

[About the College](#)[Departments](#)[Teaching & Research](#)[Giving to Vet Med](#)[Teaching Hospital](#)[Veterinary Medical
Diagnostic
Laboratory \(VMDL\)](#)[CVM Employment](#)[Zalk Veterinary
Medical Library](#)[CVM Course Materials](#)[MyZou](#)[Home](#)

NEWS & EVENTS

Thorne is 2012 Alumnus of the Year

Dr. James Thorne, DVM '61, is the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine 2012 Alumnus of the Year. Thorne was honored during the College's Alumni Reunion Weekend held Sept. 14-15. Thorne earned both a bachelor of science degree in agriculture in 1960 and doctor of veterinary medicine in 1961 at the University of Missouri. He went on to complete a PhD in physiology at the University of Georgia and earn a master of preventive veterinary medicine degree at the University of California-Davis.

Thorne began his professional career in 1961 at the Green Hills Animal Hospital in Marceline, Mo. He also worked as the director of veterinary services for the U.S. Veterinary Corps at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, Texas, and in general veterinary practice at the Wellsville Animal Clinic, in Wellsville, Mo. He became an instructor at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine Department of Medicine and Surgery in 1969 before being named a research associate in the department of Physiology and Pharmacology, and in 1972, a veterinary medical resident in physiology and pharmacology.

In 1974, he returned to the MU College of Veterinary Medicine as an associate professor in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. He served as the director of Veterinary Continuing Education and Extension from 1982 to 1988 while concurrently earning his MPMV at UC-Davis. Since 1988, he has served as a clinical epidemiologist at the CVM, where he is also an associate professor. Thorne is also well-known for his role as an advisor and sponsor of the CVM Mule Club. He has spent countless hours traveling the state with the club, driving the mule team and serving as a goodwill ambassador for the College.

In accepting his award, Thorne commented, "If you see a turtle on a post, you can be sure he didn't get there by himself."

Thorne's service extends to his community. He



The highlight of the alumni reunion banquet, which was held in the Adams Conference Center, was the presentation of the Alumnus of the Year Award. Dr. James Thorne, CVM '61, was this year's honoree. Thorne, who is an associate professor at the College, is pictured with his wife, Mary Jane, and other members of his family along with the bronze plaque he received in recognition of his service and accomplishments.



During the annual breakfast with retired faculty, Dr. Ron Cott (right), associate dean of Student and Alumni Affairs and director of Development at the College, thanks Dr. William Shore, CVM '79, for his service as president of the CVM Alumni Association.

has been an active member of his church, is involved with the Missouri River Steam Engine Association, is an amateur radio operator, and has volunteered in numerous capacities with the Boy Scouts, including as a scoutmaster, Wood Badge course director, and National Jamboree Health officer. He received the Boonslick District Award of Merit in 1983 and the Silver Beaver Award in 1993 from the Great Rivers Council.

Thorne and his wife, Mary Jane, have three children and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The announcement of the Alumnus of the Year award was made during the reunion banquet for the classes held at the Adam's Conference Center. The following morning alumni were invited to have breakfast with retired and current faculty members. A tailgate party was also held at the College before the football game against Arizona State.

[Return to News and Events home](#)



Members of the Raptor Rehabilitation Project brought some of the birds they care for to the alumni breakfast.



Dr. Neil C. Olson, dean of the College, welcomes guests to the reunion dinner.



Dr. James Thorne, CVM '61, visits with Dr. BJ Lauhoff, CVM '62, during the social hour preceding the alumni banquet.



College Alumni take a walk down memory lane as they check out the photo composites of their fellow classmates.



Dr. Joshua Bolte, CVM '02, brought his family to the banquet, including his 4-year-old daughter, Isabelle, who appears ready to cheer the Mizzou Tigers on to victory over Arizona State.



CVM faculty members, Dr. Ron Cott, associate dean of Student and Alumni Affairs and director of Development, and Dr. Joan Coates, professor of neurology and neurosurgery, were elected to the CVM Alumni Association Board during the organization's business meeting held during Alumni Weekend. Cott will serve another two-year term as the organization's secretary/treasurer. Coates was elected as vice president.

College of Veterinary Medicine
W-203 Veterinary Medicine Building
Columbia, MO 65211
Phone: (573) 882-3554
E-mail: cvmwebmaster@missouri.edu



©2005 Curators of the University of Missouri
DMCA and other copyright information.
an equal opportunity/ADA institution

Last Update: October 1, 2012