



Veterinary Medical Alumni Association at Iowa State University

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Newsletter

Dear fellow Alums,

Welcome to spring in the heartland.... everything seems new and vibrant.

As much as we are busy considering all of the new things that we could add to our daily schedules, it is wise to also cling to that which is rock solid in our lives.... our families, our friends, and our colleagues. Each year, new students join our ranks and are worthy of the camaraderie of an organization such as the Veterinary Medical Alumni Association. They are not just students, but colleagues for life, and being part of this association gives us a sense of belonging and connection that is invaluable.

We are blessed to have a highly successful Veterinary Medical Alumni Association at Iowa State, which works tirelessly to assist those in the profession from their first year of vet school. Students benefit from a Wellness Room, Café Cash, a food pantry, travel reimbursement for trips taken to educational related events...and free membership in the VMAA. The fellowship and financial support to students is not just well received, but it's also a testament to the impact we, as alumni, can have on their lives. These students will need their classmates and colleagues to guide them in those first years on entering the workforce, and for the rest of their careers, and your support can make a significant difference.

Our VMAA has developed a broad database of former students. A few years ago, when our class of 1982 was planning our 40th class reunion, the class contact list from the VMAA database proved updated and easy to use to coordinate classmates. We also received help planning our weekend event and scheduling school tours and receptions through the VMAA. Please consider joining the VMAA... to stay connected with your colleagues to plan your next event with classmates ... and to give back to your profession by aiding the students.

Thinking that you don't need to belong to one more organization or add one more thing to your plate? Other than spending a mere \$50 per year, you have no obligation. The organization does the work for you. Just assist us in our work and watch the benefits roll out for yourself and the worthy students coming through the ranks.

Please take a moment to check out our Facebook page for updates on the happenings of the VMAA. You will not only be encouraged by the students' gratitude for the benefits they receive, but also get a glimpse of the impact your support can make. <https://www.facebook.com/VMAAISU>

The 2024 Homecoming is slated for November game dates. The VMAA will plan the homecoming events. Stay tuned for event updates, as this is also a wonderful way to meet with students and encourage them.

Warm regards,

Dr. Diane Noll- DVM'82 VMAA Executive Committee



Travel Award Recipients pictured from left to right: 1. Savannah Crews 2. Grant Hoeger– 3. Kelly Marshal
4. Rachel Voight-Café Cash Winner 5. Taylor Clark 6. Christina Chester, DVM' VMAA auditor