The Distinguished Service Award was established by the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) in 1974 to honor “someone who has contributed to the success of the college, including alumni; faculty; students; friends in agriculture, medicine, and related industries; and pet owners.”

In 1994, CVM Dean Richard Adams replaced the Distinguished Service Award with the Dean’s Impact Award.

Portraits of CVM Distinguished Service Award recipients were displayed in the Veterinary Medical Library. In 2013, the portraits were transferred to University Archives (C:17/24/1).
CVM Distinguished Service Award

T.W. Diggs
(1975)

In recognition of his outstanding service and continuing interest in Veterinary Medical Education in Missouri; For making available his facilities and contributed employee time to the College’s Educational program; For providing specimens which permitted opportunities for study and research in Theriogenology, Anatomy, Public Health, Pathology and Microbiology; For unselfish dedication that has provided noteworthy and exceptional opportunities for meritorious educational experiences; The College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri confers upon this outstanding private citizen the first Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
Dr. Burnell W. Kingrey
October 10, 1976

In recognition of his outstanding service and continuing interest in Veterinary Medical Education in Missouri:
   For his outstanding leadership as Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine from September 1, 1963 to August 31, 1973;
   For his service as a faculty member of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery from September 1, 1973 to September 30, 1976;
   For his interest and leadership in the advancement and improvement of Veterinary Medical Education and Research including curricula revisions, establishment of new and innovative programs, continuing education and extension programs, enlarging and improving physical facilities, and;
   For unselfish dedication to the advancement of the Veterinary Medical profession in the State of Missouri and the United States;

The College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri confers upon this outstanding veterinarian the Second Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Dr. George C. Shelton
(1977)
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Dean Emeritus Aaron H. Groth

October 1, 1978

In recognition of his outstanding service to Veterinary Medical Education in Missouri and the Nation:

For his leadership in organizing and developing the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Missouri-Columbia;

For his service and stewardship as Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine from October 1, 1949 to August 31, 1963 and as a faculty member to August 31, 1968;

For his interest and leadership in the advancement and improvement of Veterinary Medical Education & Research;

For unselfish dedication to the progress and elevation of the Veterinary Medical profession in the State of Missouri and the United States;

For his patience, understanding and persistent devotion to excellence within the highest standards of professionalism in education;

The College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri-Columbia confers upon this outstanding veterinarian the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
Mr. John M. Olin
October 7, 1979

In recognition of his outstanding service and continuing interest in Veterinary Medicine and:
For his effective leadership as President of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals;
For his interest and leadership in advancement and improvement of Veterinary Medical Education and Research including funding for new and innovative programs and improving physical facilities;
For his unselfish dedication that provided noteworthy and exceptional opportunities for meritorious educational experiences;
For his commitment to improvement of animal well-being through advancement of the Veterinary Medical Profession;
For his stalwart dedication to the principles of the free enterprise system that have made this country great and provided for progress of agri-business and related enterprises;

The College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri-Columbia confers upon this outstanding citizen the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Arthur A. Case
October 12, 1980

In recognition of his outstanding service to Veterinary Medical Education in Missouri:
For his service as a faculty member of the Department of Veterinary Science from September 1, 1947 to December 14, 1949 and the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery from December 15, 1949.
For his perseverance and leadership in establishing clinical facilities and educational programs in the face of severe budgetary limitations during the formative years of the School of Veterinary Medicine;
For his expertise and national recognition in the field of chemical, metal and plant poisonings of livestock;
For his service to students as Pre-Veterinary Club advisor and counselor;
For his service to the Veterinary Medical profession and livestock industry of the State of Missouri in extension and continuing education activities;
For unselfish dedication to the advancement of the Veterinary Medical profession in the State of Missouri and the Nation;
For his unquestioned loyalty to the College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Missouri;
And, in recognition of a devoted teacher, scientist, scholar, gentleman and internationally known veterinarian who has brought honor to this University, the College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri confers upon this outstanding veterinarian the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Joseph T. McGinity
October 11, 1981

In recognition of his outstanding service to Veterinary Medical Education in Missouri and the Nation:
For his service as a faculty member of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery from November 15, 1952;
For his perseverance, dedication, and leadership in establishing clinical facilities and educational programs in the Food Animal area of the College of Veterinary Medicine;
For his expertise and national recognition in Bovine Medicine;
For his unselfish devotion to the professional student;
For his service to the Veterinary Medical professional and livestock industry of the State of Missouri in extension and continuing education activities;
For dedication to the advancement of the profession of Veterinary Medicine;
For his interest and leadership in representation of the College of Veterinary Medicine;
For his unquestioned loyalty to the College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Missouri;
And in recognition of a devoted teacher, scholar, gentleman and veterinarian who has brought honor to this University, the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri confers upon this outstanding veterinarian the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Dr C. J. Bierschwal
October 2, 1983

In recognition of his outstanding service to Veterinary Education in Missouri and the Nation:
For his service as a faculty member of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery from February 1951;
For his perseverance, dedication and leadership in establishing clinical veterinary medicine and innovative audiovisual teaching programs in the Theriogenology area of the College of Veterinary Medicine;
For national and international recognition of his research in Reproductive Medicine;
For his dedication in organizing and establishing the American College of Theriogenology;
For his service in extension and continuing education;
For dedication to the advancement of the profession and his loyalty to the College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Missouri;
In recognition of a devoted teacher, researcher, scholar, and veterinarian, who has brought honor to this University. The College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri, confers upon this outstanding veterinarian the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Dr. W. H. Eyestone
October 2, 1983

In recognition of his outstanding service to Veterinary Medicine in Missouri and the Nation:

For his service as Chairman and Professor of the Department of Veterinary Pathology from March 1, 1972 until September 1978 when he returned to teaching and research within the department;

For his administrative duties as Interim Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine during which time he led the college through severe budgetary conditions; and brought the needs of the college to the attention of alumni, state-legislators and University administrators;

For instilling in our College a sense of determination and dedication;

For his national recognition achieved while providing research and administrative service to the federal government; and for his high standard of professionalism in education,

The College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri confers on this veterinarian the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Loren D. Kintner
October 2, 1983

In recognition of his outstanding service to Veterinary Medical Education in Missouri:
For his service as a faculty member of the Department of Veterinary Pathology from 1949;
For his dedication in establishing a teaching program for the professional student in the Area of Pathology in the College of Veterinary Medicine;
For his unselfish devotion to provide diagnostic service to veterinarians in Missouri and the Nation;
For his service to the livestock industry in extension and continuing education;
For dedication to the advancement of the profession through research and publications;
For his representation of the College of Veterinary Medicine;
In recognition of a devoted teacher, scholar, gentleman, and veterinarian this College of Veterinary Medicine confers upon this outstanding individual the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Dr. L.G. Morehouse
(1987)
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Dean Emeritus Robert F. Kahrs
May 26, 1992

In recognition of his outstanding service and interest in Veterinary Medical Education;
For his dedication to the advancement of the Veterinary Medical Profession in Missouri, the nation, and the world;
For his accomplished and outstanding leadership as Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine from December 1, 1982 to June 30, 1992;
For his unique ability to bring together alumni, constituency groups, faculty, students, staff and friends for the common cause of the College;
For his perseverance and leadership in establishing new facilities, renovating old facilities and promoting growth in faculty and staff in the face of severe budgetary limitations;
For his unquestioned loyalty to the College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Missouri, and the State of Missouri;
And, in recognition of a devoted teacher, scientist, administrator, scholar and gentleman who brought high honor to this University, the College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri confers upon this outstanding veterinarian the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Evelyn Kahrs
May 26, 1992
In recognition of her outstanding service and interest in veterinary medicine in Missouri;
For her contributions and dedicated service to Student Parents Day and the Gentle Doctor Benefit;
For leadership in the Visual Aesthetics Committee;
For her devotion to the Mule Club;
For her outstanding commitment to students, faculty and staff in the College of Veterinary Medicine;
For her activities on the Missouri Veterinary Medical Foundation Board;
For her leadership in local and state auxiliary organizations;
For her patience, understanding and persistent devotion to the College of Veterinary Medicine and to her team member attitude;
The College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri confers upon this outstanding and gracious lady the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
Dr. Kenneth H. Niemeyer
November 15, 1992

In recognition of his dedicated and conscientious service to the College of Veterinary Medicine and the veterinary medical profession in Missouri:
For his service as a faculty member of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery from October 1955 until November 1992;
For his exceptional service as Associate Dean of Academic and Alumni Affairs at the College of Veterinary Medicine from June 1976 until November 1992;
For his thoughtful guidance and counseling of generations of veterinary medical students;
For his organizational skills supporting activities of alumni of the College;
For his leadership in developing and implementing curricular improvements;
For his productive efforts in development of the College through encouraging gifts from alumni and friends;
For his leadership in the design and construction of Clydesdale Hall, the new Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital;
The College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri confers upon this outstanding veterinarian the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.
CVM Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Donald A. Schmidt
May 13, 1992

In recognition of his outstanding service to Veterinary Medical Education, and as a recipient of numerous Teaching Awards:
For his service as a faculty member of the Department of Veterinary Pathology from July 1, 1967 to August 31, 1992, and Chairman from September 1, 1971 to March 1, 1972;
For his patience and devotion to the students of the College of Veterinary Medicine;
For his career-long efforts to provide excellent veterinary education;
For his expertise and national recognition as a veterinary clinical pathologist;
For his commitment to diagnostic service as the Director of the Clinical Pathology Laboratory;
For his dedication to the advancement of the veterinary medical profession;
For his loyalty to the Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Missouri;
The College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri confers upon this outstanding veterinarian the Distinguished Service Award in Veterinary Medicine.