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CVM Dean Honors Staff and Faculty for Long-term Impact

MU College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Neil C. Olson selected three individuals to receive the 2014 Dean's Impact Awards. The awards, established in 1993, recognize individuals who have had an outstanding and sustained impact on the College of Veterinary Medicine. Each year, the CVM dean selects up to three people for the honors. For the 2014 honors Olson selected two staff members and one member of the faculty.

The honorees received an engraved wall plaque presented during a reception that also recognized staff members who achieved milestones in their years of service to the University of Missouri. This year's Impact Award winners were Stephanie Bossaller, Irene Ganjam and Dr. Gary Johnson.

Bossaller is a manager of information technology and works within the Office of Academic Affairs providing instructional technology support. Olson commended Bossaller for her efforts administering tests and willingness to respond to email requests for technical assistance at all hours. He also noted that it was due to Bossaller's examination of security camera tapes that the college was able to identify and apprehend the individual responsible for a series of thefts in the women's locker



*CVM
 Dean Neil C. Olson is pictured with 2014 Impact Award winner Stephanie Bossaller*



*Irene
 Ganjam receives her Impact Award from Dr. Olson.*

room.

Bossaller was also credited for helping to put in place new educational software, which was cited as one of her longest lasting contributions. With her help, the college was able to implement clinical competency tracking vital to receiving accreditation from the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education.

The dean presented a second Impact Award to the Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory's bacteriology supervisor Irene Ganjam.

Ganjam, who has been with the college for 24 years, supervises an operation that involves 19,000 cultures and 9,000 antimicrobial susceptibility tests per year. She is renowned for her work ethic, not only putting in long hours during the week, but also on weekends and holidays. She has been known to walk to work when snow has halted vehicle traffic.

Her nominators for the award called Ganjam the glue that held the institution together during the early 1990s when money and staffing were in short supply. She was credited with helping to train many technicians, pre-veterinary students and colleagues and for co-authoring several scientific papers.

Olson presented his third Impact Award to Dr. Gary Johnson, CVM associate professor of veterinary pathobiology. Olson noted that Johnson's work collecting clinical records and DNA samples from animals with clinically diagnosed genetic abnormalities had resulted in a collection of samples from almost 100,000 animals representing hundreds of breed and dozens of inherited diseases.

"This resource is an absolute gold mine and has led to MU researchers discovering the causal mutations underlying at least five diseases in the last two years," according to one of the letters submitted in support of Johnson's nomination for the award.

In addition to advancing the research of his colleagues, Johnson himself has identified nearly two dozen canine mutations in his laboratory and as part of collaborations.

The following staff members were also recognized for their years of service to the college:

Dean's Office:

Jason Wisdom, 10 years
David Willis, 15 years

Biomedical Sciences:

Jan Ivey, 15 years

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory:

Megan Young, 5 years
Margaret Dunsmore, 10 years
Mike Wimmenauer, 25 years
Carla Sears, 30 years

Veterinary Medicine and Surgery:

Stephanie Adams, 5 years
Kathleen Backus, 5 years
Alyssa Doner, 5 years
Carrie Duran, 5 years
Anastasia Glahn, 5 years
Antonio Rainey, 5 years
Paulette Smith, 5 years



Dr. Gary Johnson's efforts amassing tissue samples and clinical records earned him a 2014 Dean's Impact Award.

Terry Stockton, 5 years
Kimberly Terry, 5 years
Billy Jamison, 10 years
Kim Morrison, 15 years
Kathleen Smith, 20 years

Veterinary Pathobiology:

Christine Bethune, 5 years
Anagha Bock, 5 years
Brad Uppinghouse, 5 years
Mark Foecking, 15 years
Liz Hansen, 15 years
Allen Maddy, 25 years

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