association of Veterinary Microbiologists Distinguished Microbiologist of the Year. He also received the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence, the K-State Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, a Recognition Award in Urban Entomology from the northcentral branch of the Entomological Society of America and an Excellence in Teaching Award from the American College of Veterinary Dermatology.

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Dryden retired in 2020.

Veterinarians Oath

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.

Degree Candidates

Abigail June Ayre
Brooke Bailey
Haley Michelle Bartlett
Nicole Marie Bastien
Jesse D. Batty
Amanda Bennett
Zackery D. Bieberly ^(Med)
Sydney Breanne Bigger
Jacob Dennis Bornschlegl
Nicole S. Bosomworth
Tera Lynn Brandt
Lacey Marie Buckwalter ^(Sci)
Madeline Claire Burke
Samantha Sue Butrico ^(Sci)
Laura Grace Bynum
Allison Anne Chojnacki ^(CI)
Christopher Chang Clarkston
Emilia Crawford
Mia Alexis Cuccaro
Michael Anthony Demmin
Ravneet Singh Dhillon
Kyle Benjamin Dorton
Lindsey Nicole Ennen
Emily Ann Eppler
Elizabeth Ann Flaherty
Elizabeth Rosa Flax ^(Med)
Shaylee Jo Flax ^(CI)
Andrew Franklin
Arturo Garza III
Jana Marie Gigliotti ^(Med)
Meredith Leigh Glaister
Hannah Elizabeth Grosko
Alexandra Elizabeth Halpin
Colter Peter Haman
Joshua Logan Harlan
Joshua Michael Haynes
Daria Gretchen Hinkle ^(Sci)
Ellie Louise Holtaway ^(CI)
Colton Hull
Savannah Nicole Isheim
Molly Nicole Jaax
Juliann Marie Jakeman ^(CI)
Megan Hanna Jenkins
Audra Caroline Jones
Brittany Elaine Kovar ^(CI)
Kimberly Charlotte Krayer
Breanna Danielle Kriley
Cassandra Marie Kroncke
Sarah Angelene Krueger
Anna Lois Kucera
Brittany A. Leavitt ^(CI)
Alyssa Taryn Lee ^(Sci)
McKenzie Nichole Lessard
Morgan V. Lewis
Madison Rae Ludewig
Elin Christine Maki
Carolyn Grace Mark
Tori Kaitlyn Matta
Victoria Gaye Maurath
Jessica Lea McCall ^(Med)
Cierra Noel McClure
Tess Marie McPheeters
Leah Johanna Metzger
Rachel Anna Miller
Emma Ross Munyan
Sarah Ashlyn Myers
Katherine Marie Norris
Eden Anastasia Opie
Ronald James Orchard
Iulia Osipova ^(Sci)
Abraham Padilla
Jason Matthew Paine
William Gregory Patterson ^(Med)
Caroline A. Pawlowski
Alexis Dianne Pedrow ^(CI)
Emmy Poquette
Raymond P. Pottios
Shain Ashton Powell ^(Med)
Amanda Shea Preczewski ^(CI)
Guinevere Renegade Rana
Jayne Louise Regan
Talis Lawrence Rehse
Calla Annmarie Reilly
Katherine Ann Rettmer
Melissa Nicole Riley
Ruth E. Roebke
Sarah Anne Rogg ^(Med)
Justin Sahs
Paige Elise Schoonveld
Laura Ann Schultz
Laura Christine Sellers
Ruyue Shi
Tyler Douglas Shima
Seth Michael Shriwise
Whitney Erin Sloan Plummer ^(CI)
Jessica Jo Stephenson
Matthew B. Stokes ^(Med)
Victoria Malea Stone
Ryan Edward Swanson ^(Med)
Melissa Marie Tye ^(CI)
Natasha Brianna VanGundy
Brandon Bryce Verkinderen ^(Med)
Kaylee Nicole Visser
Wei Han Wang
Skyler Paul West
Megan Michelle Wood
Kallie Ayn Woodruff
Mikaleigh Ann Woodward
Keri Ann Woofter
Taylor Marie Wright
Sunyoung Yoon
Alexandria Marie Zabiegala

