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AABP Student Members Awarded \$324,00 in Scholarships

*The American Association of Bovine Practitioners Foundation
gives veterinary students financial help.*

(ASHLAND, Ohio) September 18, 2024 –Student recipients were acknowledged at the 2024 57th AABP Annual Conference which was held Sept. 12-14 in Columbus, Ohio. The awards, funded by AABP members, AABP industry partners Merck Animal Health, the Zoetis Foundation and the AABP Foundation, will enable recipients to further pursue their careers in bovine medicine. The AABP Foundation administers all of the charitable functions of AABP. This year, the AABP Foundation received 238 scholarship applications and awarded 39 scholarships. Adding to the Amstutz scholarship funds were the Amstutz live and silent auctions, the annual 5K Stampede Fun Run sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim and direct donations from members.

“The support that bovine veterinarians and industry allies provide for the next generation of veterinarians is tremendous,” says AABP Foundation Chair Dr. Gabe Middleton. “The AABP Foundation is delighted to be part of the process that helps offset the cost of education for veterinary students. I challenge bovine practitioners to step up even more in their support of student scholarships in the future. Our support provides much needed relief to offset the high costs of education. The caliber of students entering this segment of the profession is outstanding, and we need to continue to foster that interest.”

“Each year I am truly inspired by the next generation of veterinarians when I read the scholarship applications and see the recipients selected,” notes AABP Executive Director Dr. Fred Gingrich. “I am very thankful for the tremendous support of the initiatives of the AABP Foundation by our members and our industry partners at Merck Animal Health and the Zoetis Foundation for funding individual scholarship programs. I hope that we can continue to increase the support for the AABP Foundation so that we can award more students with larger scholarships to offset the increased financial burden of obtaining a veterinary degree.”

2024 Amstutz Scholarship Recipients

Nine veterinary students received the \$11,000 2024 Harold E. Amstutz Scholarships. Funding comes from AABP member contributions, investment fund interest and dividends, proceeds from the 5k Stampede, and proceeds from the AABP Live and Silent Auctions and raffle. The 2024 recipients are:

- Evan “Moose” Clarke-Deaver, Cornell University
- Laine Colombik, Washington State University
- Kelsey D’Amico, Purdue University
- Veronica Fursova, Ontario Veterinary College
- Jackson Goudy, Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- Justin Huff, University of Illinois

- Derrick Knill, Ontario Veterinary College
- Elle Moon, Iowa State University
- Lindsey Wichman, University of Wisconsin

2024 James H. Bias Scholarship

James H. Bias was the first Black man to graduate from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1910. He went on to establish veterinary medicine as a critical component of the Tuskegee agricultural science department, and fostered a positive image of veterinarians in the community. This influential \$5,000 scholarship is named in honor of this historic trailblazer who opened many doors for veterinary students of color. The 2024 recipients are:

- Carla Gutierrez, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
- Kia Williams, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

2024 Merck Animal Health

Bovine Veterinary Student Recognition Awards

Nine 3rd and 4th year veterinary students will receive this \$10,000 scholarship generously sponsored by Merck Animal Health. The 2024 recipients are:

- Alyssa Hoyle, Oklahoma State University
- Derrick Knill, Ontario Veterinary College
- Madelaine Kuwada, North Carolina State University
- Cady McGehee, University of Wisconsin
- Mikayla Ringelberg, Ontario Veterinary College
- Emma Sells, Washington State University
- Jayden (Hanna) Simpson, Kansas State University
- Sierra Shelit, Kansas State University
- Matthew Vander Poel, University of Wisconsin

2024 Edwin Robertson Memorial Scholarship

The Edwin Robertson Memorial Scholarship, administered through the AABP Foundation, provides a \$1,000 award to one veterinary student each from Auburn University and Lincoln Memorial University to help fund a theriogenology, embryo transfer or advance reproductive techniques experience. The 2024 recipients are:

- Hannah Bonnema, Lincoln Memorial University

2024 Francis Welcome Future Dairy Practitioner Scholarship

The Francis Welcome Future Dairy Practitioner Scholarship supports superior 3rd year veterinary students who demonstrate the character, knowledge and potential to become outstanding dairy veterinarians upon graduation. This \$2,000 memorial scholarship was created by the Welcome family to honor the memory of AABP Honor Roll member Dr. Francis (Frank) Welcome.

- Rianna Scott, Ontario Veterinary College
- Alexandra Trulsen, Cornell University

2024 Zoetis Foundation Scholarship

Veterinary students graduating in 2025 were eligible for the Zoetis Foundation Scholarship. This year, 16 students received the \$7,500 award which is generously funded by the Zoetis Foundation. The 2024 recipients are:

- Jacob Bunker, Colorado State University
- Laine Colombik, Washington State University
- Kaylee Cooper, Mississippi State University
- Kelsey D'Amico, Purdue University
- Cody Davis, Auburn University
- Bailey DeGroat, The Ohio State University
- George DeMers, University of Pennsylvania
- Martin Holsinger, Mississippi State University
- Elle Moon, Iowa State University
- Curtis Patton, Michigan State University
- Harrell Phillips, III, Kansas State University
- Allison Rapp, The Ohio State University
- Sierra Shelit, Kansas State University
- Mikaela Talley, Texas A&M University
- Lindsey Tarby, Texas A&M University
- Alexandra Trulsen, Cornell University

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Next up will be the 8th Annual AABP Recent Graduate Conference Feb. 14-15, 2025 in Norman, Okla.

The 2025 58th AABP Annual Conference will be held Sept. 11-13, 2025, in Omaha, Neb.

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