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## **Western Veterinary Conference Student Scholarship Program marks 10<sup>th</sup> year of annual awards**

*34 recipients were Conference guests from February 20-24, 2011 in Las Vegas*

LAS VEGAS, April 12, 2011 – **Western Veterinary Conference (WVC) proudly awards 33 scholarships annually** in each of the accredited North American veterinary schools and an additional scholarship to a deserving veterinary technician student. Since inception of the scholarship program in 2002, WVC has granted approximately \$1 million in scholarship funds.

Each college selects the scholarship recipient from its roster of third-year students based on strong leadership qualities, scholastic excellence and financial need. All of this year's recipients were guests of WVC at the 83rd Annual Conference in February, receiving complimentary registration and accommodations as well as invitations to special events. Scholarship recipients attended a social reception hosted by WVC on the first night after their arrival to open the Conference week. Recipients were also invited to a number of receptions, including an awards breakfast given in their honor by the WVC Board of Directors.

In welcoming these recipients and underwriting their Conference attendance, WVC anticipates enhancing their awareness of the value of being actively involved in organized veterinary medicine after they graduate. The 2011 scholarship winners are:

**Kristin Coleman Griffin**, Auburn U.  
**Joy Fuhrman**, Colorado State U.  
**Erin W. Lashnits**, Cornell U.  
**Sean P. Hanley**, Iowa State U.  
**Joshua A. Hahn**, Kansas State U.  
**Jessica L. Trichel**, Louisiana State U.  
**Aubrey A. Rankin**, Michigan State U.  
**John Allen Ferguson**, Mississippi State U.  
**Brian A. Grossi**, North Carolina State U.  
**K. Bailey Cave**, Oklahoma State U.  
**Liana K. Granum**, Oregon State U.  
**Monica Aucoin**, U. of Montreal  
**S. Rayne Johnson**, Purdue U.  
**Will R. McCauley**, Texas A&M U.  
**Bonnie K. Harrington**, The Ohio State U.  
**Lily Nieh**, Tufts U.  
**Joe Jesse Owens III**, Tuskegee U.  
**Kelly C. Lin**, U. of California, Davis  
**Sandra Anderson**, U. of Florida  
**Shana L. Gross**, U. of Georgia

**Kelly DeBaene**, U. of Illinois  
**Abigail B. Bongard**, U. of Minnesota  
**Tyler J. Holtmeyer**, U. of Missouri  
**Allison M. Wolosz**, U. of Pennsylvania  
**Kathryn Bray**, U. of Tennessee  
**Averi M. Sauder**, U. of Wisconsin  
**Stephanie M. Betts**, VA-MD Regional  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
**Nicole M. Joyce Zuniga**, Washington  
State U.  
**Laura I. Murphy**, Western U. of Health  
Science  
**Lauren B. Adelman**, U. of Calgary  
**John E. Pegg**, U. of Guelph  
**Lisa J. Wolff**, U. of Prince Edward Island  
**Sarah C. Wood**, U. of Saskatchewan  
**Leah I. Critchfield**, Yuba Community  
College (Veterinary Technician  
Scholarship).

Photographs of the student scholarship recipients can be viewed at [wvc.org](http://wvc.org). *More...*

The 83rd Annual Western Veterinary Conference was held February 20 through 24 at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino and attracted nearly 15,000 attendees. As the premier veterinary meeting in the world, WVC registered over 6,000 veterinarians, over 1,500 veterinary technicians, several hundred practice managers, and several thousand additional attendees with direct relationships to the animal health industry. In 2011 WVC also increased the size of its exhibit space by 65% to offer the largest Exhibit Hall among veterinary meetings, with more than 500 exhibitors.

**For additional information about student scholarships, this year's Conference, or the upcoming 2012 Conference, please call: 866.800.7326 (Toll-free) or 702.739.6698.** Details about the 2012 Western Veterinary Conference are available at [wvc.org](http://wvc.org). Early registration opens April 18, 2011.

**About Western Veterinary Conference**

*WVC is an interactive educational opportunity and a networking event for the progressive veterinary community. The Conference provides comprehensive continuing education to veterinary professionals and related groups in a world-class destination – Las Vegas, The Entertainment Capital of the World. International authorities and emerging speakers present advanced instruction in superb convention facilities and state-of-the-art hands-on labs in the high-tech Oquendo Center for Clinical Education. For information, visit [wvc.org](http://wvc.org) or contact Dr. Guy Pidgeon at [guy@wvc.org](mailto:guy@wvc.org) or 702.739.6698.*

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