



Thank you, Class of 2015!

The Class of 2015 left with more than a DVM degree. They left knowing their class will help provide some white coats for the incoming class of veterinary students. The Class of 2015 generously donated their remaining treasury to the veterinary center to be used to buy white coats for the Class of 2019. Thanks to their gift, 35 white coats are waiting for their new owners to arrive in just a few weeks.

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Getting to Know You



Juli Alan, RVT, is the Junior Surgery Lab coordinator and veterinary technician supervisor. Originally from Moore, Oklahoma, she earned a BS in Biology from the University of Central Oklahoma and an AAS in Veterinary Technology from Cedar Valley in Lancaster, Texas.

Juli raises miniature donkeys and in her spare time enjoys reading and fishing.

2015 Distinguished Alumni

Congratulations to the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients! This year's award recipients are: **Merlin Ekstrom, DVM, MS, DACVP**, class of 1967; **Sybil Heise, DVM**, class of 1971; and **Demarious Keller Frey, DVM**, class of 1963. Please join us in honoring their careers during Fall Conference at the Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon on Friday, Nov. 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the Wes Watkins Center. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online [here](#).

Football Tickets for Fall Conference

Single game tickets for the OSU vs. Baylor Game on Saturday, Nov. 21 (day after Fall Conference) are now on sale [here](#).

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Maria Yopez is a library technical assistant at the veterinary center's library. Originally from Colombia, South America, she graduated magna cum laude from OSU with a BA in Psychology. Her research interests focus on personality psychology research, especially as it relates to the statistical methods utilized to analyze it.

On July 10, 2015, Maria celebrated her first decade living in the United States. In her spare time she enjoys reading, singing and making mixed media art.

Favorite Colombian adage: "Even if one is not from an affluent family, once education is gained, no one

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Malorie Kittle is a veterinary assistant at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Originally from Carney, Oklahoma, she earned her BS degree in Animal Science from Oklahoma State. Before joining the veterinary center, she worked two years at Perkins Veterinary Clinic. Her goal is to complete the course work to become a registered veterinary technician.

The oldest of five children and the only girl in her family, Malorie enjoys fishing, hunting, riding horses and spending time with her husband and their daughter.

Favorite Quote: What doesn't kill you makes you stronger.

can take it away from you."

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Shitao Li, PhD, is an assistant professor with the Oklahoma Center for Respiratory and Infectious Diseases in the Department of Physiological Sciences. Originally from China, he earned his PhD from Wuhan University in 2000. His research interests focus on how the interactions between influenza A virus and host control viral pathogenesis and innate immunity.

He is a fan of mapping protein-protein interaction networks. In his spare time Shitao enjoys biking, basketball and reading.

Favorite Quote: "You should always ask questions, the bigger the better. If you ask big questions, you get big answers." - Francis Crick



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