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Class of 2016 Receive White Coats, Begin Clinics

The MU College of Veterinary Medicine held a White Coat Ceremony Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, to celebrate the transition of Class of 2016 members from classroom to clinics. The event marked the midpoint in the students' professional curriculum. The first two years of preclinical training provided them with a foundation in biomedical sciences and included courses in anatomy, physiology, cell and molecular biology, pathology, pharmacology, microbiology, virology and toxicology. They also learned fundamentals in clinical disciplines, including anesthesiology, clinical pathology, radiology, public health and medicine and surgery, that they will need for the rest of their veterinary education. They will now spend nearly two years working in the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital in the Small Animal, Food Animal and Equine clinics, as



Veterinary student Lauren Geiger receives a white coat from her fiancé, Alex Callow.

well as undertaking preceptorships in private practices or with public agencies on their way to completing their Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees.

The 108 students who took part in the ceremony selected a family member, friend or mentor to present their white coats and assist in donning them.

Dean Dr. Neil C. Olson congratulated the class members on their success in reaching this milestone and reminded them they were closer to the end of their DVM education than the beginning. Dr. John Dodam, chairman of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Department, welcomed the students to the Teaching Hospital. Dr. Ron Cott, director of Advancement and associate dean of Student and Alumni Affairs, served as the emcee for the ceremony. Dr. David



Dr. Ron Cott serves as emcee for the 2014 White Coat Ceremony.



Dr. John Dodam congratulates student Stephanie Loden as Dr. David Wilson and Dr. Shuping Zhang await their opportunity to greet her. Dean Neil C. Olson congratulates her father, Don Loden, who presented her white laboratory coat.

Prigel, president of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA), and Richard Antweiler, executive director of MVMA, presented each student in the class with a veterinary medicine lapel pin from the MVMA. The platform party also included Dr. Linda Berent, associate dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. David Wilson, director of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, and Dr. Shuping Zhang, director of the Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

Lacy Jones, president of the Class of 2016 gave the response on behalf of her classmates.

Following the ceremony, which was held at the Missouri Theatre, a reception was held in the students' honor.

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This year's White Coat ceremony set a record with the number of people in attendance. It was held in the Missouri Theatre in downtown Columbia.



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