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## NEWS & EVENTS

### William Gengler is CVM Alumnus of the Year

University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Neil C. Olson announced that William Gengler, DVM '72, was selected as the 2015 Alumnus of the Year. The announcement came during the CVM's Alumni Reunion Weekend held Sept. 18-19. A 1966 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Gengler completed a master of science degree in ruminant nutrition at MU and then went on to earn his DVM.

He initially worked in a small animal practice in Newburgh, New York, with a rotating internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. He went on to become the co-owner of a small animal and equine practice in Blue Springs, Missouri. In 1978 he founded the Animal Hospital of Verona, which he owned for the next 20 years. After selling the hospital, he stayed on as the chief of staff through 2005.

In 1998 he became a diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College after completing a specialty board examination in veterinary dentistry and oral surgery. He served as the section head of the Dentistry and Oral Surgery Service at the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital from 1990 until



*CVM Dean Neil C. Olson congratulates William Gengler and presents him with a plaque honoring him as the 2015 Alumnus of the Year.*



*The CVM Mule Team was on hand for rides following the Alumni Reunion Weekend brunch Sept. 19.*

2010, and from 2003 until 2010, he also served as the associate dean for Clinical Affairs and as director of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. He is now an emeritus associate professor in Wisconsin's School of Veterinary Medicine.

Although he is retired, he continues to work part time at Dallas Veterinary Dentistry and Oral Surgery in Southlake, Texas, and Mission Veterinary Specialists in San Antonio, Texas.

He is credited with more than 20 professional publications, and has held numerous leadership positions in veterinary organizations, including as president of the AVDC. He is the recipient of more than a dozen awards, including Veterinarian of the Year by both the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association and the Wisconsin Veterinary Technicians Association, the American Veterinary Dental Society Hill's Research and Education Award, the Seeing Eye Dog Foundation's Veterinary Award, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville's Friend of Agriculture Award, and its Outstanding Alumnus Award, and the AVDC Peter Emily Service Award honoring outstanding contributions to the field of veterinary dentistry.

In nominating the honoree, Richard Meadows, DVM, Curators' Professor at the CVM, said Gengler provided early guidance and support to the Veterinary Dental Educators organization, which teaches dentistry to veterinary students from around the world at no cost. He works as a volunteer teacher during the Student American Veterinary Medical Association annual conference, and volunteers at the yearly MU Zoetis Veterinary Dentistry Continuing Education Weekend — all at his own expense.

The announcement of this year's Alumnus of the Year was made during the reunion banquet Sept. 18 at the Adams Conference Center. Other reunion activities included a brunch with retired faculty members prior to the Mizzou Tigers football game against the University of Connecticut, rides with the CVM Mule Team and tours of Clydesdale Hall.

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*Taylor, DVM, '61 catches up with classmate James Thorne, who is a professor emeritus at the CVM.*

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