

Dear Fellow Alumni, Faculty, and Friends of the College:

The Distinguished Alumnus Screening Committee is once again seeking nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award to be presented in 2017. The most recent recipients were Dr. Robert “Pete” Bill and Dr. John T. Schnarr, who were honored at the 2015 Purdue Veterinary Conference. They joined a distinguished group of 59 prior recipients who have set new standards of excellence in our profession and for our society.

There are five eligibility areas for the award. They are EXCELLENCE in: (1) practice, (2) teaching, (3) research, (4) service to local community, and (5) involvement in organized veterinary medicine. While the nominee need not qualify in all areas, excellent performance must be documented in at least one designated area.

Documentation is an extremely important aspect of the nomination for this award. Evidence that the nominee is held in high regard by his/her colleagues must be presented. A statement merely saying that the nominee has served on a legislative committee, a school board, or a church board does not reflect quality of performance. Rather, evidence of excellence in the performance of duties undertaken will be considered as documentation by the Screening Committee. Specific examples of quality performance should be submitted to support documentation statements. In the area of practice, letters from clients, as well as from other practitioners, are most appropriate. If you need help in preparing a nomination, feel free to contact the Screening Committee or the Dean's Office. Nomination deadline is **March 31, 2017**.

Please pause today to consider and nominate an alumnus you believe has distinguished himself/herself.

Sincerely,

Dr. Keith “Kit” Logue
President, Purdue Veterinary Alumni Association

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Dear Colleague:

The Distinguished Alumnus Award was established in our College in 1978. The first award was presented posthumously to Dr. David R. Mullis (Class of 1967) in whose honor and remembrance the award was established. To date, the following have received this recognition:

David A. Mullis ('67)	1978	G. Timothy Lee ('64)	1994	Lawrence R. Rueff ('79)	2005
William A. Haines ('65)	1979	Ann L. Johnson ('75)	1995	Mary Anna Thrall ('70)	2005
Carl A. Osborne ('64)	1979	William E. Disque ('66)	1995	Elizabeth S. Williams ('77)	2005
L. Kirk Clark ('65)	1982	Mark S. Bloomberg ('69)	1996	William E. Humphrey ('65)	2006
M. Joseph Bojrab ('64)	1984	Thomas E. Walton ('64)	1996	Philip Roudebush ('75)	2006
William D. Paramore ('63)	1984	Bret D. Marsh ('84)	1997	Richard A. Goebel ('68)	2007
George W. Irving, III ('65)	1985	Michael D. Storer ('74)	1997	John P. Sundberg ('77)	2007
James W. Kesterson ('64)	1987	Susan A. Brown ('76)	1998	Susan E. Bunch ('76)	2008
Donald E. Thrall ('69)	1987	Steven R. Bolin ('74)	1999	Terry L. Grieshaber ('82)	2008
Norman J. Wilsman ('65)	1988	Jerome L. Turner ('65)	1999	Karen K. Cornell ('88)	2009
Carol A. Ecker ('64)	1989	John S. McKibben ('63)	2000	Lawrence W. Stauffer ('67)	2009
Alan H. Rebar ('73)	1990	Willis G. Parker ('64)	2000	Janice McIntosh Bright ('80)	2010
H. Leon Thacker ('65)	1990	Gary G. Pearl ('63)	2001	Roy A. Coolman ('65)	2011
James F. Howell ('69)	1991	John R. Scamahorn ('72)	2001	Frederic J. Hoerr ('76)	2011
Jim E. Riviere ('80)	1991	Robert N. Jackman ('67)	2002	W. Ron DeHaven ('75)	2012
Mary Beth Leininger ('67)	1992	Herbert E. Whiteley ('77)	2002	Max T. Rodibaugh ('77)	2012
Gerald Buening ('64)	1992	Dennis B. DeNicola ('78)	2003	Michael P. Andrews ('83)	2013
John C. Pickett ('69)	1993	Allen R. Lueking ('66)	2003	Craig L. Wardrip ('78)	2013
William G. Rodkey ('71)	1993	Timothy R. Boosinger ('76)	2004	Joseph J. Klopfenstein ('83)	2014
Charles L. Kanitz ('64)	1994	Kathleen T. Neuhoff ('79)	2004	Robert "Pete" Bill ('90)	2015
				John T. Schnarr ('70)	2015

We now solicit nominations to be considered for 2017. If there are no nominees, or if the Screening Committee judges the qualifications of the nominees to be inadequate for the award, then no award will be made.

Those selected for the award will be recognized and honored during the Purdue Veterinary Conference in the fall of 2017. Announcement of the scheduled award presentation will be made in the conference brochure.

Following is an official Nomination Form, which includes guidelines and instructions. Completed forms with supportive materials or documents should be in the Alumni Relations Office by **March 21, 2017**. Questions may be directed to any member of the PVM Alumni Board, the Screening Committee (see list on next page), or Dr. Kathy Salisbury.

It is fitting and proper that an institution of higher learning recognizes its graduates for outstanding contributions and performance. Identifying and adequately documenting exemplary performance is not always easy, and we recognize the seriousness and magnitude of the task we ask you to address. The Screening Committee and the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine, which make the final determinations, must have documentable evidence in hand to support a nomination. In order to

consider all nominees fairly, nominees will be evaluated based on their accomplishments that are listed in the nomination document. Adequate performance of duties normally expected in our roles of practitioner, teacher, researcher, and routine contributions in community services, do not make a case for the award. These should not be ignored in considering potential nominees, but those in a position to judge the quality of performance are asked to document in writing the activity and why the performance is judged to be exemplary.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is supported by the Distinguished Alumnus Award Fund, which was established by the Class of 1967 in memory/honor of a deceased classmate, Dr. David Mullis. Other names may be added to the fund sponsors. In 1979, the Class of 1976 chose to honor a deceased classmate, Dr. L. Jack Leonard, and in 1985, the Class of 1963 honored a deceased colleague, Dr. Quentin L. Hartzler, by contributing to the fund in their memory. Now the fund, and the program which it supports, stand in honor and memory of three of our deceased alumni, Dr. David R. Mullis, Class of 1967; Dr. L. Jack Leonard, Class of 1976; and Dr. Quentin L. Hartzler, Class of 1963.

Very truly yours,

Willie M. Reed, DVM, PhD Dean

Every group or organization has members who, over a course of time and involvement, are judged by their peers and others to have performed in an exemplary manner. These individuals have been given, or develop, certain attributes and characteristics which permit them to contribute in a way and to a degree that is recognized as significantly above the norm. Above and beyond the call of duty, going the extra mile, outstanding productive capacity and extreme sensitivity and understanding are phrases frequently used to identify those who are observed to stand out in the crowd.

Our class of 1967 enjoyed at least one member who was destined for special recognition when his life was snuffed out in a tragic auto accident in November 1975. The following is paraphrased from an editorial in the November 26, 1975, edition of the Linton, Indiana, Daily Citizen.

"Dr. David Mullis, of Lyons, Indiana, was a principled, sensitive, and compassionate young man who, along with others in this Southern Indiana Community, instilled pride and a sense of purpose in the community. Following graduation 'Doc' Mullis returned home, opened an office, was elected to the Town Board and began to touch people's lives and to rejuvenate community pride. He treated every sick animal, from the largest feedlot steer, to a child's smallest pet, with the same professional expertise and personal concern. While animals were his vocation, people were his avocation. Dr. Butch always had time for kids and invariably found a job so that a young person could earn some pocket money."

It was in this spirit of dedicated service, competence, and concern that Dr. Mullis' classmates chose to recognize and honor him by providing funds to establish a basis for the Distinguished Alumnus Award. It is in this spirit that you are asked to consider a nominee to be considered by the Selection Committee and the faculty of the College for the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD

Any veterinarian who has been in possession of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Purdue University for more than five years is eligible for the award.

The nominee's contributions to the profession may have been made in any of the following areas:

- a) excellence in practice - clinical, diagnostic, public health, regulatory, military
- b) excellence in teaching
- c) excellence in research
- d) excellence in involvement in organized veterinary medicine
- e) excellence in service to local community - a humane, caring, helping attitude toward family, friends, clients and community, including, but not limited to, club work (Lions, Kiwanis, etc.), church, school boards, town councils, political parties.

THE AWARD

The award consists of a plaque which is presented during the banquet at the Purdue Veterinary Conference. In addition, a color portrait will be displayed in Lynn Hall and the name added to a plaque which hangs in the Alumni Faculty Lounge of Lynn Hall.

2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award Nomination Form

Note: Please limit the nomination document (not including letters of support) to 3 pages.

Nominee:

Nominee's Address:

Nominator(s):

Nominator's Address:

Nominator's Email:

Please check the area(s) for which the individual is being nominated for outstanding contributions and performance:

- excellence in practice – clinical, diagnostic, public health, regulatory, military
- excellence in teaching
- excellence in research
- excellence in involvement in organized veterinary medicine
- excellence in service to local community – a humane, caring, helping attitude toward family, friends, clients and community, including, but not limited to, club work (Lions, Kiwanis, etc.), church, school boards, town councils, political parties

Please list honors, awards and recognitions that the nominee has received which directly relate to the area(s) for which they are being nominated.

Please describe the activities and accomplishments that set this individual apart from other veterinarians in the given area(s). Give examples that indicate the quality of this nominee's contributions that distinguish this individual from other veterinarians.

Please describe the impact that the nominee has had on the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Please include 4-6 letters of support that provide additional evidence of the esteem in which this veterinarian is held.

Return to: Susan Xioufaridou
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All nominations must be received by March 21, 2017