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AVC Students and Faculty Awarded for Excellence

Charlottetown, PEI - The Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC), University of Prince Edward Island, awarded its students and faculty last night, October 30, 2003, at the AVC Recognition Night. The awards covered everything from the Dean's honour roll and excellence in teaching to students demonstrating leadership both in and outside the classroom.

Over 50 awards were presented by Dr. Timothy Ogilvie, Dean of AVC and many special guests and faculty.

The Honourable Eugene F. Whelan Green Hat Award was a highlight of the night, being presented to an individual who has had a significant and positive impact on the AVC and veterinary medicine in Atlantic Canada and beyond. **Dr. Bud Ings** received a Green Hat Award for his contributions to the veterinary profession on PEI and his ongoing support of the Atlantic Veterinary College. Also, an award was presented in honour of the late **Dr. Kenneth Wells** and was accepted on behalf of his family by friend and retired AVC faculty member Dr. Robert Curtis. The Green Hat Award was presented to Dr. Wells for his role in AVC's development as the federal representative on the Project Management Board which was responsible for developing the College.

The Pfizer Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award is a special award presented to an outstanding teacher, who, through his or her ability, dedication, character and leadership contributes significantly to the advancement of the veterinary profession. **Dr. Art Ortenburger**, from AVC's Department of Health Management, was recognized this year for his ongoing commitment to the students at AVC.

Attached you will find a complete list of those individuals awarded at the AVC Recognition Night.

Student, Staff and Faculty Awards

The Atlantic Veterinary Medical Associations Award, *Jeremy Orr*;
The Dr. John D. Barrie Memorial Scholarship, *Bart Bottoms*;
The Bayer Award, *Emily Pringle*;
The Dr. Darya Campbell Memorial Award; *Victoria Kavanagh*
The Canadian Association of Veterinary Pathologists Award, *Megan Jones*;
The Canadian Kennel Club Award, *Leslie Pike*;
The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Award, *Sonya Swinamer*;
The Christofor Award in Animal Welfare , *Barb Jones*;
The Class of 2000 Veterinary Teaching Animals Award , *Colleen Maurer*;
The David E. Coburn Memorial Scholarship, *Melissa Burgoyne*;
The Julie A. Crawford Memorial Scholarship, *Anne Marie Carey*;
The Roy & Margaret Crosby Memorial Award, *Martha Mellish*;
The Douglas W. Ehresmann Memorial Award in Virology, *Erica Tyre*;
The Elanco Animal Health Award in Swine Medicine, *Penny Spencer*;
The Gallant Custom Laboratories Anniversary Award, *Kim Jansen*;
The Rolf C. Hagen Award, *Tim Mcquaid*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (1st in 3rd year), *Victoria Kavanagh*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (1st in 2nd year), *Megan Jones and Tim Mcquaid*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (1st in 1st year) *Kiersten Murray*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (2nd in 3rd year), *Sara Brown*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (2nd in 2nd year), *Erica Tyre*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (2nd in 1st year), *Mellissa Yuen*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (3rd in 3rd year), *Tania Landry*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (3rd in 2nd year), *N/A Applicable this Year (Tie for 1st)*
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (3rd in 1st year), *Yvette MacLean*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (MVSc), *Cora Gilroy*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (MSc), *Paul Bernard*;
The G. Murray and Hazel Hagerman Scholarship (MSc), *Sarah Naidoo*;
The Dr. Lawrence E. Heider Leadership Award, *David Mruer*;
The Hill's Pet Nutrition Canada Class Spirit Award, *Kimberly Kulik*;
The Hill's Pet Nutrition Canada Award in Small Animal Internal Medicine (2nd Year), *Kristen Harding*;
The Hill's Pet Nutrition Canada Award in Small Animal Internal Medicine (3rd Year), *Shannon Martinson*;
The International Student Award (3rd Year), *Brandie Cox*;
The International Student Award (2nd Year), *Catherine Schmall*;
The International Student Award (1st Year), *Eric Rowe*;
The Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins Award, *Angela Martyn*;
The A.M. Lloyd Memorial Scholarship, *Melissa Smith*;
The Merial Award in Parasitology, *Elisha Dickinson*;
The Jeanne Mingo-Doiron Memorial Scholarship, *Alana Williams Mason*;
The North American Veterinary Conference Award, *Shauna Blois*;
The Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association Award, *Andrea Dube*;
The Novartis Award in Parasitology, *Kiersten Murray*;
Dr. Albert F. Olmstead Memorial Award, *Lori Lenihan*;
The Pfizer Award in Pharmacology, *Layton Reid*;
The Prince Edward Island Milk Marketing Board Award, *Karen Walsh*;

The Prince Edward Island Swine Breeders' Association Award, *Karen MacDonald*;
The Prince Edward Island Veterinary Medical Association Award, *Courtney Griswold*;
The Purity Dairy Scholarship, *Trevor Lawson*;
The Mrs. Davinder Kaur Singh Award, *Priscilla Ellis*;
The Stephen W. Taylor Class of '99 Memorial Award, *Jane Manfredi*;
The Van Toever Award in Aquaculture, *Amanda Swim*;
The Veterinary Macroscopic Anatomy Scholarships, *Kiersten Murray*;
The Western Veterinary Conference Award, *David McRuer*;
The Bessie B. and J. Derril White Memorial Award, *Tim McQuaid*;
The Wyeth Animal Health Award, *Erica Tyre*;
The Pfizer Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award, *Dr. Art Ortenburger*.

Citation - Dr. Albert (Bud) Ings Green Hat Award Presentation

Dr. Albert Ings, or as many of us know him, Bud, has had a long history in veterinary medicine, Island politics, and a long-standing friendship with the Atlantic Veterinary College.

After spending his childhood growing up on the family farm in Mount Herbert and seeing first-hand the need for more veterinarians, Bud Ings began his lifetime commitment to veterinary medicine. In 1948, Dr. Ings was one of the first Islanders to attend the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph and when he returned to the Island, he set up practice with the determination to improve the well-being of livestock on the Island. Not only did Dr. Ings manage to do this, but sometime in the middle he helped to advance the profession of veterinary medicine on the Island. Back then, veterinarians on PEI had to prove their worth to farmers. They were typically called in as the second choice and were not terribly respected. This mentality changed over Dr. Ings' time in practice, to what we see today.

After spending 26 years in mainly large animal practice, Dr. Ings noticed the shift between the emphasis on caring for large animals to companion animals, and because of that, saw the demand for farm services take a 180 degree turn. At this time, he too shifted his interest to politics and in 1974 became the Minister of Agriculture for PEI. Dr. Ings was one of the keen supporters of building a veterinary college on the Island and enthusiastically campaigned, professionally and politically, for having the proposed school built here. In 1982, Dr. Ings retired from politics and returned to practice. He has now spent over 50 years practising veterinary medicine on PEI.

Dr. Ings continues to be a leader in the community, a role model for many young veterinarians, a fantastic story-teller and a good friend and supporter of the College.

For his ongoing contributions, to both the Atlantic Veterinary College and the veterinary profession on Prince Edward Island, I am pleased to honour Dr. Albert (Bud) Ings with the Eugene F. Whelan Green Hat Award this evening.

Citation - Dr. Kenneth Wells (Posthumously)
Green Hat Award Presentation

Dr. Kenneth Wells, in his 36 years in the department of agriculture, became internationally-known as a man who made a major impact on animal disease control and who was also determined to see veterinary education succeed in Canada.

His dedication to veterinary medicine began in Swan River, Manitoba where Dr. Wells was born in 1914. He graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1938 and after a short fling with general practice in Weston, Ontario and lecturing at Macdonald College, Dr. Wells joined Agriculture Canada. He spent his first five years as a regional veterinary officer carrying out meat inspection and contagious disease control here in Atlantic Canada.

He quickly worked his way to Ottawa by 1947 and within five years was appointed chief veterinarian of the Health of Animals Branch - just in time to get to Saskatchewan to head up the eradication program of foot-and-mouth disease. The program successfully wiped out the disease within a year.

When Dr. Wells became Veterinary Director-General in 1955, he waged war against the dangers of importing new breeds of animals for cross-breeding and improving Canadian stock. He developed a maximum-security quarantine system that satisfied many who feared the cattle would carry foot-and-mouth-disease. Dr. Wells shared this expertise in disease control with many other countries and even after retirement he worked as a special advisor to the World Health Organization.

When AVC was becoming more than just an idea, Dr. Wells played a major role as the federal representative on the Project Management Board which was responsible for developing the College - for that we are truly grateful.

For these contributions, to both the Atlantic Veterinary College and the veterinary profession, I am pleased to honour the late Dr. Kenneth Wells with the Eugene F. Whelan Green Hat Award this evening. Dr. Wells' son could not make it here tonight, however, Dr. Robert Curtis, a retired AVC faculty member and friend of AVC and Dr. Wells, has agreed to accept the award on the family's behalf.