Healthy Animals

“California Hero,” a 4-year-old Thoroughbred, recovered from general anesthesia in an equine recovery pool after surgery to his hock joint, similar to the ankle joint in humans, while being monitored by Dr. Claude Ragle and equine residents Dr. Kyle Heaton and Dr. Andrew Jones (left to right). Used for patients at high risk of injury, he was first suspended in the warm water and then gradually bore weight on his limbs as he woke up. WSU is one of a handful of places in the United States with a pool recovery system.

Healthy People

Insects can quickly spread disease caused by bacteria or viruses. Researchers from Dr. Alan Goodman’s lab in the School of Molecular Biosciences are using Drosophila melanogaster, the common fruit fly, to uncover the genes that regulate immune responses in insects and humans.

Healthy Planet

Worldwide, nearly 60,000 people die each year from rabies. The goal of the WSU Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health is ambitious: no human rabies deaths by 2030. Our vaccinations programs in Kenya and Tanzania are helping to create a world where no one dies from rabies. Dr. Guy Palmer, WSU senior director of global health, in East Africa.
As our doctor of veterinary medicine education program here in our college has evolved over the years, we have combined our traditional university-based specialty teaching hospital with key practice partners to provide higher volumes of primary care, general practice caseloads to our veterinary students. These partners include our network of preceptors, who generously provide a four-week rotation for one to eight of our veterinary students each year. We also partner with the Animal Eye Clinic of Spokane and the Dermatology Center for Animals in Seattle that provide dozens of students with ophthalmology and dermatology cases. And shelter partners, such as Seattle Humane, give our students surgical and wellness experience beyond what they can get in Pullman. More than half of our students (75 per year) go to Seattle Humane, and we just recently placed a full-time WSU faculty member in their practice. Dr. Katie Kuehl started at the end of October and has already settled in nicely in working with our students on their two-week rotations. These partnerships make us increasingly “community based,” similar to how WSU describes its new Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, which gives us the best of both models: a vital teaching hospital on our campus to support education and scholarship where our faculty teaching in our classrooms can practice the highest levels of care day-to-day, and practice partners to enhance student case experience in primary care settings. The Seattle Humane partnership provides a glimpse of the great power of such community-based partnerships. Over the course of a two-week rotation, each student will perform 30–35 spay and neuter surgeries, roughly 10 times what we could offer as recently as four years ago. Students also engage in many other primary caseload activities, including seeing “clients” in the form of the many wonderful foster families that help Seattle Humane create their “shelter without walls.” Starting in the depths of the last recession, Seattle Humane leadership and key volunteers raised over $28 million which they used to create a fantastic new shelter and held its grand opening this past December. Their fundraising success to achieve this facility was a nearly unbelievable feat, and we are proud to have partnered with them. We thank all the donors who made this happen because with their expanded clinical facilities we can now contemplate sending more students, whether for the same experience as offered now, or—perhaps more importantly—for a different set of experiences such as focusing on primary care dentistry. This is an area we have identified as needing more emphasis in our curriculum. We could not offer improved hands-on dentistry in Pullman given the limitations on caseload due to our region’s population, but through our community-based partner, Seattle Humane, we can do so.

Go Cougs!

Dr. Bryan Slinker, Dean
WSU College of Veterinary Medicine
The age of the college. The WSU College of Veterinary Medicine was established in 1899. It is the 5th oldest veterinary college in the United States.

$82.3 million total revenue

$3.2 million in WADDL revenue

$10.7 million in veterinary clinic revenue

$16.1 million in other revenue

$21.6 million in research grant funding

$30.7 million in state revenue

Only about one-third of college revenue comes from state appropriations, including tuition.
$131,821 median debt for the veterinary class of 2017

132 students admitted in 2016 for the veterinary class of 2020
92 Pullman, 30 Logan, Utah, 10 Bozeman, Montana in the Washington–Idaho–Montana–Utah Regional Program, or WIMU
80% women 20% men

$173,848* estimated total cost of a four-year education for resident veterinary students in the class of 2020. Tuition for residents and nonresidents has nearly tripled since 1996 for veterinary students.
*Includes resident tuition and fees, books, housing, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses. Actual expenses may vary.

126 veterinary students graduated in 2017
79% women 21% men

67 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
19 Microbiology
13 Biochemistry
11 Genetics and Cell Biology
24 Neuroscience
61% women 39% men

38 GRADUATE DEGREES
6 Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology
5 Integrative Physiology and Neuroscience
7 Veterinary Clinical Sciences
2 Allen School
18 School of Molecular Biosciences

24 DOCTORAL DEGREES
46% women 54% men

14 MASTER’S DEGREES
71% women 29% men
Research

$20.3 million research spending.

55% on infectious disease research
158 faculty members conducting research
$21.6 million in research revenue

Ranked 9th in total federal research funding by Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
8th in National Institutes of Health funding
2nd in U.S. Department of Agricultural funding, and 1st in National Science Foundation funding

Animal Care

494 cancer patients cared for in the WSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

More than $130,000 awarded from the Good Samaritan Program to help animals in need.

73% for dogs, and money also went to cats, birds, horses, and 1 ferret, 2 guinea pigs, 1 hedgehog, 1 rabbit, 2 reptiles, 2 rodents, and 1 turtle.

300 birds of prey treated through the WSU Raptor Rehabilitation Program.
The numbers tell the story of your contribution to the care of animals, biomedical research to improve the health of people, and saving the lives of children in Kenya and Tanzania. They also tell the story of students you have helped us to train and go on to graduate school, become veterinarians in private practice, work in public health, or continue with important medical research in academia that helps animals and people.

We are incredibly grateful to our supporters who give to the college in big and small ways. You have made a difference by helping us to improve the health of animals and people at home and around the world. Thank you for the lasting difference you have made.

$13.4 million raised.

$3.4 million above our $10 million fundraising goal.

Immediately usable funds: $3.4 million from 2,792 donors

New pledges: more than $240,000

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1: $1 million gift

2,069 friends of the college gave 25% of immediately usable funds

1,328: gifts under $100

$6.2 million

Revocable commitments: (bequests)
2017 Benefactor Honor Roll

**Benefactors**
($100,000–$249,999 total giving)
- Lisa Canter
- Dori and Don Ferrel
- Olympic Kennel Club

**Crimson Benefactors**
($500,000–$999,999 total giving)
- James B. Kelley (estate)

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**You made the difference for our students.**

Scholarships help students worry less about money and spend more time thinking about their studies. Scholarships also give all of our students a tremendous financial advantage when they graduate by relieving them of some of their academic debt.

- **$1.75 million** raised for student scholarships.
- **320** DVM scholarships awarded totaling more than **$640,000**.
- **248** or **46%** of DVM students received a scholarship.
- **36** School of Molecular Bioscience graduate students and **17** undergraduate students received a scholarship.

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**Who Are You Going to Nominate?**

**Distinguished Veterinary Alumni Award:** Honors DVM graduates for veterinary excellence in practice or teaching and research.

**Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award:** Honors M.S. or Ph.D. graduates for excellence in research, teaching, service, or business.

**Outstanding Service Award:** Honors an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to animals or to the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Nomination deadline: September 1, 2018**

For more information, eligibility requirements, and nomination forms, visit [go.vetmed.wsu.edu/AlumniAwards](go.vetmed.wsu.edu/AlumniAwards) or contact Michelle Mielke at 509-335-1365 or [mielke@vetmed.wsu.edu](mailto:mielke@vetmed.wsu.edu).
Look for Gatherings of WSU Alumni, Friends, and Students at these Upcoming Events!

Mark your calendars

April 7  College of Veterinary Medicine Open House in Pullman
April 13–15  College of Veterinary Medicine Spring Conference in Pullman
April 25–26  Golden and Diamond (50-year and 60-year) graduate reunions in Pullman
July 13  Alumni reception at American Veterinary Medical Association in Denver, Colorado

CE courses at WSU and online are offered year round. Visit vetmed.wsu.edu/CE for more information. For more information about upcoming events visit vetmed.wsu.edu/Events.