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Congratulations, Class of 2016!

There are 88 new OSU Cowboy veterinarians ready to make a difference in the lives of their patients, their clients and the world. We wish them much success as they each select a career path that suits them best.

Last week we featured **Kimberlee Lenaburg**. Here are links to a few more short stories and some videos from the Class of 2016:

- **Paul Cunningham** the [Dean McElroy Award Recipient](#)
- **Kaitlin Agel, Mandy Hall** and **Cyrena Neill** are [Dual Degree Pioneers](#)
- **Alex Portanova** on a [Kansas City Zoo Externship](#)
- **Andrew Willis** carries on a [Family Legacy](#).

Class of 1966 Celebrates 50th Reunion

The Class of 1966 reunited in Stillwater to celebrate their 50th class reunion. Special thanks to **Sharon Worrell**, alumni affairs specialist, and class representative **Dr. Jack Roberson** on making this reunion one to remember.

Publication

Rudd JM, Ashar HK, Chow VT and Teluguakula N. (2016) Lethal Synergism between Influenza and *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. J Infect Pulm Dis 2(2): doi <https://sciforschenonline.org/journals/pulmonary-diseases/JIPD-2-114.php>.

Thank You, Nationwide

The Veterinary Business Management Association at the veterinary center recently hosted **Dr. Carol McConnell**, Nationwide's Chief Veterinary Medical Officer.

Ross to Serve as Interim Dean

The Provost recently announced that **Dr. Chris Ross**, associate dean for academic affairs, would serve as interim dean at the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. Earlier this year **Dr. Jean Sander** announced that she would be leaving Oklahoma State University and the veterinary center to accompany her husband as he makes a career move. A search committee for a new dean will be formed in the near future.

Poudel Receives Graduate Fellowship

Congratulations to **Nabin Poudel** on receiving the Otto S. Cox Graduate Fellowship for Genetics Research! Poudel, a graduate teaching assistant in **Dr. Myron Hinsdale's** lab in the Department of Physiological Sciences, was awarded the fellowship for his research on human patients with Spondylo Ocular Syndrome. There is a limited number of these competitive \$1,000 Fellowships.

Recently Poudel's team published this [paper](#) identifying mutations in XYLT2 Spondylo Ocular Syndrome. Spondylo Ocular Syndrome is a rare genetic condition in humans involving developmental defects in the eye and the spine.

Tornado Documentary Showing

The award-winning documentary, "Nature vs Nature: The Animal Victims of the May 2013 Oklahoma Tornadoes" will be shown on Tuesday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Stillwater Library. In the film, you will see some of the animals treated at the Veterinary Medical Hospital as well as many of the faculty, staff, students and alumni who helped in the recovery efforts. There is no charge to attend.

House Officer Seminar

Dr. Brandon Gates will present "Embryo Transfer" on Thursday, May 12, at 8 a.m. in



Left to right **Kaitlyn Belanger** ('18), VBMA co-president, with **Carol McConnell, DVM, MBA**.

Nationwide treated veterinary students and area practitioners to an educational dinner meeting. McConnell talked about wellness plans and the benefits of pet insurance for small animal practices.

Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Gates is a theriogenology resident mentored by **Dr. Betsy Coffman**.

OSU/OVMA Summer Seminar

The OSU/OVMA Summer Seminar will be held on June 17 and 18 in McElroy Hall. Registration is available now online. For complete details about the schedule, speakers and to register, visit [OSU OVMA Summer Seminar](#) now.

Dr. Wiley Recognized

Katherine and **Edwin Sain** of Oklahoma City recently honored their veterinarian, **Dr. Michael Wiley** of Norman, Okla., in the best possible way. They established a scholarship in his name to help ensure that future large animal veterinarians will be available when the need arises [read more](#).



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