

September 29, 2017

Dear Recent Graduate,

As you reflect back on how your experiences at Purdue have influenced your career, I hope you will nominate an outstanding teacher for the elite Raymond E. Plue Outstanding Teacher Award. This significant award was established to reward the most influential educators and researchers at Purdue Veterinary Medicine. Only alumni in the three most recent DVM graduating classes are eligible to submit a nomination.



One of your fellow alumni, Dr. Raymond E. Plue (PU DVM '68), created the Raymond E. Plue Outstanding Teacher Award in appreciation for the way in which Dr. Billy Hooper, then professor of pathology, influenced him. Dr. Plue says, "Dr. Hooper had a great influence on my career, and helped set the stage for the success I have enjoyed professionally in large animal and in small animal practices, graduate study and research, academia, diagnostic pathology and in pharmaceutical development research."

Please consider nominating teachers who meet the following criteria:

1. Honesty, integrity, gentleness, humility, humanity, and empathy for the student, client, and animal.
2. Understanding of the importance of his or her attitudes on a student's learning.
3. Effort at instilling professionalism in students.
4. Willingness to always make time for fostering questioning by students.
5. Competency as a principal research investigator interfacing basic sciences and clinics; recipient should be actively conducting research in the field in which he or she teaches.
6. Ability to teach the fundamentals of research design and methodology.
7. Ability to demonstrate up-to-date knowledge and enthusiasm for his or her area of science.
8. Effectiveness as a role model for lifetime learning.
9. Ability to instill enthusiasm in students in their disciplines, encourage and instill a love for lifetime learning and advocate advanced degree work.

Dr. Plue hopes you will remember and nominate a teacher who "...sparked your enthusiasm for learning, modeled the role of the research investigator who opens new frontiers of knowledge and spent time answering your questions; that one individual who best set the foundation for your DVM role today and tomorrow."

**Nominations must be received no later than March 16, 2018.** Submit nominations online at <http://www.vet.purdue.edu/about/awards/faculty-teaching.php>. If you have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Xioufaridou".

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