Congratulations, Distinguished Alumni!

The veterinary center Alumni Society leadership has selected the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. Congratulations to Drs. Donald D. Holmes (1954), Thomas G. Loafmann (1963) and Lt. Col. Mark R. Duffy (1994). Selections are determined from nominees whose career achievements reflect distinguished service in the areas of academia, practitioner and research as well as engagement with OSU.

These veterinary center alumni will be honored at the Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon on Friday, Oct. 14, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 101 at the Wes Watkins Center in Stillwater. Tickets to the luncheon are available at the 2016 Fall Conference page under the menu selection for Alumni Events Only. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate the professional contributions of these exemplary OSU Cowboy veterinarians.

Faculty Spotlight

Congratulations to Dr. Lyndi Gilliam on being appointed as a new Faculty Teaching Fellow for the 2016 - 2019 three-year term. Gilliam is an associate professor of equine internal medicine. Gilliam joins Dr. Margi Gilmour, interim associate dean for academic affairs, who continues to serve as a Faculty Teaching Fellow through 2019.

Special House Officer Seminar

Dr. Margi Gilmour will present “The Story of Onyx: What Veterinarians Can Learn From Their Patients” on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 8 a.m. in Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Gilmour is the head of ophthalmology and the interim associate dean for academic affairs.

Induction Ceremony for the Class of 2020

Welcome to the 88 members of the Class of 2020! Please join us for their Induction Ceremony on Friday, Aug. 12, at 10 a.m. in the Stillwater Community Center located at Duck and 9th Streets. Students will receive a gray coat, gray being the traditional academic color of veterinary medicine. Coat sponsorships are still available at $50 each payable to the OSU Foundation. If you would like to support the Class of 2020 as they begin their career in veterinary medicine, please contact the Dean's office at 405-744-6595 or email katelyn.hoipkemier@okstate.edu.

Attention Vet Med Alumni

Your alumni affairs specialist, Sharon Worrell, is constantly working to engage you, one of our most cherished resources. To learn more about dynamic engagement and to see how support of alumni programs works for you, visit the new National Conferences and Alumni Events webpage.

Summer Research Scholars Program

Kudos to the six veterinary students who spent 12 weeks this summer conducting research to improve the lives of animals and people. They recently presented their posters explaining their research projects (full story).

Here is a brief story and video about one student's project to better understand a bacteria that affects the liver in both animals and people. Read more about Casey Landis' work in Research and Medicine.
Special thanks to **Dr. Melanie Breshears**, associate professor of anatomic pathology, who just completed her three-year term as a Faculty Teaching Fellow for the veterinary center. Faculty Teaching Fellows serve as liaisons between the college faculty and ITLE, assist faculty in course design, development of instructional materials and assessment tools, organize Advanced Veterinary Teachers meetings, and host guest speakers in education.

**Publication**


**Getting to Know You**

Patrick Foth, BS, BVMS, MRCVS, is an equine medicine and surgery intern originally from Sterling Heights, Mich. He spent the last 5 years in Scotland where he earned his DVM equivalency with Distinction from the University of Glasgow School of Veterinary Medicine. He also won the 2016 Strachan Wills Trust Award for Excellence in Equine Clinical Studies. His professional interests focus on complex surgical cases related to colic, lameness and wound healing with plans to complete a surgical residency in the future.

In his spare time, Patrick enjoys traveling, American football, ice hockey and competing in the hunter jumper discipline.

**Alumnus Passes**

We are sad to note that **Dr. Louie Stratton** (’55) passed away on Aug. 1, 2016. Dr. Stratton served as the first administrator of the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Sharon, friends, and family.