OSU CVM 2021 Distinguished Alumni Announced

Congratulations to three very deserving alumni on being named a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient for 2021!

**Dr. Alvin Baumwart ('77)** is a retired colonel with 37 years of service in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. He owns Highland Veterinary Clinic in Arapaho, Oklahoma. Read the full story at [Baumwart Named Distinguished Alumnus](#).

**Dr. Rocky Bigbie ('81)** is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps (active duty and reserves). He spent 13 years working in the pharmaceutical industry. Read more at [Bigbie Named Distinguished Alumnus](#).

**Dr. Donnie Gardner ('70)** is CEO of Gardner Heifers Inc., a custom dairy heifer raising business. He has been very active in professional organizations and his community. Read the full story at [Gardner Named Distinguished Alumnus](#).

Seeking Horses with EPM

**Dr. Martin Furr**, professor and head of the Physiological Sciences Department, is looking for horses suspected of or with confirmed cases of equine protozoal myeloencephalitis. His study aims to improve methods of diagnosis of this disease. Read more at [OSU CVM Seeks EPM Horses](#).

Abstract Submissions for INTERACT Symposium Due

OSU faculty and students are invited to submit abstracts for consideration to be presented during INTERACT's inaugural research symposium on Oct. 12 at the McKnight Center.

Submission deadline for oral and poster abstracts has been extended to Aug. 31, 2021.

Abstracts should not exceed a 250 word count collectively. Registration is free. Submit your abstract now [INTERACT Research Symposium Abstract](#).

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Kirsti Novikoff, MS, DVM, is a small animal surgery intern. Originally from San Antonio, Texas, she earned her DVM degree from Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona. Dr. Novikoff's research interests include wound therapy and resistant infections.

In her spare time, Kirsti enjoys baking, cooking, concerts and travel.

Favorite Quote: "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." - Thomas Edison

Auri Silverstone, DVM, is an equine surgery and sports medicine intern. Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, she earned her DVM degree from Iowa State University. Dr. Silverstone's research interests include orthopedics and the use of ultrasound and specialized imaging for lameness evaluation.

In her spare time, Auri enjoys football, running, riding, and painting.

Favorite Quote: "Education is the most powerful way which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela