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MU Students Compete at AABP Quiz Bowl

Two teams of students represented the MU College of Veterinary Medicine in the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Quiz Bowl on Sept. 19 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The event was held during the AABP annual meeting.

Both MU teams, each consisting of four students, placed second in their respective opening rounds. Each opening round pitted four teams against each other, with the winner moving on to further competition. Twenty-three teams of veterinary students from colleges across the country entered the competition, which was ultimately won by a team from Texas A&M.

The MU students split into two teams based on gender. The women's team featured second-year students Jill Abel, Brianne Bishop, Elena Esparza and Alyssa Thomas. Competing on the men's team were fourth-years Lynn Barton and Logan Williams and third-years Cody Dalton and Clint Eastburn.

Although the MU team members didn't do any special preparation before the competition, they said they had a great time and were pleased with their performance.

"I wish I could do it again," said Williams, the MU CVM AABP senior delegate. "It was a lot of fun."

The questions addressed topics such as reproduction, pathology and production. Esparza said she was surprised that even though her team of second-year students was still completing their preclinical classroom curriculum they knew many of the answers.

It can be hard to tell how relevant some of the information learned in the



The men's team was made up of (from left) Logan Williams, Cody Dalton, Clint Eastburn and Lynn Barton, who is not pictured.



The women's team included students: (from left) Brianne Bishop, Jill Abel, Alyssa Thomas and Elena Esparza.

classroom is when applied to clinical settings, she said, and the questions made her realize that many of those issues are important in the field.

Thomas and Dalton said the students who aren't graduating would like to return to the Quiz Bowl again next year and hope to perform even better now that they know what to expect.

"We're taking home the trophy next year," Dalton said.

Despite some disappointment at not winning the competition, the students said they had a fantastic time at the conference, especially because of the networking opportunities.

Besides the ability to meet potential employers and future colleagues, Dalton said networking events offered the chance to have dinner with people whose research articles he has been reading for years.

Sponsors of the students' trip included the Wolff Fund and Zoetis.

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