



College of
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Awards Ceremony
Class of 2021



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Adele M. Buescher Scholarship

This fund provides scholarships to second- third- or fourth-year students of academic ability and excellence of character.

Barbara
Allison



Sydney Gooch





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American Association of Veterinary Dermatology (AAVD)

The American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology offers an annual award to a senior veterinary student who excels in clinical dermatology.

Blake Gibson





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American College of Veterinary Radiology Award (ACVR)

The American College of Veterinary Radiology offers an annual award to a senior veterinary student who excels in clinical radiology and who reflects enthusiasm for, and understanding of, diagnostic and therapeutic radiology.

Saira
Crespo- Santiago





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American College of Veterinary Surgeons Student Award (ACVS)

The American College of Veterinary Surgeons offers annual awards to two senior veterinary students, one for academic and clinical proficiency in large animal surgery, and one for academic and clinical proficiency in small animal surgery.

Raechelle Dietsch

Large Animal Surgery



Connor Pyne

Small Animal Surgery





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American Animal Hospital Award for Proficiency in Primary Care (AAHA)

This award is presented to a fourth-year student who has demonstrated proficiency in primary care at a veterinary teaching hospital.

Anna Ball





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Anesthesiology Award

MVES/Nestle Purina sponsors this award, which is presented to an outstanding student in anesthesiology.

Kimberly Ospedale





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Ann Miller Roth, DVM '88 and Jerome Roth, DVM '74 Scholarship

This award is presented to students with expressed interest in practicing equine medicine who exhibit a life's passion for the field of veterinary medicine and public service.

Kendal
Schwabrow



Raechelle
Dietsch



Morgan
Poisson





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Aronson Veterinary Radiology Award

This award is given to an entering fourth-year or graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding ability in veterinary radiology.

Sierra Crotty





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Banfield Endowed Scholarship in Honor of Dr. James E. Nave

This award shall be given to a third- or fourth-year student in the top half of their class. The recipient shall be selected based upon demonstrated leadership in organized veterinary medicine. Preference shall be given to a student with a business interest and/or background.

Jennifer Cline





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Cardiology Award

MVES/Nestle Purina sponsors this award, which is presented to an outstanding student(s) in cardiology.

Erin Bax





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Clinical Pathology Award

This award is given to a senior veterinary student who displays exceptional proficiency in diagnostic clinical pathology and its practical application to clinical cases.

Kyra Campbell





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Cora and Ben Geisert Heritage Fund

This award is given to a graduating student in the College of Veterinary Medicine who is preparing to enter small animal practice.

Erin Bax





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David Auxier Memorial Scholarship in Food Animal Medicine

This award was established in memory of David Auxier, who was a third-year veterinary student (Class of 2020) when he was fatally injured in a motorcycle accident in September of 2018. This award is presented to a graduating senior who plans to enter the practice of food animal medicine and is from a farming or rural background.

Shelby
Perkins





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Don Blenden Memorial Scholarship Fund

This scholarship, established in honor of the late Dr. Don Blenden, is given to a third- or fourth-year College of Veterinary Medicine student who intends to enter the veterinary public health field.

Ashley Ourada





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Dr. and Mrs. Leon Russell Scholarship Fund

This award is presented to a third- or fourth-year veterinary student who has demonstrated leadership in organized veterinary medicine while enrolled in the veterinary medicine program at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Jordynne Walker





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Dr. and Mrs. Leslie C. Murphy Scholarship

This award is presented to the graduating senior with the highest scholastic average for the entire professional curriculum.

Sydney Gooch





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Dr. Edgar Ebert Memorial Awards in Small Animal Medicine and Large Animal Medicine

The Ebert Fund, established by Mrs. Edgar Ebert with contributions from faculty, alumni and friends in honor of her late husband, provides awards for two graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence, good citizenship and leadership: one in large animal medicine and surgery and one in small animal medicine and surgery.

Taylor Jackson

Small Animal Medicine & Surgery



Cord Huettnner

Large Animal Medicine & Surgery





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Dr. Jeffery Shikles, Class of 1998 Memorial Scholarship

This award, given in memory of Dr. Jeffrey Shikles, Class of 1988, is presented to a graduating senior or entering fourth-year student who demonstrates a commitment to veterinary medicine, has a strong interest in both equine and small animal medicine, relates well to animals and their owners, and exemplifies compassion toward all living things.

Morgan Poisson





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Dr. Karl Mischke Memorial Scholarship

Friends of Dr. Karl Mischke, Class of 1989, established this scholarship in his memory. Because Dr. Mischke devoted his career to emergency medicine and critical care, the recipient of this scholarship is selected based on academic achievement with preference given to a student who is interested in emergency medicine and critical care.

Leah Fray





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Earl S.C. Stuart Memorial Scholarship

One or more annual scholarships shall be given to third- or fourth-year College of Veterinary Medicine students. Recipients have demonstrated financial need and future promise, reflecting the personal fortitude, deep compassion and professional acumen evidenced by Earl S.C. Stuart throughout his life.

Jordynne
Walker





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English Practitioner Award

This award is presented to the fourth-year student who is likely to succeed in general practice because of overall proficiency in large and small animal veterinary medicine and surgery. The recipient is chosen by the VM4 class.

Jacob Wilshusen





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Carl Frederick Fischer and George Franklin Fischer Veterinary Medicine Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a third- or fourth-year student in the College of Veterinary Medicine who exhibits excellence in the area of food animal medicine.

Megan Claxton





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H. Richard Adams Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

This award is made to a graduating student who has demonstrated an exceptional interest and understanding of the human-animal bond. Recipient selection includes applied recognition that animals have positive effects on the health and wellness of people resulting in prescription of animals in therapy for coronary care, the elderly, and other medical patients; or that the presence and touch of humans have positive health benefits for animals.

Jordan
Biermann





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Harlen E. Jensen Ophthalmology Award

MVES/Nestle Purina sponsors this award, which is given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. H.E. Jensen. The award is presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding proficiency and interest in ophthalmology during the clinical years.

Sydney Gooch





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Ives Cardiff Award

This award is in memory of Cardiff, a black and tan Welsh terrier who lived to be 18 years of age, thanks to the compassionate care of Dr. John Williams of Horton Animal Hospital. Dr. Williams is a 1972 graduate of the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. This award is given to a student going into companion animal practice who is compassionate and possesses an aptitude for the human-animal bond.

Saira
Crespo-Santiago





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Jeff W. Tyler Food Animal Medicine and Public Health Award

This award is given to a veterinary student enrolled in a dual-degree program who has demonstrated aptitude and interest in food animal medicine and public health.

Travis Inman





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John W. Pierce Scholarship in Food Animal and Equine Veterinary Medicine

This award is given to a student with expressed interest in food animal or equine veterinary medicine.

Miranda
Placht





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Judy Roberts Memorial Endowment in Veterinary Medicine

This award is given to a student graduating from the College of Veterinary Medicine who has an interest and aptitude in oncology as it benefits both animals and humans.

Kayla Neiderfer





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Karen L. Campbell Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to a fourth-year student in the top 25 percent of their class at the end of their third year of study who has an expressed interest in dermatology.

Blake Gibson





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Loren D. Kintner Diagnostic Laboratory Award

This award is presented to a student entering the fourth year of study or a graduating senior in recognition of proficiency, interest, contributions and performance in veterinary diagnostic laboratory medicine.

Tess van Kan





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Louise Nichols Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established to recognize a third- or fourth-year student who exemplifies compassion for the human-animal bond and demonstrates the people skills essential to communicating effectively and showing concern and compassion for clients.

Blake
Gibson





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Lucy B. Davis Scholarships in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery

Two awards, one for small animal medicine and one for small animal surgery, are presented to students entering their fourth year of study or graduating seniors for demonstrated interest, scholarship, proficiency and outstanding client relations.

Erin Bax
Small Animal Medicine



Sydney Gooch

Small Animal Surgery





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Mary T. Wernert, DVM '86 Memorial Scholarship

This award was established in memory of Dr. Mary T. Wernert, who was an active member of the Greater St. Louis Veterinary Medical Association. This award is for a graduating student who best exemplifies the high standard of patient care that was characteristic of Dr. Wernert's veterinary medical career. Classmates select the recipient.

Jennifer Cline



Rachel Peters





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Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Innovation Award

This award is sponsored by Merck Animal Health and was created to recognize graduating seniors who are in good standing and have demonstrated innovation and/or entrepreneurial creativity in the development of a business, project or product that inspires others within the veterinary profession.

Sara
Van Ausdal





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Missouri Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to two graduating students who intend to practice large or mixed animal medicine in the state of Missouri.

Barbara Allison



Shelby
Perkins





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Needles Brooker Scholarship

This scholarship is given in gratitude for the compassion and generosity of veterinarians, and in tribute to the attachments and relationships that form the human-animal bond.

Kylie Sobota





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Nestle Purina Excellence in Nutritional Management of Surgical Patients

This Nestle Purina Pet Care award is given to a graduating senior who has exhibited excellence in nutritional management of patients during the post-surgical recovery period. The intent is to heighten awareness of the importance of nutrition in recovery.

Kaylie Canda





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Paul and Earlene Nicoletti Scholarship in Veterinary Medicine

This award is given to a third- or fourth-year student with an interest in food animal medicine and surgery.

Justin
Schwarzlose





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Philip J. Shanker, DVM Scholarship in Feline Medicine

This scholarship is given to a graduating senior student who exhibits a superior aptitude and interest in feline medicine and surgery.

Leah Barks





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Randolph Practitioner Award

This award is given to a graduating senior, who, in the opinion of the clinical faculty, is most likely to succeed in the general practice of veterinary medicine.

Chenoa
Schwenn





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Robert Miller Food Animal Proficiency Award

This award recognizes the achievement of the fourth-year veterinary students most proficient in food animal medicine, surgery, reproduction and production medicine.

Barbara
Allison



Luiza
Placheta





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Southeast Jefferson Saddle Club Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to third- or fourth-year students enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine with express interest in, and aptitude for, equine medicine and/or surgery.

Ashley Word



Raechelle
Dietsch



Morgan Poisson





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Swine Proficiency Award

This award, sponsored by MVES/Nestle Purina, is awarded to an outstanding graduating senior for proficiency in swine medicine.

Shelby Perkins





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Theriogenology Award

This award, sponsored by MVES/Nestle Purina, is presented to an outstanding student in theriogenology.

Amber
Sargent





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Three Rivers Kennel Club Award

This award is provided to a student with a 2.0 or greater GPA who desires to go into small animal practice or research and has graduated from a high school in the following St. Louis, MO counties: City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, Jefferson County or Franklin County.

Nina Fischer





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Tri-State Kennel Club Veterinary Medicine Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a veterinary student who is majoring in small animal medicine.

Tessa Cowser





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VCS Bob Rosenthal Award

This award is presented to a senior student who is proficient in the care of veterinary oncology patients and has an aptitude in clinical oncology.

Kylie Sobota





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VECCS Award for Excellence in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care

This award, sponsored by the Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Society, is presented to an outstanding senior who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment and exceptional proficiency in caring for emergency and critical care patients (regardless of species). Consideration is given to students who have been active and productive members of the local chapter of SVECCS.

Kaylie Canda





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Wildlife and Exotic Medicine Award

Dr. Gary Weddle, an alumnus of the College of Veterinary Medicine who was instrumental in starting the raptor program, endowed this award. The award recognizes students entering their fourth year of study or graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding proficiency and interest in wildlife and exotic animal medicine.

Megan Bache



Sierra Crotty



Maggie
Dillon



Brad
Uppinghouse



Miranda
Wallace





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Zelda Dane Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a veterinary student who demonstrates good character, is in good academic standing, and who shows potential professional promise for a successful career in veterinary medicine.

Tessa
Cowser





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Resident Award

This award, voted on by the senior class, is given to the resident who has had the greatest impact on their clinical experience in terms of teaching and spending extra time to help the students learn.

Dr. Bathilda Lake

Small Animal Emergency and
Critical Care Resident





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Golden Aesculapius Teaching Award

Each of the four classes selects an outstanding teacher
from the past year.

Dr. Austin Hinds

Associate Teaching Professor

Class of 2021 Golden Aesculapius
Teaching Award Recipient





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Phi Zeta Inductees for 2021

This honor is bestowed on fourth-year students who rank in the top 25% of their class. These students must have an acceptable personality, be of good moral character and possess high ideals regarding professional service conduct.

- Barbara Allison *
- Courtney Banziger
- Jordan Biermann *
- Alexander Cardascio *
- Jennifer Cline *
- Tessa Cowser *
- Amanda Eshelman *
- Karina Falcon
- Nina Fischer *
- Leah Fray *
- Blake Gibson
- Sydney Gooch *
- Rachel Peters

- Miranda Placht
- Morgan Poisson *
- Christina Rohde *
- Amber Sargent
- Anna Schozer
- Jennifer Smith
- Kylie Sobota
- Brad Uppinghouse
- Sara Van Ausdal *
- Jordynne Walker
- Jacob Wilshusen
- Ashley Word
- Jordan Zastera
- Abigail Zuikov

- Inducted in 2020 as third-year students



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**The following three faculty awards will be announced at the Dean's
Impact Award Celebration:**

The DADD Award

**The Zoetis Award for Veterinary
Research Excellence**

The Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award

CONGRATULATIONS

