



CENTER FOR VETERINARY HEALTH SCIENCES **Friday Bit for Alumni and Friends**

\$\$\$ "WHOA'S" »

You might have heard that Oklahoma is facing a \$1.3 billion revenue shortfall. While you ponder that sum I'd like to remind all alumni to please update email contacts with me. CVHS is strategically engaged in cost savings measures across departments. For alumni, this means that fewer mailings will take place via Post. Please help save green (trees, too) by providing your electronic contact updates. sworrel@okstate.edu

LEAP YEAR TRIVIA »

This month in 1981 the Boren Veterinary Medical Hospital was dedicated and in March the college was awarded full Academic Accreditation by the AVMA for the first time since it was founded. Thanks for this wee bit of historical perspective from Patrick Morgan, Dean Emeritus. Since then, CVHS has remained upwardly mobile and in September 2015, we dedicated the inaugural Academic Center facility under leadership of the college's first woman as dean, Jean Sander. That's a lot of firsts! Plenty of naming opportunities abound for the exterior and interior of this new facility. I mean, you've seen how long 'Boren' has been on the wall, right? Want to learn more? (Hit the magic reply button up top.) Now, that's something to high-five about!

GONE PACKING »

Joining you, that is, at Western Veterinary Conference **March 6-10, at Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas**. All registered attendees receive an electronic reminder of the CVHS Alumni Reception in a Mandalay Bay suite, **Monday, March 7, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.** Exact location of the room is emailed upon check-in so monitor your devices for the notification. Lost entirely? Look for orange or call/text 405-612-5359 for directions.

OPEN HOUSE »

CVHS opens its doors to the public, **April 2, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at the veterinary campus. Opportunities abound for alumni and families. A silent auction raises funds for the Avian, Exotic & Zoo (AEZ) Medicine clinical care service at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. The AEZ is currently seeking auction items. To partner with the AEZ Service, or to make a gift-in-kind contribution to the silent auction, contact me at 308 McElroy Hall or 405-744-5630. Your in-kind gift is considered charitable and is tax deductible.

COMMENCEMENT IN MOTION »

Commencing.... a beginning, outset, onset, launch.... It's happening for the **Class of 2016 on May 6**. Congratulations are in order. As new alumni you have opportunities to impact future veterinary students in ways unimaginable. Sponsor some white coats and check out opportunities to establish yourself as mentors to veterinary students today. You are a human veterinary library! Check yourself out on a certain topic. What's better than books? Well, a human with experience and passion. You are needed. You have the *real* answers. **2020 is calling.**

CLASS OF 1966 »

It is your 50 years. Let's celebrate with the Class of 2016 on May 6. You'll begin your weekend at Wyndham Garden Hotel on Thursday evening. Friday we'll enjoy breakfast at the Student Union Council Room later joining the Class of 2016 at commencement at Gallagher-Iba arena. Classmates of 1966 are recognized during the Hooding Ceremony. Our own piper, Greg Campbell, DVM, PhD (1985) leads the commencement

procession to launch 88 new DVM's. If you've not yet done so please send me your biography. Excerpts from your bio are used for your introduction.

For assistance with 50th reunion plans contact me at 405-744-5630 or your Class Rep, Jack Roberson 816-813-1234 adp.jack@gmail.com Deadline for hotel reservations is March 24. 405-377-7010 - ask for OSU Vet Med Class of 1966 block.

CVHS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI »

Nominate a deserving candidate for this honor before June 1. CVHS honors three alumni annually who are exemplary in the areas of Practitioner, Academia and Research. Eligibility requirements and a list of previous recipients is available at <http://cvhs.okstate.edu/alumni-affairs/distinguished-alumni-award>. All nominations remain eligible for three years. Alumni are our most valued resource. Questions? Chat with me.

WHAT'S YOUR COWBOY DREAM? »

The Oklahoma State University Alumni Association has announced the theme for Homecoming 2016 for "America's Greatest Homecoming Celebration" as 'A Cowboy Dream.' Homecoming is October 21-29, culminating with the West Virginia vs. OSU football game on Saturday, October 29. Make your plans to join me and the CVHS community in the Sea of Orange Parade, Saturday, October 29. For more Homecoming information visit orangeconnection.org/homecoming Remember, daily air service from Dallas/Fort Worth to Stillwater is available via American Airlines and FlystillwaterOK.com Even better, make your connections for life [here](#) Talk about linked-in.

Chasing the perfect Friday? Vince Lombardi said, "*Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.*" At CVHS we take these words to heart every day of the week.

GIVE and **BE** change. You know what to do.



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