Events/Alumni Opportunities

Hosted alumni booth at CVHS Summer Seminar June 6 & 7, 2014 – McElroy Hall. OSU CVHS and OVMA sponsored the continuing education event offering 12 hours CE. Attendance was 400.

Hosted an alumni booth at the CVHS Referring DVM Conference July 18, 2014 – McElroy Hall. The RDVM opportunity extended 6 hours of complimentary CE to CVHS alumni. Attendance was 70.

Hosted alumni reception at American Veterinary Medical Assn. (AVMA) – Denver, CO – July 20 – approximately 80 alumni attended.

Hosted a Class of 2018 Orientation event (August) with emphases on engagement and increasing student body awareness of the CVHS Alumni Society and the OSU Alumni Association. Introduced OSU Alumni Association student membership and benefits to the incoming students with an explanation of the financial impact their membership quantifies for CVHS and the benefits membership provides. CVHS branded gifts were distributed to the incoming students.

CVHS welcomed the veterinary medicine Class of 2018 with the traditional White Coat Ceremony. The professional Coating Ceremony marks the beginning of our students’ classroom training ultimately progressing to didactic hospital clinical rotations. It is a time our students embrace with great anticipation as they begin their training with the veterinary faculty. A great deal of personal accomplishment and pride is associated with our students reaching this beginning phase of their professional education. In order to recognize their achievements, the college presents a white clinic lab coat to each incoming student. The presentation of the coats symbolizes the college’s affirmation that these students are qualified to begin the veterinary professional phase of their education.

Cameron Smithee, Class of 2017 said, “The white coat ceremony signified the ending and beginning of significant chapters in my life. As such, I felt as though I was entering into something much bigger than myself.”

As a point of pride, OSU CVHS Class of 2014 alumni sponsored several white coats for incoming students and thanks to other CVHS alumni, all costs for the white coats were sponsored.

Upcoming Events & Alumni Opportunities

Hosting a CVHS booth - September 26-29 at Southwest Veterinary Symposium – Fort Worth Convention Center. Alumni receptions are Friday, September 26, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. located at Ashton Depot – 1 block from the Convention Center, 1501 Jones Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Door prizes for CVHS alumni and the alumni class with the greatest reception attendance!

The veterinary center’s Annual Fall Veterinary Conference is scheduled for November 13-14, 2014, at Wes Watkins Center. Alumni celebrating reunions include the class of 1954 (60 years), 1959 (55 years), 1964 (50 years), 1969 (45 years), 1974 (40 years), 1979 (35 years), 1984 (30 years), 1989 (25 years), 1994 (20 years), 1999 (15 years), 2004 (10 years) and 2009 (5 years). Group photos of alumni will be taken during the Cowboy Roundup on Thursday evening, November 13, at Payne County Expo Center. Alumnus Scott Sturgeon (2004) is catering the barbecue.
The 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients for the College of Veterinary Medicine are Drs. Harry James (1960), Mary Gaughan Ballenger (1981) and Robert Bahr (1970). CVHS will honor them during the Fall Conference at the Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon on Friday, November 14, 11:30 a.m. at ConocoPhillips Alumni Center.

The Alumni Office coordinates CVHS Fall Conference - Class of 1963 Distinguished Lectureship – November 13, 2014 at WWC. Keynote for the event is Ed Breitschwerdt, DVM at NCSU Vet School, who leads the Vector-Borne Disease Lab. Dr. Breitschwerdt has pioneered research on the significance in humans of the emerging vector-borne disease, Bartonella.

I will host the College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Society Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 13, at 7 a.m. in the Point Four Dining Room at Wes Watkins Center. Student Class Reps (including currently enrolled veterinary student reps) join us for the meeting. Conference call remote access to the meeting is available.

The Alumni Office co-hosts a booth for alumni in the Exhibit Hall at Wes Watkins Center during the veterinary center’s Annual Fall Veterinary Conference both days, November 13-14.

Homecoming planning is underway for CVHS parade entry of the Class of 1970 Vintage Ambulatory Truck sporting new signage. The 3rd Annual Scottie Brigade is rallied for “The Experience.” Tally ho.

Co-hosting Dean’s Development Associates meeting comprised of primarily alumni - Fall TBD.

Hosting an upcoming alumni reception at Western States Veterinary Conference, February 15-19, 2015, Las Vegas.

**Alumni Office Programming**

Fully implemented the newest addition to the ORANGE SOCKS UNITED family! Dr. Pete and the CVHS community extend a welcome to each new son and daughter of veterinary alumni, grandchildren, and great-grands with these words “*Born to Orange Pride, Loyal & True, OSU CVHS Welcomes You!*” Cards and orange infant socks are mailed from the Alumni Office and several posts have been sighted of the new “sockies” on Facebook.

**Friday Bit**

New branding for the Friday Bit - The Friday Bit is an electronic mailing from the Alumni Office bringing engagement opportunities to OSU CVHS alumni and colleagues weekly. Special thanks to Chase Carter for his assistance and in facilitating iModules training and follow up.

**Addressing Diversity**

Attended CVHS Veterinarians and Affiliates Addressing Diversity with Integrity - LGVMA Student Leadership granted funded training hosted by Celena Quist (2015). The CVHS Advancement Office is GLBT Safe Zone Certified as a welcoming environment.

**Website Updates**

CVHS welcomes Paul West as Web Administrator. CVHS web pages have been reformatted with the goal of presenting information for an enhanced user-focused market. CVHS website Alumni pages offer direct links to the OSU Alumni Association website. Information on joining the OSU Alumni Association is distributed at alumni receptions and conferences where our CVHS display is located.