

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

The Distinguished Alumnus Screening Committee is once again seeking nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Awards to be presented in 2024. The most recent recipient is Dr. W. Mark Hilton (PU DVM '83), and Ms. Pam Phegley (PU AAS '83; BS 2001) who were honored at the 2023 Veterinary Conference. They join a distinguished group of 69 prior DVM recipients and 5 prior Veterinary Technician/Technologist recipients who have set new standards of excellence in our profession and for our society.

For the DVM Distinguished Alumnus Award, the five eligibility areas are EXCELLENCE in: (1) practice, (2) teaching, (3) research, (4) service to local community, and (5) involvement in organized veterinary medicine. For the Distinguished Veterinary Technician/Technologist Alumnus Award, the areas of eligibility are EXCELLENCE in (1) practice (2) teaching, (3) research, (4) involvement in service to the profession, and (5) service to the community. 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 vetalumni@purdue.edu. Nomination deadline is **March 11, 2024**.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Erin Kosta Wilson

President, Purdue Veterinary Alumni Association

PURDUE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

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 ('627)	1978	Thomas E. Walton ('64)	1996	Terry L. Grieshaber ('82)	2008
William A. Haines ('65)	1979	Bret D. Marsh ('84)	1997	Karen K. Cornell ('88)	2009
Carl A. Osborne ('64)	1979	Michael D. Storer ('74)	1997	Lawrence W. Stauffer ('67)	2009
L. Kirk Clark ('65)	1982	Susan A. Brown ('76)	1998	Janice McIntosh Bright ('80)	2010
M. Joseph Bojrab ('64)	1984	Steven R. Bolin ('74)	1999	Roy A. Coolman ('65)	2011
William D. Paramore ('63)	1984	Jerome L. Turner ('65)	1999	Frederic J. Hoerr ('76)	2011
George W. Irving, III ('65)	1985	John S. McKibben ('63)	2000	W. Ron DeHaven ('75)	2012
James W. Kesterson ('64)	1987	Willis G. Parker ('64)	2000	Max T. Rodibaugh ('77)	2012
Donald E. Thrall ('69)	1987	Gary G. Pearl ('63)	2001	Michael P. Andrews ('83)	2013
Norman J. Wilsman ('65)	1988	John R. Scamahorn ('72)	2001	Craig L. Wardrip ('78)	2013
Carol A. Ecker ('64)	1989	Robert N. Jackman ('67)	2002	Joseph J. Klopfenstein ('83)	2014
Alan H. Rebar ('73)	1990	Herbert E. Whiteley ('77)	2002	Dr. Robert "Pete" Bill ('90)	2015
H. Leon Thacker ('65)	1990	Dennis B. DeNicola ('78)	2003	Dr. John T. Schnarr ('70)	2015
James F. Howell ('69)	1991	Allen R. Lueking ('66)	2003	Dr. Susan E. Johnson ('78)	2017
Jim E. Riviere ('80)	1991	Timothy R. Boosinger ('76)	2004	Dr. James R. Scott ('68)	2017
Mary Beth Leininger ('67)	1992	Kathleen T. Neuhoff ('79)	2004	Dr. Amelia Woolums ('88)	2018
Gerald Buening ('64)	1992	Lawrence R. Rueff ('79)	2005	Dr. Tom Gillespie ('79)	2019
John C. Pickett ('69)	1993	Mary Anna Thrall ('70)	2005	Brig. Gen. Timothy Adams ('86)	2019
William G. Rodkey ('71)	1993	Elizabeth S. Williams ('77)	2005	Dr. Tom Troxel ('81)	2020
Charles L. Kanitz ('64)	1994	William E. Humphrey ('65)	2006	Dr. Debbie White ('94)	2020
G. Timothy Lee ('64)	1994	Philip Roudebush ('75)	2006	Dr. Fred Metzger ('86)	2022
Ann L. Johnson ('75)	1995	Richard A. Goebel ('68)	2007	Dr. W. Mark Hilton ('83)	2023
William E. Disque ('66)	1995	John P. Sundberg ('77)	2007	Pam Phegley ('83)	2023
Mark S. Bloomberg ('69)	1996	Susan E. Bunch ('76)	2008		

We now solicit nominations to be considered for 2024. 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 2024. 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 11, 2024**. 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,

Dean Willie M. Reed, DVM, PhD

PURDUE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

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.

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
Purdue University
College of Veterinary Medicine 625
Harrison Street
LYNN 2121
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2026

All nominations must be received by March 11, 2024.

Distinguished Veterinary Technician/Technologist Alumnus Award Nomination Form

The Distinguished Veterinary Technician/Veterinary Technologist Alumnus Award was established in 2011. To date, the following have received this recognition.

2011 – Kristin Husband ('02)
2014 – Bobbie Kaufman ('87)
2016 – Alicea Schaeffer Howell ('03)
2017 – Kay Stewart ('82)
2018 -- Candice Targgart ('05)
2023 – Pam Phegley, BS, RVT (PU AAS '83; BS 2001)

Note: Please limit the nomination document (not including letters of support or CV) to 3 pages, no smaller than 12 point font, and no less than 1" margins

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 service to the profession
- excellence in service to the community

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 veterinary technicians and veterinarian technologists. Give examples that indicate the quality of this nominee's contributions that distinguish this individual from others.

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

Please include a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae and 4-6 letters of support that provide additional evidence of the esteem in which this veterinary technician/veterinary technologist is held. [Not included in page limit]

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