DEAR CVHS COMMUNITY »

In review of an amazing 2015 (and before some of you silence your devices for the holiday), I wanted to take a moment to thank you for joining me in a creative journey through the genesis of the Friday Bit.

As your alumni representative, I have the best job ever. I am privileged to work with an engaged and thriving alumni community that is advancing rapidly. Many alumni have been supportive since the day I took up the mantle (cushion?) of the alumni chair. It is this support that encourages independent thinking and creative programming for CVHS alumni.

We have a robust Alumni Society and Executive Board. We welcomed a new officer, Kim Morey, and our first Alumni Ambassador, Harry Traylor, this fall. These alums share a passion for creative strategies that must be embraced in the coming years in order for us to keep the wonderful momentum we have developed. While it is true that I have a bit of angst about the struggle to compete against diminishing budgets for alumni funding, I am committed to advancing new ideas to address the budget shortfall. We are extremely fortunate to have an incredible alumni platform through whose partnership we can discern new directions.

Thank you to those who have embraced the creative spirit brought to you during 2015 under my direction. We must continue to tell our story in different ways to reach our alumni partners and more importantly, to craft programs that are useful and meaningful to one another, the college and the veterinary profession.

I often ponder my personal beginnings as a 3rd-gen Scot whose clan motto is “Tout Pourvoir” (provide for all). This holiday season, I ask you to consider joining me in gifting differently. Let’s deviate from consumerism to give the special something that can keep on giving. Perhaps “endow everything” is a good way to look at how we can navigate the landscape of change that has to happen for CVHS alumni to continue to flourish.

I am extremely fortunate to have over 3,700 alumni partners who are invested daily at sustaining veterinary excellence. Each of you form an incredible network of globally conscious health professionals. That is powerful. We grow and learn together continually. I am humbled to represent you as your alumni liaison.

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Join me for a Cowboy alumni reception in Las Vegas at Mandalay Bay (suite number to be announced), Monday, December 7, 6-9:00 p.m. Complimentary drinks, food and orange door prizes assured.

There are only a few 2015 Fridays left. Scroll up, hit reply - make your Friday count.

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