GREETINGS!

It’s difficult to believe, but another busy fall is upon us. With the dawning of another academic year, I want to briefly update you on a few highlights from ongoing activities here at the college.

STRATEGIC PLAN

1. In constant pursuit of our vision of preeminence, and toward rightful recognition of the UFCVM as a global leader in academic veterinary medicine, we continue to build on the strategic framework we developed last year. Please visit our website for a refresher on the plan in its entirety, but our most notable achievements include our new 5,000-square-foot clinical skills laboratory was completed in August. This impressive new space represents a key advancement in teaching and learning for our college. Built as an addition to the Veterinary Academic Building, the new laboratory will offer UF veterinary medical students the unique technology and state-of-the-art space needed for a variety of hands-on and other learning opportunities aimed at developing and enhancing clinical skills. Last fall, we initiated a new, required series of courses for freshman and sophomore students with the goal of ensuring technical competence when these students begin their clinical rotations and as they prepare to enter practice. The new laboratory will enable us to expand training opportunities and is among the largest and most progressive of any similar space available across U.S. veterinary medical colleges. We are thrilled this project has finally reached completion. You’ll be seeing more about this exciting new space in future issues and news posts.

2. Our UF Veterinary Hospitals continue to sustain and strengthen their recognized leadership positions among peer institutions in academic veterinary medicine. Earlier this year, the UF Small Animal Hospital achieved Level 1 certification by the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society. The Ocala-based UF Pet Emergency Treatment Services clinic recently achieved Level 3 certification by the VECCS as well, and in July, our Small Animal Hospital in Gainesville achieved full accreditation from the American Animal Hospital Association, becoming one of only six veterinary medical teaching hospitals to gain that distinction. As I’m sure you know, these accomplishments don’t come easily; they stem from the outstanding work of our clinical faculty and staff and require strong and effective hospital leadership. In April, we announced the appointment of Dr. Dana Zimmel as our new associate dean for clinical services and chief medical officer. Dr. Zimmel has brought talent, passion and focus to the UF Veterinary Hospitals as chief of staff for the past five years and will continue to contribute these strengths in this new leadership role for our vitally important clinical enterprise. In recent years, Dr. Zimmel has come to be recognized and respected nationally as a thought leader among veterinary medical teaching hospital executives, and I am thrilled to have her as a member of my executive leadership team. In addition, we have numerous new faculty hires in both Small and Large Animal Clinical Sciences departments and our caseloads continue to grow in most services.

3. Two new world-class research hires are now fully on board and are supplementing our existing research strengths in key areas. As part of an initiative to expand our research enterprise in the context of One Health, Dr. Roy Curtiss has joined our immunology and microbiology research group, and Dr. Chris Vulpe is now a part of our environmental and toxicology group. Importantly, these renowned scholars were attracted to UFCVM because of the existing strengths in our research faculty and programs, along with the exciting prospects for even greater success in the future. We have other new faculty hires we are very excited about as well, and you’ll be hearing more about their work and programs in the near future.

UF VETERINARY ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP

The college has taken a bold leadership position in aggressively addressing the problem of escalating student debt loads. Launched in January of this year, our new UF Veterinary Access Scholarship initiative is gaining critical visibility as word is spreading in the veterinary medical profession locally, regionally and nationally. Thanks to an initial Challenge Gift by Dr. Paul Nicoletti, we had already raised more than $200,000 for this program by early May, and we are gaining more
momentum every day. Our goal is to increase the amount of scholarship monies we award to our veterinary medical students annually by tenfold and we know we are already making a difference. There’s more information about the program elsewhere in this issue, but if you wish to join us in our quest or learn more, please contact Patricia Wlasuk, director of scholarship giving, at pwlasuk@ufl.edu or at 352-294-4212.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The coming year, 2016, is the college’s 40th anniversary. We plan to celebrate with a bang and hope you’ll be a part of the celebration in some way as the year unfolds. Many of you have already heard from us, as we are actively soliciting feedback about game-changing impacts the college has had during its 40 years of existence. We plan to talk about those impacts as points of Gator pride, and hope you’ll be talking about them, too. We have so much to be proud of at the UFCVM and you’ll be hearing more in the coming months about our celebratory plans.

It is truly a time of growth, hope, energy and enthusiasm at the UFCVM. So many of you have had key roles in our successes to date, and we look forward to your ongoing active engagement as we continue to create the future of veterinary medicine, together.

Go Gators!

James W. Lloyd, D.V.M., Ph.D.
Professor and Dean

ADVOCATE STRENGTHENS SUPPORT TO HELP ANIMALS THROUGH UF’S PET SAMARITAN FUND

Chris Barley, an advisor to the Doral Pro Health Fund, is, is shown at right with college development officer Marcela Brandao. Through Barley, the DPH Fund has provided a total of $250,000 over five years to the Pet Samaritan Fund, which is reserved for special cases. Thanks to the Pet Samaritan Fund, more than 200 dogs have received life-saving treatment at the UF Small Animal Hospital. The fund is reserved for the most dire cases where acute, targeted medical intervention is needed to get the animal back on its feet.

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Dr. Mike Short is shown with a herd of Cracker Cattle that is maintained by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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By Sarah Carey

Michael Short, D.V.M. ('98), was appointed as Florida’s state veterinarian and director of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services’ Division of Animal Industry in July 2014. Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam calls Short, “a proven leader in the areas of livestock disease prevention, control and eradication who works diligently to protect Florida’s agriculture industry and its livestock.”

“As a proud Gator myself, it is wonderful to see other University of Florida graduates become true leaders in our state,” Putnam said.

After graduating from veterinary school, Short worked in private equine practice in Ocala and in Tallahassee for approximately seven years before becoming equine programs manager with the Division of Animal Industry in 2004, a position he held for 10 years until being promoted to the division’s bureau chief of animal disease control in April of last year. Short served as Bureau Chief for three short months before accepting his latest appointment as state veterinarian.

Short shared with Florida Veterinarian some of his responsibilities and priorities in his new position.

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR DAY-TO-DAY DUTIES LIKE?

One of the primary reasons I enjoy my job is that my duties are quite varied. I may visit a producer on a farm one day, spend the next day in meetings and on conference calls, visit the Bronson Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, or be in the field working with staff. My focus at all times is to ensure the division fulfills our mission of livestock disease prevention and control and agricultural emergency response in the most efficient, effective and customer service-minded manner as possible.

Q: WHERE DO YOU SPEND MOST OF YOUR TIME?

It really depends on what is happening in the agricultural community. I spend a significant amount of time collaborating with our interagency partners such as the University of Florida, the Florida Department of Health, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Agricultural Law Enforcement, and other sister agencies, interacting with agricultural producers and working with our staff.

I am currently focused on emergency preparedness and response, livestock disease surveillance and investigations and general administrative oversight of the division.

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The division is responsible for agricultural emergency issues within the state so we are continually working on preparedness and response to both natural disasters, like hurricanes and livestock and zoonotic diseases.

Administratively, I have been working with the division’s Bureau of Animal Disease Control to assess and institute targeted, risk-based disease surveillance and investigations to ensure we are working in an efficient and effective manner. A major initiative with the Division’s Bureau of Diagnostic Laboratories is the Laboratory Modernization Project. After a comprehensive internal review and meetings with industry, we have made significant strides in improving the Bronson Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory’s service and performance. While we still have work to do, we have already reclassified positions, purchased needed equipment and trained personnel.

Q WHAT ARE THE MOST EXCITING AND REWARDING ASPECTS OF YOUR JOB?

It is exciting for me to have an influence on national and state animal health policy, which can improve and safeguard animal and human health. To that end, I am encouraged by the One Health approach to diseases that directly affect animal and human health. One Health is an important step in safeguarding animal and human health and contributing to surveillance and early detection of diseases.

The most rewarding aspect of my job would be the relationships that I have formed with colleagues, members of industry and staff. I have the pleasure of working with dedicated people who have a passion for agriculture and improving the lives of others.

Q WHAT ARE SOME OF THE KEY COLLABORATIONS YOU HAVE WITH THE UFCVM?

We collaborate with UF on a weekly, and sometimes daily, basis. The CVM has been instrumental in assisting with expertise on numerous issues, including several disease outbreaks, consultations on multiple toxic and feed issues, emergency management preparedness, and consultation on routine disease and laboratory issues.

We have a quarterly meeting with Dean (Jim) Lloyd and others from the college. Three collaborative working groups have been formed including, a bovine, equine and laboratory working group. The goal of the working groups is to ensure communication on current disease issues and discuss ways of collaboration on research projects and industry outreach and education.

Q HAVE YOU STAYED IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FORMER PROFESSORS, CLASSMATES AND ALUMNI FROM THE UFCVM?

My mentors at the University would include Dr. Rob MacKay, Dr. Maureen Long and Dr. Carlos Risco. I still enjoy working with these three and many others at the college. I do stay in frequent touch with several classmates and often run into others at meetings or other events. I always enjoy catching up with classmates.

I am also fortunate to work with Dr. Lisa Conti (’88), who has a wealth of experience and knowledge in both human and animal health. As a first year state veterinarian, I appreciate the guidance and wisdom imparted by Dr. Conti, her support and her availability for consultation on issues.

As deputy commissioner and chief science officer for the department and due to her background and experience, Dr. Conti supervises those divisions with a scientific mission. The divisions are Animal Industry, Plant Industry, Agriculture Environmental Services, Aquaculture and Food Safety. In this role, Dr. Conti is innovative in finding ways for interfacing each division with other scientific agencies. She has a gift of reducing complex concepts into manageable bites, which comes in handy when dealing with disparate divisions with different goals. To further this collaboration, Dr. Conti leads monthly meetings to discuss administrative and scientific issues.

Q WHAT ARE YOUR OVERALL PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

Professionally, there are many goals that I hope to accomplish in the next few years. As the lead agency for both animal and agricultural emergency issues, the Division of Animal Industry must continue to train and equip our emergency responders and expand partnerships with outside agencies to better prepare for natural, man-made and disease emergencies. I also want to continue hiring dedicated, highly trained staff in both bureaus, which serves at the forefront of disease detection. In the future, I hope to have more staff veterinarians as certified foreign animal disease diagnosticians.
Dr. Leigh Sawyer

Leigh A. Sawyer, D.V.M. (’85), a captain with the U.S. Public Health Service, has served in a variety of federal agencies in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health and in the Office of the Secretary.

Her achievements range from the management of major public health programs to initiatives resulting in major impact on the health of the nation and globally.

Sawyer recently contributed to the Ebola response in West Africa, where she served as a USPHS officer at the Monrovia Medical Unit in Margibi County, Liberia, overseeing the clinical laboratory. Her participation was noted in the May 1 issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The president of the United States mobilized the USPHS Commissioned Corps to manage and staff the MMU, a 25-bed hospital dedicated to providing care to health care workers who became infected with Ebola in Liberia.

“This was the largest single mission for the Corps in West Africa,” Sawyer said. “The Corps’ MMU teams were the only U.S. government entity providing direct patient care. The MMU’s mission and impact also included bolstering international as well as Liberian national health care responder confidence to engage and assist in the fight.”

Sawyer said her training and public health professional experience prepared her for “the most rewarding and once in a lifetime opportunity to work with Ebola patients in the MMU with my USPHS colleagues in Liberia.”

A specialist in veterinary preventive medicine, Sawyer obtained her M.P.H. degree from the University of California-Berkeley’s School of Public Health prior to entering veterinary school. She credits the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine with supporting her interest and pursuit of a career in tropical animal health and global public health.

Sawyer retired from her 30-year career with the USPHS on July 1.

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Dr. Kendra Stauffer

Kendra Stauffer, D.V.M. (’99), is a veterinary medical officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Global Disease Detection Branch in the country of Georgia.

Stauffer is responsible for implementing infectious disease activities at the human/animal interface throughout Georgia and the Southern Caucus Region and serves as a key member of the leadership team for the global disease detection program.

Her primary mission is to enhance the capacity of partner countries to detect and respond to infectious disease threats.

A specialist in veterinary preventive medicine, she served earlier this year as an epidemiologist for the CDC’s Ebola response effort in Liberia.

Stauffer was deployed twice to that country, first between January and March and again in May. In her first deployment, she attended technical, informational and partners meetings and conducted infection prevention and control assessments of public health clinics. She also performed contact tracing of people who were epidemiologically linked to a confirmed or suspected Ebola virus case. In May, she led the CDC’s epidemiology team and acted as the organization’s liaison with the Ministry of Health and social welfare, directing activities, duties and logistics for six county health teams.

“When I went into the remote villages, I was often surrounded by dozens of children, all happy, and all just wanting to view the stranger from the U.S. who came to talk to the town chief about Ebola virus disease,” Stauffer said, adding that she worked with more than 20 different partners, including UNICEF, WHO and many others to coordinate their activities with the county health teams.

“At the end of my deployment, I knew that I had an impact on controlling and preventing more cases of Ebola virus disease as well as teaching many people about infectious diseases and basic hygiene,” Stauffer said. “What I didn’t expect is how much of an impact they would have on me. As I was leaving, I felt like I was leaving part of myself behind. Although I was very happy to be going home, there was something so beautiful and peaceful about the people I met, that Liberia, especially Lofa County, will always have a special place in my heart.”

After graduating from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, Stauffer worked in private practice for five years prior to joining the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Veterinary Services program, where she worked for nearly 10 years as a veterinary medical officer and emergency coordinator and served in key leadership positions. She previously worked for the CDC from 2008-2010 as an epidemic intelligence service officer in the bacterial special pathogens branch.

Photo courtesy of Dr. Kendra Stauffer
Three UFCVM graduates were named to the University of Florida’s inaugural “Gator 100” list of the world’s fastest growing companies founded by UF graduates.

Harmony Animal Hospital, owned by Jodi Reed, (‘01) and her husband, Jason Lenhardt, is a small animal practice located in Apex, North Carolina. The practice opened in 2009.

Reed, a general practitioner, works with dogs and cats and specializes in dentistry and soft tissue surgery.

Her business philosophy is, “Take the time to focus on and service the clients who appreciate all you do and find peace in letting go of those who do not.”

Lap of Love Veterinary Hospice, founded by Mary Gardner (‘08) of Yorba Linda, California and Dani McVety (‘09) of Lutz, Florida, is the largest network of veterinarians dedicated solely to end-of-life veterinary care.

The company has grown from one veterinarian in Tampa to more than 60 veterinarians around the U.S. Gardner and McVety have been featured in numerous local, national and professional media outlets, including ABC, Fox 13, University of Florida’s alumni magazine, Entrepreneur Magazine, DVM Newsmagazine and others.

Companies selected to the list must have been in business for at least five years, be Gator-led or Gator-owned and have annual revenues of $100,000 or more.

SAVE THE DATE

UF CVM HOMECOMING

NOVEMBER 7, 2015
A rare parasite that can cause sickness in humans and animals is present in more species of snails in Florida than previously thought, potentially putting people and pets who eat snails at risk.

University of Florida scientists made the discovery after an orangutan treated at UF died from eating snails carrying the parasite Angiostrongylus cantonensis, known as the rat lungworm. While the rat lungworm is considered established in snail populations in Hawaii, until now it has not been commonly seen in the continental United States. However, the researchers’ findings show the parasite may now be established in South Florida, which raises concerns about how it got there and the potential implications for both animal and human health.

“Determining the geographic distribution of this parasite in Florida is important due to the hazards to human health,” said Heather Walden, Ph.D., an assistant professor of parasitology at UF’s College of Veterinary Medicine and lead author of a study published in February in the Journal of Parasitology.

The rat lungworm is a nematode that can affect both animals and humans. It uses the rat as a definitive host and gastropods, such as snails, as intermediate hosts.

Florida’s large horticultural industry makes the parasite’s presence in the state particularly disturbing because plant nurseries are one of its most important modes of transport.

“Most of the snails found to be intermediate hosts for this parasite in our study are invasive and some feed on or shelter on ornamental plants, which have the potential for distribution throughout Florida and in other areas of the United States,” Walden said.

Walden’s research builds on a previous UF study, which reported that a 6-year-old orangutan treated at UF in 2012 after exhibiting neurological symptoms was infected with the rat lungworm. The animal had a history of eating snails, Walden said.

In 2013, Walden and a colleague visited the Miami area to collect terrestrial snails from the orangutan’s infection site. They sorted snails by size, shape and color and identified them by species.

The scientists collected mucus from all of the snails and analyzed specimens for the presence of nematodes. Additionally, rat fecal samples were collected from the original infection site and examined for nematodes.

Of five species of terrestrial snails tested, three tested positive for the rat lungworm. One species was the same as the orangutan had ingested, one is a known intermediate host and the other had never previously been identified as an intermediate host, the study states. All of the rat fecal samples contained the nematode.

Walden is working with study co-author John Slapcinsky, an invertebrate zoologist who specializes in the study of mollusks with UF’s Florida Museum of Natural History, to properly identify and process all of the snails collected in this project.

In addition to the danger to humans, the rat lungworm can also affect dogs, horses and birds. “These species all get similar diseases,” she said. “So these findings are of interest not only to companion animal medicine but to human medicine as well.”

The parasite causes a rare and potentially fatal form of meningitis in people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Walden hopes to broaden her survey to the entire state of Florida and will be working with UF veterinary students in the endeavor.

“Humans can’t become infected with this parasite unless they eat an undercooked or raw snail,” she said. “Some animal species can harbor the infective larvae, like different crustaceans or frogs. As long as food is cooked and you wash your produce, you will most likely never ingest it.”

As for pet owners, “I often tell my students, ‘Don’t let your pets eat lizards or catch mice,’ to avoid potential infection of other parasites. Snails also fall into that group,” Walden said. “If you know you have a snail problem, try to keep your pet away from that area.”
By Sarah Carey

A typical puppy, it didn’t take long for little 6.5-pound Buddy, a Chihuahua mix, to scarf down several pills when they accidentally spilled from his owner’s bathroom sink on Feb. 21. It also didn’t take long for the 4-month-old pup to start having seizures: The pills were muscle relaxers containing the drug baclofen.

“I was at work and my boyfriend called me freaking out because our daughter had found the dog in obvious distress,” said Melodey Freni, who lives in Ocala. “Apparently one of our cats had knocked over the bottle of muscle relaxers and Buddy got ahold of the pills. He tore it open and ate about 10 of them.”

Freni rushed Buddy to her veterinarian, who contacted UF’s Pet Emergency Treatment Services in Ocala when the dog’s condition worsened.

“He had no body movement, but he was yelping, so we knew he was alive,” Freni said. “The UF vets stabilized him and gave me all of his treatment options. But when I asked what the very best option was for him, they said it was hemodialysis treatment.”

Freni never doubted what she was going to do; Buddy had been a Christmas present for her daughter, and she would try to save his life, no matter what the cost.

The UF PETS team then immediately transported Buddy to the Small Animal Hospital in Gainesville, arriving shortly before Freni and her family did.

“He had stopped breathing in Ocala,” said Dr. Carsten Bandt, chief of the hospital’s emergency and critical care service. “We intubated him there and hand-ventilated him on our way to UF. Once we got to UF, he was treated with hemodialysis to remove the baclofen from his bloodstream. We were able to remove all of his baclofen and he went home a few hours later, being completely normal.”

Bandt said that without hemodialysis, Buddy probably would have continued to have seizures and would have stayed on a ventilator for at least a few more days.

“This is a nice example of how hemodialysis actually can help to keep a medical bill down, but most importantly, the procedure can help a patient recover quickly,” Bandt said.

As for the Freni family, they can’t say enough about UF. They are grateful not only for the care rendered to Buddy, but for the kindness shown to their daughter while she waited to hear if her beloved dog was going to pull through his ordeal.

“My daughter was so upset about what happened to Buddy,” Freni said. “She blamed herself. She said, ‘If I had been playing with him and not with my toys, this wouldn’t have happened.’ But Dr. (Ashley) Allen actually came out and sat down with her and said, ‘oh, no, if you hadn’t found him and brought him in, we wouldn’t have been able to save him.’”

Now Buddy has a new family nickname: Super Puppy.

“We really can’t thank the veterinarians at UF enough,” Freni said. “Now we kind of include them as part of our family. We’re just so glad they are close to us, in our backyard in Gainesville.”
One of Gainesville’s most popular bovines, an 11-year-old Jersey cow named Penny, is back to eating apples and helping to educate children about farm life at Morningside Nature Center, thanks to surgery performed May 8 at the UF Large Animal Hospital to remove a mass in her udder.

Penny is no stranger to UF veterinarians, who have seen her many times over the years due to her poor reproductive performance, said Myriam Jimenez, D.V.M. a resident with UF’s Food Animal Medicine Service.

“She’s never gotten pregnant,” said Jimenez. “About a year ago, she was treated for mastitis on her right rear quarter, probably due to biting flies. She received treatment, including a teat amputation, for her mastitis, but unfortunately the problem worsened into an abscess within her udder.”

Jimenez said UF veterinarians treated the abscess and tried to resolve Penny’s infection with a variety of treatments but were not successful.

Enter fourth-year veterinary student Carley Trcalek.

“Carley came to the FARMS service for her last month of clinical rotations and met Penny,” Jimenez said. “We were at the time discussing how we might proceed with an approach closer to surgery. Carley took it upon herself to take pictures, which she shared with Dr. (David) Freeman and UF’s large animal surgery team.”

Trcalek said she took an instant liking to Penny after first meeting her.

“She’s a very sweet cow with a lot of personality,” Trcalek said. “Another reason I became so involved was the staff at Morningside. They are so dedicated to Penny and that was really inspiring. Their dedication and Penny’s winning personality really motivated me to help her as much as I could.”

After meeting Penny and realizing surgery was being considered as a last resort, Trcalek consulted with various team members in surgery and anesthesia to get their opinions as to how well this option might work.

“I thought, we have access to the best of the best in these fields, why not take advantage,” Trcalek said. “From there, I just did what I typically did while on clinics – pestered the clinicians.”

The UF team came up with a solid surgical and anesthesia plan and a cost proposal, which was then proposed to Morningside staff. Morningside agreed to move forward and Penny was able to be scheduled for her much-needed surgery.

The procedure, which took about two hours, was conducted by Valeria Albanese, D.V.M., a UF large animal surgeon.

“Both the surgery and the anesthesia were fairly involved, and I am extremely grateful to the team that made this happen,” Trcalek said. “I felt like the whole thing was such an awesome collaborative effort between FARMS, surgery, anesthesia and Morningside. I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful team.”

Penny was able to go home May 10.

“She’s healing well,” Jimenez said. “She has a bit of expected swelling on her right leg due to the extension of the mass removal, but she is in good spirits and eating her apples as always. We expect a full recovery and are very optimistic about her future.”

In addition to being a beloved icon for visitors to the Living History Farm at Morningside, which is operated by the City of Gainesville, Penny is a valuable educational resource and an integral part of the center’s farm programs, said Bricky Way, Morningside’s recreation leader and farm manager.

“Today, many children or adults have little chance for interaction with the farm animals that were a daily part of our ancestors’ lives,” Way said.

From milk production to garden fertilizer, Morningside visitors learn through Penny how bovines were an indispensable part of a late 1800s Florida farm.

“We owe everyone on the UF veterinary team a huge debt of gratitude,” Way said.
**UF PETS CLINIC IN OCALA CERTIFIED BY NATIONAL GROUP**

By Sarah Carey

The UF Pet Emergency Treatment Services clinic in Ocala has been certified as a Level 3 veterinary emergency and critical care facility by the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society.

Only three facilities in the state are presently certified by the national group. The UF Small Animal Hospital in Gainesville became certified as a Level 1 facility earlier this year.

“The UF PETS facility in Ocala serves Marion County veterinarians and pet owners in that area by providing the expertise we have available at our main Gainesville facility but on a smaller scale,” said Dr. Carsten Bandt, chief of the hospital’s emergency and critical care service. “We received this certification because of our capabilities and high standards of emergency and critical care.”

The certification program is part of an effort by the group to raise awareness for emergency critical care services and to give the public a way to compare different emergency and critical facilities.

According to the society’s website, the Level 3 emergency and critical care facility is an acute care facility with the medical staff, personnel and training necessary to provide emergency and critical patient care. Facilities receiving the Level 3 designation are open to receive small animal emergency patients on nights, weekends and holidays 365 days a year.

Emergency specialists at UF PETS manage everything from trauma and acute kidney disease to lacerations and exposure to toxins.

The service treated more than 4,200 small animal patients in 2014, according to Dana Zimmel, D.V.M., associate dean for clinical services at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine.

The facility opened in July 2012 and represents a unique national business model through which veterinarians in the Marion County area own the building in which the facility operates, while UF owns the business. The collaborative arrangement benefits veterinarians in the area by providing a facility where they can refer animal patients after normal business hours. Pet owners in the area benefit by having a high-quality emergency facility close to home.

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**HOSPITAL GAINS AAHA ACCREDITATION**

The University of Florida Small Animal Hospital has gained accreditation in both traditional and specialty areas from a national group following a rigorous review of the hospital’s practice protocols, medical equipment, facility and client service.

The designation, granted Aug. 4 by the American Animal Hospital Association, or AAHA, symbolizes the highest level of veterinary excellence, according to the association. Established in 1933, AAHA is the only accrediting body for small animal hospitals in the U.S. and Canada. Today, only 12-15 percent of all veterinary practices in the U.S. and Canada are AAHA accredited.

“We are so pleased to have reached this important milestone, which is a reflection of the high level of veterinary expertise we offer to pet owners and to the referring veterinary community,” said Dana Zimmel, D.V.M., associate dean for clinical services and chief medical officer at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine.

In addition to becoming accredited in the traditional primary care area, the UF Small Animal Hospital is now accredited for referral services in nine specialty areas, including ophthalmology, emergency and critical care, cardiology, internal medicine, dermatology, zoological medicine, neurology, surgery and oncology.

Unlike human hospitals, not all animal hospitals are required to be accredited. For the AAHA designation, animal hospitals choose to be evaluated on approximately 900 quality standards that go beyond state regulations, ranging from patient care and pain management to staff training and advanced diagnostic services.

To maintain accredited status, the UF Small Animal Hospital must continue to be evaluated every three years by AAHA.
Veterinarians focusing on areas ranging from community outreach to public health, higher education leadership, horse health and technical training have been named recipients of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine’s 2015 Distinguished Awards.

The program was established in 2000 to recognize outstanding alumni, faculty and friends of the college in the categories of Alumni Achievement, Distinguished Service, Special Service and Outstanding Young Alumni.

Natalie Isaza, D.V.M., a 1994 graduate of the UF veterinary medical college and the Barbara and Arnold Grevior Shelter Medicine Community Outreach Professor, received the Alumni Achievement Award. Isaza joined UF’s faculty in 2003 and developed the Merial Shelter Medicine Clerkship, now known as the Veterinary Community Outreach Program. The program is an elective rotation that gives UF veterinary students valuable hands-on experience with spay-neuter surgery and community veterinary medicine.

Isaza also administers a donor-funded program known as Helping Alachua’s Animals Receive Treatment and Surgery, which helps cover the cost of treating shelter animals for medical issues beyond basic spay and neuter. She is a co-founder of the St. Francis House Pet Care Clinic in Gainesville.

Commander Lauren Davidson, D.V.M., a 1999 UF veterinary medical college alumna, received the Distinguished Service Award. A commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service, Davidson also is board-certified in laboratory animal medicine. She serves as director of veterinary resources for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research at the National Institutes of Health.

Davidson is the youngest person to become animal program director and the second black woman in NIH history to hold that position. Davidson has participated in many U.S. Public Health Service readiness responses and support activities. She received the agency’s Commendation Medal and the U.S. Coast Guard Achievement Medal. She also serves on various committees and boards to address issues among female USPHS officers, including leadership and work-life balance. In addition, she mentors students in the Washington, D.C. area who are interested in veterinary medicine, science and technology.

Pamela Ginn, D.V.M., received the Special Service Award. Ginn received her D.V.M. degree from Colorado State University in 1983 and worked in small-animal private practice until 1990. She joined UF’s faculty in 1992 after completing a residency in anatomical pathology and singlehandedly developed UF’s dermatopathology service. She is board-certified in veterinary pathology and internationally recognized for her expertise in skin-related diseases.

Ginn has received many awards for her teaching, including the American College of Veterinary Dermatologists’ Excellence in Teaching Award in 2011. She was named associate dean for students and instruction at the UF veterinary medical college in 2012 and has played a key leadership role in curricular revision and documentation, student wellness and establishment of student learning outcomes.

Glen Wright, D.V.M., and Johanna Elfenbein, D.V.M., who graduated from the UF veterinary medical college in 2006 and 2007 respectively, received Outstanding Young Alumni Awards.

Wright, who earned his undergraduate degree from Florida A&M University in 2002, was recruited back to FAMU for the job he now holds as director of the veterinary technology program. Prior to that, he worked for several private small-animal veterinary practices in the southeastern United States.

He helped guide the FAMU program through accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association and serves on the UF veterinary college admissions committee.

Elfenbein is an assistant professor of equine internal medicine at North Carolina State University. She
completed a residency in large-animal internal medicine at UF in 2011, soon becoming board certified in her field. She completed a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences at Texas A&M University in 2014.

Her research focuses on salmonella pathogenesis, including identification of novel pathways used by the bacterium to grow in the gut. She has published 11 refereed manuscripts, generated 23 abstracts and received an NIH-mentored clinical scientist research career development award, among other accomplishments.

The awards were presented May 23 at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts during college commencement exercises.

**New Scholarship Initiative Off to Great Start**

By Sarah Carey

An ambitious new scholarship initiative launched earlier this year at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine to reverse the troubling trend of steadily increasing veterinary medical student debt is off to a great start.

The college’s dean, James W. Lloyd, D.V.M., Ph.D., aims to rapidly increase annual scholarship awards by tenfold. In June, the college announced that it had already raised $204,728.

“This was possible because our generous alumni and other supporters helped us meet the Nicoletti Challenge,” Lloyd said, alluding to a gift made by professor emeritus Paul Nicoletti, D.V.M., through which Nicoletti pledged to meet, dollar for dollar up to $100,000, contributions made to the UF Veterinary Access Scholarship fund by May 15.

“We are aiming to provide greater access to the veterinary medical profession for those individuals who will lead the profession into the future,” Lloyd said. “We expect to be awarding $5 million in scholarship funds every year, within the next decade.”

Lloyd first announced the scholarship initiative and the Nicoletti Challenge gift at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando during a UF veterinary medical college alumni reception.

“Although other veterinary medical colleges also actively pursue student scholarships, our college is the first to have a development officer dedicated entirely to fundraising for scholarship support,” Lloyd said.

Following a national search, Lloyd appointed Patricia Wlasuk in January to spearhead fundraising for the initiative, which originated conceptually from the college’s strategic planning process.

“Alumni, students, faculty and staff were included in this process, which began in 2013,” Lloyd said. “All groups expressed concern that the escalating student debt load trend was restricting recruitment and possibly having a negative impact on the choice of career pathway among veterinary medical graduates.”

About 2,900 students graduate each year from veterinary medical colleges in the United States, according to the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges. The most recent American Veterinary Medical Association student survey reports that these new graduates leave school with an average debt of $151,000.

“Our goal is to see the average veterinary student’s debt load decrease instead of continuing to escalate,” Lloyd said. “Unfortunately, the trend is clear that the student debt is likely to continue to increase without this initiative.”

Lloyd said veterinarians play a key role in animal, human and environmental health.

“The need for veterinarians both nationally and internationally will only increase,” he said. “We feel it is our obligation, to our students, to the profession and to society as a whole, to help enhance student access, keeping our profession vibrant and robust.”
Richard Johnson, Ph.D., a professor of anatomy and neuroscience at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine, has received the college’s top teaching award as well as the UF Research Foundation professorship in recognition of his research accomplishments.

Both honors were announced independently in late spring.

Johnson was selected as the recipient of the Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award, based on numerous criteria, including peer and student evaluations; quality of teaching and impact on student learning; and teaching-related research, service and publishing activities.

A member of the college’s faculty since 1986, Johnson’s primary appointment is in the department of physiological sciences. He holds a joint appointment in the College of Medicine’s department of neuroscience.

“Over my 30 years of teaching veterinary anatomy, I have found that the teaching of anatomy is like teaching a language,” Johnson said. “A veterinary student must learn to write and speak the language of ‘anatomy’ and learn its ‘dialects’ in order to communicate with clinical colleagues and clients.”

His course material focuses on structures, organs and regions that are the most clinically relevant in a particular species using an approach that involves visual, auditory and tactile perception, Johnson said.

“Anatomy cannot be learned solely through the reading of text and viewing two-dimensional drawings and pictures,” he said. “I believe in challenging all the students, even those at the top of the class, to learn the material beyond what is comfortable and easy. I expect as much engaged effort from the students as they do from me. They inspire me to improve my teaching.”

Sponsored by the university’s Office of Research, the UF Research Foundation professorships are awarded to faculty members who have a strong record of research and a research agenda that is likely to lead to continuing distinction in their fields. The honor includes a three-year salary increase of $5,000 and a one-time $3,000 grant for research support.

For the past 25 years, Johnson’s research has focused on developing experimental models for the study of spinal cord and peripheral nerve injury. He also studies the disruption of neuronal circuits associated with such injuries and their effect on male sexual function, bladder voiding and sensory pathways from the limbs.

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“Injury to the spinal cord or peripheral nerve trunks result in a number of complications that seriously affect the quality of life,” Johnson said. “In humans, most of these injuries occur in young men resulting from accidents sports activities, and battlefield deployment.”

Recently published national surveys, including three Johnson collaborated on, document that among paraplegics, regaining normal sexual and bladder functions are their most important recovery goals – even surpassing the ability to walk again.

Together with his faculty colleagues, new methodologies developed in Johnson’s laboratory will be used to study painful conditions stemming from myalgia and nerve amputation neuromas.
IN MEMORIAM: DR. WYLAND CRIPE

By Sarah Carey

Dr. Wyland Cripe, D.V.M., a former administrator, ambulatory clinician and founding faculty member at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine who was known for his affinity for international veterinary medicine and water buffalo, died Dec. 28, 2014.

A member of the first veterinary class (1952) at the University of California-Davis, Cripe spent nearly 20 years in private practice and pursuing international interests before being recruited by the UFCVM’s founding dean, Dr. Charles Cornelius, to help establish a new veterinary college at UF in 1976. He helped form the Rural Animal Medicine Service and in 1977, he persuaded his friend and colleague in California, Maarten Drost, D.V.M., now a professor emeritus at the college, to come to UF and develop a department of reproduction.

As a team leader for the United Nations Food And Agricultural Organization in the early 1970s, Cripe had become interested in water buffalo and their use in Third World countries. While at UF, he, A.P. Leonards, an entrepreneur from Lake Charles, Louisiana and Drost hatched a plan to bring two groups of swamp buffaloes from Guam and later Trinidad to Gainesville, where they were quarantined at UF and their reproductive behavior was monitored for several months. As a result, the world’s first embryo transfer calf was born in Gainesville.

Cripe also served as the college’s first associate dean of students and public services, a position that combined his love for students with his abilities in the area of fundraising.

A memorial service was held in Gainesville in April for Cripe, who passed 12 days after his wife of 71 years, Marnelle.
The North American Veterinary Conference recently named Dr. Chris Sanchez, an associate professor at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, as its 2015 Speaker of the Year in the equine category.

A board-certified equine medicine specialist, Sanchez received her D.V.M. degree from UF in 1995. She then completed an internship at Equine Medical Associates in Edmond, Oklahoma and a residency in large animal internal medicine at UF. She completed her Ph.D. at UF in 2003.

She worked with Al Merritt, D.V.M., now a large animal medicine professor emeritus, studying the effects of colonic inflammation on nociceptive transmission and central processing of pain. Her research has primarily been focused on three main areas: the equine gastric ulcer syndrome, pain management in the horse and critical care of equine neonates.

Her laboratory has evaluated the effectiveness of various drugs for the treatment of gastric ulcers in foals and adult horses and for pain management in foals and adult horses, as well as how different factors, such as age, housing, and illness can affect the physiologic environment of the stomach in foals and adult horses.

At the NAVC conference in January, Sanchez presented sessions on “Managing the Septic Foal in the Field,” “Prematurity and Neonatal Encephalopathy: Field Therapy and Prognosis” and several other topics.
**EQUINE SURGEON NAMED APPLETON PROFESSOR**

David Freeman, M.V.B., Ph.D., a professor in the UF College of Veterinary Medicine’s department of large animal clinical sciences, has been named to the Martha and Arthur Appleton Endowed Professorship in Equine Studies.

Freeman will lead a progressive graduate training program, recruiting and serving as a major advisor for graduate students who will be trained to make ongoing impacts throughout their own professional careers, Risco said.

Freeman’s many career accolades include being honored in 2011 by the Federal University of Minas Gerais in Brazil for his contributions to the development of equine surgery worldwide.

He was invited by the British Equine Veterinary Association to present the Sir Frederick Hobday Memorial Lecture in 2004 and was named Teacher of the Year in 2007 by the College of Veterinary Medicine’s Class of 2010. He received the Florida Veterinary Medical Association’s Clinical Investigator Award from UF in 2012.

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“This appointment is a great honor, and an opportunity to be linked through history with one of the premier farms in Florida, Bridlewood Farm, which was once owned by the Appletons,” Freeman said.

**WLASKUK TO HEAD SCHOLARSHIP GIVING**

Patricia Wlasuk, a six-year employee of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, has been named director of the college’s new UF Veterinary Access Scholarship program following a national search.

““The UF College of Veterinary Medicine is a national leader in so many areas,” Wlasuk said. “We need to be a leader for our students and the profession by tackling the debt load issue head on.”

During 2014-2015 school year, the college awarded $689,050 in endowed scholarships to 288 DVM students. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association’s 2015 Report on Veterinary Debt and Income, mean educational debt for new veterinarians has grown by about $6,854 annually over the past 10 years.

“By providing more scholarship support, our hope is graduates will have more career options and access to accept job opportunities that are important to the profession and the health and welfare of animals and humans,” she said.

Prior to her appointment, Wlasuk served as assistant director of development and alumni affairs. She was first hired as a development associate at the college in 2009.

With student debt continuing to rise more rapidly than veterinarians’ wages, the college’s dean, James W. Lloyd, D.V.M., Ph.D., recently launched a scholarship initiative that is now known as the UF Veterinary Access Scholarship. It is aimed at rapidly increasing annual scholarship awards tenfold.
YAMAMOTO NAMED TO FLORIDA INVENTORS HALL OF FAME

Janet Yamamoto, Ph.D., a professor of retroviral immunology at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine, was recently named as one of seven 2015 inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. Yamamoto’s discovery of the feline immunodeficiency virus and vaccine are being applied to research into HIV.

The new honorees will be inducted at the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame’s second annual induction ceremony and gala on Oct. 2, 2015, in Tampa.

Honorees, who must have at least one U.S. patent, were nominated through an open process and elected by a selection committee comprising distinguished leaders in research and innovation throughout Florida.

Collectively, the seven 2015 inductees hold more than 430 U.S. patents.

In 1984, Yamamoto established the HIV/AIDS BSL3 laboratory under the joint directive of the Schools of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine at the University of California-Davis, which became the Center for AIDS Research. She is the first to demonstrate, together with Nobel Laureate Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, Ph.D., that interferon-gamma will not protect against HIV-1, and she served as the consultant for the second FDA-approved HIV-1 Western blot for HIV-1 confirmatory test.

Yamamoto co-discovered the feline immunodeficiency virus, FIV, the feline counterpart of HIV and also invented the first commercial FIV vaccine sold by Pfizer-Zoetis and Boehringer. Her current research focus is on the development of a T-cell-based HIV vaccine. She donates all of her patent royalty/licensing income to her research.

HOUSE RECEIVES GOLD STAR AWARD

Amanda House, D.V.M., an associate professor at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine, has received the Florida Veterinary Medical Association’s Gold Star Award for 2015.

Each year the FVMA recognizes individuals who contribute to the advancement of veterinary medicine, animal health and the human-animal bond. The Gold Star Award is presented to members who have contributed their time and energy to the association and/or a local association for the advancement of the profession. House and other award winners were honored April 10 at the group’s annual conference.

A specialist in large animal internal medicine and equine extension, House joined the UF faculty in 2007. She directs the practice-based equine clerkship at the college and is an active member of the Florida Association of Equine Practitioners. She has served on FAEP’s board of directors and on numerous committees as well as in officer roles, including as vice president in 2009 and as president in 2010.

She also has coordinated UF’s Healthy Horses Conference, an educational day hosted by the college for horse owners, for seven years.

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The Florida Association of Equine Practitioners will hold its 11th annual Promoting Excellence Symposium at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The college will have an exhibit booth and will host an alumni gathering during the event. For more information, visit http://givingandalumni.vetmed.ufl.edu/.

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Ride with Team VetMed in the Horse Farm Hundred cycling event! For more information email Jo Ann Winn at winnj@ufl.edu.

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Jan. 16-20
The North American Veterinary Conference and CVM alumni gathering will be held in Orlando. The college’s gathering will be held Jan. 17 at the Marriott Orlando World Center. For more information, visit: http://givingandalumni.vetmed.ufl.edu/.