



**2018
 Grand Council
 Award Winners:**

John P. Donahoe Award
 (Sustained Excellence): Beta Chapter



Left to right: Karianna Crowder, Rhiannon Pavlinac, Andy Weisenfeld, Seth Lieberman, Jenni Bridges, Victoria Robertson.

T.C. Fitzgerald Memorial Progress Award
 (Most Improved Chapter): Rho Chapter



Left to right: Alicia Wilson, Andy Weisenfeld, Jennifer Coe.

Robert Vesper Award
 (Community Service): Theta Chapter



Left to right: Victoria McKaba, Andy Weisenfeld, Caitlin Hemby.

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**ΩΤΣ Grand Council President's Report:
 The Common Bond That Unites Us**

The 2018 calendar year has been a very interesting year for me personally and professionally, for our profession, and as a country. My day job has changed drastically, and my personal life continues to fill up more and more time. Who knew a one-year-old would change your entire world! As for the world around us, we are in a time of divisiveness not only in our own country but globally. One of the things that I appreciate about Grand Council and Omega Tau Sigma is that they are a common bond that unites us, even when we have differing opinions. We can have Buckeyes and Spartans, Cyclones and Cowboys, all in the same room and getting along! The true spirit of Omega Tau Sigma is in the fellowship we share as current active members and as alumni.

I'm extremely proud of our chapters and the work that they've done to engage their memberships and their greater communities. I'm proud to see how each chapter works hard to promote scholarship, philanthropy, and camaraderie in a profession that has a long-standing tradition of competition and rivalry. Our members are leaders at the CVM and within the profession, and I am certain that we are making a positive impact on the profession.

Some of you have heard me speak about my struggles with compassion fatigue, and I've continued to do that over this past year. It has been a humbling experience to share some of my worst times in the clinic with other professionals and to hear that they've struggled in a similar fashion. To bring this conversation to the forefront has been my project for the year—I even had the opportunity to pen an article for *Today's Veterinary Practice*. When we, as leaders, are vulnerable and willing to let down our guard, we open the doors for others, and we normalize what has been stigmatized in our profession. I share this because I know each of our members can help shift our profession to a culture of diversity, inclusion, acceptance, and support. Whether you are planning to do an

internship, jump straight into general practice within a large organization, go back home to run the family business, or skip out on clinical work all together, you have the responsibility to respect and honor this profession.

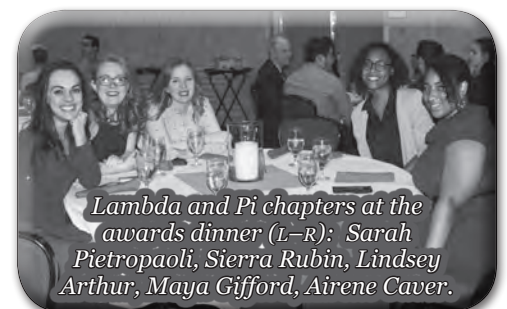
Each year, I am encouraged by the new professionals who graduate and enter the workforce because they always bring new ideas and new ways of thinking to the profession. It wasn't long ago that everyone who graduated would have been expected to work 60-plus-hour weeks in addition to on-call work, and now, our profession is beginning to understand that each individual needs something different. We can no longer use cookie-cutter approaches to coaching, mentoring, and developing great leaders. We know this because the new professionals have helped shift the culture! As you continue through your education, keep in mind how you'll positively impact your clients, patients, and the profession.

You will be rewarded, because this profession gives back 10-fold what you give.

I am honored to serve as the president of Grand Council and know I will continue to see more ΩΤΣ members rising to the challenges that our profession faces. This is what gives me hope for a bright future.

Fraternally,

Seth Vredenburg, K'10



Lambda and Pi chapters at the awards dinner (L-R): Sarah Pietropaoli, Sierra Rubin, Lindsey Arthur, Maya Gifford, Airene Caver.

Chapter Briefs

BETA CHAPTER, CORNELL U

The “Men of the Vet School” calendar continues to be largest fundraiser for both the chapter and for charity, raising \$6,000 for the chapter and \$4,000 for the Patient Assistance Fund, which helps low-income families pay for veterinary treatments. You can get a calendar at www.etsy.com/shop/OTSMenoftheVetSchool or find us on Facebook or Instagram at @menofthevetschool or send an email to menofthevetschool@gmail.com.

Beta Chapter was officially recognized as a Cornell organization—with great power comes great responsibility. We also implemented GradiYAYtion, a new event for senior week, with a Slip ‘N Slide®, kickball, and live music. The money raised from ticket sales benefited the Tompkins County SPCA.

The semiannual inter-grad-school Bob Barker Beer Pong Tournament for the Animals continues to be successful, benefiting the Tompkins County SPCA. Veterinary, law, business, and PhD students all competed to raise money for the charity.

GAMMA CHAPTER, OHIO STATE U

Gamma Chapter recruited 84 new members this year. Success in new member involvement can be attributed to summer events that the chapter has been hosting, such as barbecues, pool parties, and information sessions.

The chapter has a new community outreach program, the Veterinary Explorer Program, which will give younger non-veterinary students an opportunity to learn more about the veterinary field and how to become a veterinarian.

Gamma Chapter also held an alumni panel at the Midwestern Veterinary Conference (MVC), creating mentorship opportunities between $\Omega T \Sigma$ alumni and active members.

DELTA CHAPTER, U GUELPH

Delta Chapter added 78 new members this year. The chapter streamlined dues in order to increase fourth-year and alumni involvement and are looking out for member well-being by using surveys to stay aware of the evolving needs of members.

The chapter continues to have a huge impact on its local community, donating over 1,000 lbs of food to the food bank and hosting monthly blood drives and the annual Dog Jog fundraiser for Ontario Veterinary College’s Pet Trust.

ZETA CHAPTER, AUBURN U

Zeta Chapter implemented a points system for member responsibilities to increase participation and compliance; members who accrue enough points get a discount on dues.

New philanthropic event: Walk to End Alzheimer’s. Continued philanthropic event: Paws for a Cause 5K, which raised \$2,000 for the CVM Oncology Department. Continued

social events include 4:00 Club, a weekly chapter bar meet, Wine and Paint Night, and their White Carnation Auction. Last year, the auction raised over \$3,000.

The chapter continues to work toward strengthening alumni relations through the chapter’s Facebook page, newsletters, and Dog Patch CE Event.

ETA CHAPTER, U GEORGIA

Eta Chapter refocused its philanthropic events to focus on hurricane-relief efforts through donations of food and money. The chapter also expanded its cornhole tournament fundraiser to include the pharmacy, law, and medical schools. This year’s chicken barbecue fundraiser doubled last year’s numbers, selling 400 plates.

THETA CHAPTER, U ILLINOIS

Theta Chapter has 25% of the total student body as current members, with 50 new members added this year. The biggest social event this year was the Coverall Bar Crawl. Theta was able to donate \$3,000 to their fourth-years for externship support.

KAPPA CHAPTER, IOWA STATE U

Kappa Chapter has a newly created alumni database to help active members find internships and preceptorships. Kappa is also redesigning its merchandise, so be on the lookout for new T-shirts and more!

The chapter is helping members gain clinical experience by partnering up with the clinical skills lab, and continues to have community outreach and philanthropic success with their blood drives, bone marrow registry, roadside cleanup, and Relay for Life.

LAMBDA CHAPTER, VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL CVM

Lambda Chapter revamped its fundraising efforts with new merchandise, including “Real Doctor” shirts and mini-vet guides (practical, concise, and relevant veterinary resources, such as references ranges and drug doses).

Lambda partnered with three clubs for Relay for Life and, this spring, will host a clinical skills competition (a “vet school Olympics” of sorts).

The chapter is working to bridge the divide between $\Omega T \Sigma$ and Alpha Psi members through social and charitable events.

OMICRON CHAPTER, MICHIGAN STATE U

Omicron Chapter increased member turnout to meetings and events and streamlined dues collection by implementing Google Scribe and Venmo, respectively. Omicron’s growing Facebook page allows members to connect with people in and outside the community who are interested in veterinary medicine.

The chapter hosted MSU CVM’s Vet-a-Visit,

an open house for elementary and middle-school students where the students can learn about animal welfare and the pathway to becoming a veterinarian.

They continued philanthropic efforts with the Canine Cruise 5k for Ingham County Animal Shelter and the Holiday Canned Food Drive for the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

PI CHAPTER, TUSKEGEE U

Pi Chapter has strengthened membership bonds through fellowship activities, such as hanging out at member houses and hosting both study and movie nights.

Members have raised money for the chapter with “DVM > MD” T-shirt sales, and maintained a large philanthropic/community outreach presence with their Candidate Lake cleanup, Tuskegee community cleanups, SAVMA Spay/Neuter Day, and their Victory Church community service.

The chapter is hoping to acquire real estate but working toward creating a robust and reliable alumni network first.

RHO CHAPTER, MIDWESTERN U

In their second year as a chapter, Rho hosted both fall and spring rushes, bringing its active member total to 45 students.

Philanthropically, Rho has continued success with Pup Strut, a fundraiser for local shelters, and it recently started DIY Succulents as a chapter fundraiser.

The chapter is interested in hosting Grand Council in two years, with a formal proposal to come. With the members’ successes in overcoming new-chapter challenges, Rho again received the T.C. Fitzgerald Memorial Progress Award.

$\Omega T \Sigma$

RECONNECT WITH OMEGA TAU SIGMA



Calling all $\Omega T \Sigma$ alumni!
Like the $\Omega T \Sigma$ Grand Council Facebook page:
Omega Tau Sigma, Professional Veterinary Fraternity.

View chapter events, reconnect with classmates and alumni, check out community service opportunities, or just chuckle at the photos.

www.facebook.com/otsgrandcouncil

Omega Tau Sigma Alumni Share Their News

"I retired from my vet practice in 1997, from Amherst Animal Hospital," writes **Thomas Gigliotti, Γ'54**. "After retirement, my wife, Arlene, and I moved to Sarasota, Florida, and enjoyed the Sunshine State for many years. In 2016, Arlene and I moved back to Ohio to be closer to our family in Amherst. In February 2018, Arlene passed away, and I am now living in Wellington with my daughter and son-in-law." Catch up with Tom at 45311 Webster Rd., Wellington, OH 44090.

R. Hardwick Kay, Z'54, owns and operates Willow Oak Farm, a cattle operation offering limited practice and consultation. Get in touch with him to find out all the details: 55 County Rd. 405, Corinth, MS 38834.

Abram Allen, Z'55, retired on the first of 2014 after 61 years of practice at the age of 91. He adds, "Sleeping late is great, and not having to pay the drug bills is heaven." Write to Abram at 4950 Kentucky Dam Rd., Paducah, KY 42003, and reconnect.

Allan Carb, Z'63, continues to work full time as a veterinary surgeon for New York Veterinary Specialty. He and his partner sold their specialty practice to a corporation in February 2017. He adds that he has no immediate plans to retire. Keep in touch with Allan at acarb6@aol.com or at 1 Turtle Ln., Huntington, NY 11743.

Wayne Anderson, Θ'79, is one of two founders of the Arrow Animal Hospital, a private clinic founded in 1984. Since then, the practice has grown, currently having 41 veterinarians who

are owners in 21 practices. "We hired about 20 new graduates in 2017. Our goal is to hire and develop veterinarians to become partners. Currently, we have 105 doctors (seven from U of Illinois, including owners. We want steady growth and have opened most hospitals as new practices. Our branding is AZPetVet (AZPetVet.com)." Get in touch with Wayne for more details: doca@azpetvet.com; 316 E. Ocotillo Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85012.

After 34 years of owning Boulevard Veterinary Hospital for Integrative Therapies, **Constance Pozniak, H'79**, sold the practice in February 2017. She adds, "Now I'm looking for a part-time job!" Send Connie your recommendations: drcpoz@aol.com; 2413 Broad Bay Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

Michael Topper, H'80, retired in 2017 after serving 12 years as Director of Clinical Pathology at Merck Research Laboratories in West Point, Pennsylvania. Before his time in Merck, Mike spent some time in the US Army Veterinary Corps. This past July, he ended his one-year term as president of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Write Mike a letter and catch up: mjtopper@comcast.net; 514 Championship Dr., Harleysville, PA 19438.

After 27 years in Canada, **Tracy Ward, B'90**, moved back to the US in November. You can reach her at her new home: 3565 Riverside Dr., Juneau, AK 99801. You can also reach her electronically at tracyward2413@gmail.com.

Cathy Taphorn, K91, retired in February 2017, and relocated to Colorado. She lets us

know that she is enjoying life. You can reach her at cltaphorn@comcast.net or at 6389 Eagle Feather Trl., Littleton, CO 80125.

In October 2015, **Miranda Jones, Z'03**, opened a small-animal hospital, and in June 2016, hired her first associate—"an Auburn grad, of course. War Eagle!" Drop Miranda a line at miranda@youngsvilleanimalhospital.com or at 1636 Country Ln., Creedmoor, NC 27522.

DECEASED

We regret to announce the deaths of the following alumni:

Don A. Boardman Jr., B'43
December 10, 2016

William W. Crandall, B'60
October 17, 2017

David E. Harling, B'55
June 11, 2017

Richard F. Bing, Γ'66
January 00, 2017

Phillip J. Mangina, Z'68
February 10, 2015

Wiley J. Greenway, H'51
April 8, 2015

Gregg A. Scoggins, Θ'90
March 26, 2017

2018 Grand Council Award Winners (continued from page 1):

Grand Council Attendance Award: Delta chapter



Delta Chapter at awards dinner (L-R): (back row) Adam Ayoub, Justin Arthur; (front row) Blake Grootenboer, Abigail Picyk, Julia Whatley, Nicole Fishman.

Gonzo Olympics "Best Cheaters" Award:
Delta Chapter

John C. Gordon Awards (presented by Andy Weisenfeld):



Jenni Bridges, B'20

Courtney Plazek, K'21

Lindsay Hannah, O'20



Gonzo Olympics Winner: Omicron Chapter
Omicrons (L-R): Jordan Stankowiak, Matthew Kulpa, Rheannon Burris, Varujan Arman, Andrew Girgis, William Byun, Josh Skapinker, Chris Chess.



Honor Roll of Donors (October 1, 2017, to November 7, 2018)

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Lee Ann (Tichi) McGill, Z'88

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Robert A. MacPherson, Δ'92

Constance I. Pozniak, H'79 ★
Jerry Harlan Withers, Θ'91 ★

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Charles David Henry, Γ'70 ★
Deborah E. (Smith) Hollenbach, Γ'92 ★
Norma K. (Inqui) Hough, H'88 ★
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Barbara J. Kasproicz, Θ'94 ★
Kevin P. Keane, Θ'79 ★
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James C. Lee, H'80 ★
Dennis Eugene Lehman, Γ'65 ★
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Michael Mesogianes, I'00 ★
Jeffrey R. Moll, Θ'87 ★
Carolyn L. Morgan, Z'80
Anne Murphy, Γ'90

Suzanne M. (McGuire) Neira, K'99 ★
David L. Prentice, K'91
William E. Randall, B'76
J. Eric Ratliff, Γ'86
Wayne R. Renegar, Θ'76 ★
R. Gary Roop, H'55 ★
Jimmie L. Sain, Z'76
Richard C. Simmonds, H'64
Cynthia P. Smith, H'81
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Kristin Walleck, Γ'14
Marcus James Webster, Π'06
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Larry D. Markley, Γ'80
Elizabeth D. McBroom-Vollbracht, K'83
Dale M. Mills, Z'72
Deborah A. (White) Mychajlonka, X'93
Kurt Allen Mychajlonka, X'93
Alexis Marie (newman) Newman, K'98
Courtney Noonan, Γ'15
John R. O'Neill, Γ'98
Cynthia M. Otto, Γ'86
Elowyn R. Penhollow, B'63
Michele M. (Martosko) Pietrzak, Γ'95

Joseph F. Poppler, Γ'60
Orben Pratt Jr., Γ'67
C. Barry Quinn, B'64
Justyn Michael Rizzardi, Γ'09
Dennis E. Rohde, Θ'72
William J. Schultz, K'84
Krista L. (Dutton) Scoggins, Θ'89
Fred Self, Z'04
Edward J. Sheehan Jr., Γ'80
Kevin J. Soncrant, Γ'89
Katherine A. Spry, K'91
James P. Stein, K'75
Glen E. Stockett, B'96
Heather (Soncrant) Sudebotham, Γ'09
Cathy L. Taphorn, K'91
Randolf H. Turek, Θ'91
Krista Turey, Θ'15
Elizabeth A. Upchurch, Z'88
Brian M. Urmson, Γ'98
Richard Z. Vesper, Γ'77
Kristin K. Vyhna, B'06
John A. Weiss, Z'85
Tina A. Wismer, X'94