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Dr. Karen Campbell Named Alumna of the Year

Karen Campbell, DVM '79, MS, is the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine 2014 Alumna of the Year. Campbell was honored during the college's Alumni Reunion Weekend held Sept. 12 and 13. The award recognizes outstanding professional and personal achievements and contributions to the enhancement of the veterinary profession.

Campbell earned her doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1979 at MU. She spent the summer following graduation working for Asheville Veterinary Associates in North Carolina. That fall she moved to Auburn University to do an internship in small animal surgery and medicine. Campbell stayed in the South to complete a residency in small animal internal medicine and an MS in clinical pathology at the University of Georgia, and she later completed an additional residency in dermatology at the University of Illinois.

Since 1983, Campbell has served on the faculty of the University of Illinois, where she is currently department head of veterinary clinical medicine. She is board-certified in veterinary internal medicine and dermatology.

While accepting her award, Campbell thanked her family.

"Nobody gets here by themselves," she said. "I have always been tremendously supported by my family."

Campbell said she felt fortunate that she received her veterinary education at MU.

"I truly believe that we have all received an excellent education here at Missouri that prepared us to be successful, and I hope each of you enjoy your jobs as much as I do," she told the alumni in attendance.

Campbell has taught dermatology to thousands of students and has mentored 15 dermatology residents, 10 of whom have spent at least a portion of their careers as faculty members teaching veterinary dermatology at various universities. Her research and academic interests include dermatology, endocrinology, immunology and bacteriology. She has received more than 70 research grants to date during her career, has published more than 100 scientific papers and



Dean Neil C. Olson, DVM, PhD, presents the 2014 Alumna of the Year Award to Karen Campbell, DVM '79, MS. Campbell is department head of veterinary clinical medicine at the University of Illinois.

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more than 40 book chapters, and has taught numerous lectures domestically and globally. She has authored or co-authored six textbooks, two of which were written with her father, which she said made them extra special.

Most recently, Campbell was one of three co-authors of the Seventh Edition of Small Animal Dermatology working with Craig Griffin, DVM, whom she first met at MU while he was an intern in small animal medicine and surgery and she was a third-year veterinary student.

Campbell has served the profession through a variety of national offices including two years as the president of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology. She was the 2013 recipient of the ACVD Award of Excellence for Outstanding Contributions in Service and Education in the field of veterinary dermatology. She has served as secretary of the Mu Chapter of Phi Zeta at Illinois for 18 years and is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, Sigma Xi, Society of Comparative Endocrinology, American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology, American Animal Hospital Association, American Association of Veterinary Clinicians, Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association. She is a lifetime member of the Missouri 4-H Alumni Association and an honorary member of the Missouri Guernsey Breeders Association.

Campbell's father taught animal and dairy science courses at MU. Her favorite activities during childhood were spending time with Guernsey cattle and ponies. During her pre-veterinary years, she worked with Joseph Swink Jr., MU DVM '72. Swink taught her that veterinary medicine is more about helping people than animals and that if you love what you are doing you will always work to the best of your capacity, she said.

Campbell is married to Lawrence Motsinger. They have two children, Sarah Motsinger, a member of the MU CVM Class of 2015, and Jason Motsinger, a student in agricultural engineering at the University of Illinois. They live on a six-acre mini-farm with horses, cats and shelties.

The announcement of Campbell's award was made during the reunion banquet at the Adams Conference Center. The following day alumni were invited to have breakfast with retired faculty members, tour the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital and attend a tailgate party before the football game against the University of Central Florida.

Class of 1954



Several members of the CVM Class of 1954 returned to Columbia for the 2014 Alumni Reunion Weekend. Pictured, from left, are B.M. Baker, Ireatess Keeney, Newell Netsche, George Fischer, A.E. Blum, Leslie Williams and Venton Goodnight.

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