J. F. SMITHCORS STUDENT VETERINARY HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST
WINNERS
Last updated 25-May-2016

2016
1st Prize  Alison Smith ’19, Tufts University
The Rise and Fall of “Wonder Drugs”: The story of Antibiotics in Agriculture.

2nd Prize  Laura Johnson ’17, North Carolina State University
The Origin and Legacy of Christian Petersen’s Gentle Doctor

3rd Prize  Kelsey Madden ’19, Kansas State University
The Guinea Pig: Endearing, Enduring or Both?

4th Prize  Jessica Zeiger ’19, Purdue University
Making the Shoe Fit: A Brief Review of the History of Farriery.

2015
1st Prize  Jennifer Yu, ’16, University of California, Davis
West of West Nile: A Virus Conquers the New World.

2nd Prize (tie)  Ellen Kim ’17, Kansas State University
The Great Cattle Plague and Dr. John Gamgee: The Need for Historical Perspective on Trade and Public Health Policy.
Published in: Vet Herit. 2015 Nov;38(2):84-88.

2nd Prize (tie)  Alexander Neale ’17, Tufts University
In Sickness and In Health: A Marriage of Veterinary and Human Medicine, 1866-1881.

4th Prize  Stephanie Liao ’17, Kansas State University
Furry Valor: Tactical Dogs of World War I and II.

2014
1st Prize  Sarah Oates ’16, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Uncloaking Cognitive Decline: The Emergence of Canine Cognitive Dysfunction in Veterinary Medicine and Its Implications for Understanding Alzheimer’s Disease.

2nd Prize  Jennifer Yu ’16, University of California, Davis
The Rise of Chinese Acupuncture in the West: How an Ancient Eastern Tradition Became an American Medical Staple.

3rd Prize  Amanda Fox ’17 North Carolina State University
One Health: Back to Our Roots.
Published: Vet Herit. 2014 Nov;37(2):57-64.

4th Prize  Brittany Blattner ’16, Kansas State University

Honorable Mention Michael P. Sanders '16 Purdue University
The Worm Conqueror.
Published: Vet Herit. 2015 May;38(1):36-45.

Honorable Mention Samantha Schimming '16 Kansas State University
Hay, Oats, and Water?: A Brief Look at the History of Drug Use in Thoroughbred Racing.

2013
1st Prize Jacqueline M. Paritte '15 Oklahoma State University
On Formalizing Veterinary Technician Education: “A Noble & Necessary Movement”

2nd Prize Shira Rubin '13 Cornell University

3rd Prize Chris Liguore '16 Purdue University
Lifestyles of the Furry and Famous: A Historical Analysis of the Care and Advancement of Animal Actors.

4th Prize Jordan Daniels '16 Cornell University
Dr. William Stewart Halsted: The Ultimate Prize of Innovation.

Honorable Mention Laura Barrett '16 University of California at Davis
Tracing the Origin and Evolution of the Domestic Dog.

Honorable Mention Rebekah Landfried '16 Kansas State University
Veterinary Anatomical Models: A Surgical Tool as Essential as the Scalpel.

2012
1st Prize Amy Sents '15 Kansas State University
The Covert Arsenal of Biological Agents throughout History.
Published in Vet Herit.2012 Nov;35(2):37-44.

2nd Prize Tracey L. Mullins '15 Kansas State University
The Humble Beginnings of the Corporate Companion Animal Hospital

3rd Prize Katie Beach '13, Kansas State University

2011
1st Prize Maite S. Torres '14 Kansas State University
Animals in Space: Reaching for the Stars.

2nd Prize Bruce Willbrant '14 Kansas State University
3rd Prize Suzanne Ford ’13, Oklahoma State University
South Carolina’s School—What Went Wrong?

4th Prize Kimberly Lynne Carren Pescosolido ’12 North Carolina State University
Equine Veterinary Medicine from Ancient Times through the Greco-Roman Period
1st Prize  Ellen P. Carlin ’07, Cornell University

2nd Prize  Jeremiah Alma Burnett ’07, Washington State University.
Past, Present and Future Responses by the Veterinary Medical Profession to Socioeconomic Change.
Published in Vet Herit. 2007 Nov;30(2):33-38.

3rd Prize  Alphina J. Ho ’10, Kansas State University.
Shining Light on Foreign Animal Diseases: The Story of Plum Island.

2006
1st Prize  Amy Lynn ’06, Cornell University
Cats Are Not Small Dogs: The Emergence of Feline Medicine.

2nd Prize  David William Gardiner ’06, Cornell University
The Age of Veterinary Specialization.
Published in Vet Herit. 2006 Nov;29(2):44-52.

3rd Prize  Melissa Bourgeois, University of Florida
From 1946 to the Present – NASA’s Contribution to the Veterinary Medical Sciences.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2007 May;31(1):4-8.

2005
1st Prize  David William Gardiner ’06, Cornell University
Canine Parvovirus: From Not There to Everywhere: An Historical Look at the Emergence, Media Coverage, and Vaccine Development of Canine Parvovirus.

2nd Prize  Sarah Melissa Dyson, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Blacksburg, Virginia
Women Veterinarians Throughout the 20th Century.
Published in Vet Herit. 2006 May;29(1):8-14

3rd Prize  Greg A. Schmiesing ’05, Washington State University
Attempting to Make Practice Acts Perfect.

2004
1st Prize  Greg A. Schmiesing ’05, Washington State University
Transportation, Vaccination, Eradication, Consolidation: Reasons for Consternation?

2nd Prize  Kathryn Bradford ’06, Oklahoma State University
Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence: Veterinarian, Anthropologist, and Author.
Published in Vet. Herit. 2004 Nov;27(2):42-44.

3rd Prize  Jennifer Chediak ’06, Cornell University
Shaping the Profession: James Law and The Rise of Veterinary Professionalism in the United States.
2003
1st Prize  **Greg A. Schmiesing** '05, Washington State University
Independents’ Days: Independent Colleges in the Foundation of Veterinary Education in the United States.

2nd Prize  **Rebecca E. Brahm** '05, Oklahoma State University
The Changing Face of Veterinary Medicine: Women in the Profession.

3rd Prize  **Jolene M. North** '05, Oklahoma State University
Dueling Serpents.

2002
1st Prize  **Greg A. Schmiesing** '05, Washington State University
Protection of Animals Through Modern Legislation.

2nd Prize  **Margaret M. Brosnahan** '02, Tufts University
One Hundred Years of Colic: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Equine Gastrointestinal Disease in the Twentieth Century.

3rd Prize  **Ann H. Montague** '03, University of Minnesota
The Battle for a Veterinary School in Minnesota.

2001
1st Prize  **Jill Pruett** '03, Oklahoma State University
Evolution of Exotic Medicine Through Zoological Gardens.

2nd Prize  **Michelle L. Quigley** '03, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine
Veterinary Medicine and the American Civil War.

3rd Prize  **Arden J. Gillespie** '03, Oklahoma State University
Mark L. Morris, Sr., DVM Pioneer and Innovator.

2000
1st Prize  **Glenn Allen Olah** '02, Oklahoma State University
From Scrapie to Prions: Veterinarians Pave the Way.

2nd Prize  **Andrew M. Silverstone** '00, Atlantic Veterinary College

3rd Prize  Melanee J. Blystone ’01, University of Georgia  
Rinderpest: One Virus’s Impact on Veterinary History.  
Published in Vet. Herit. 2001 May;24(1):8-12.

1999  
1st Prize  Debbie Tacium Ladry ’00, Universite de Montreal  
The Remarkable History of Treatment for Milk Fever.  
Published in Vet. Herit. 1999 Nov;22(2):31-34.

2nd Prize  Heather Campbell ’00, Texas A & M University  
The Portrayal of Veterinary Medicine in Films.  

3rd Prize (tie)  Melanee J. Blystone ’01, University of Georgia  
Veterinarians in Zoo Medicine: The Evolution of a Career.  

3rd Prize (tie)  Pat R. Davis ’00, Auburn University  
Coming Full Circle—A History of the 168th Medical Detachment (VS).  

1998  
1st Prize  Cydria Schaefer Manette ’00, Washington State University  
Veterinary Ethics and the Changing Role of the Veterinarian: A Historical Review.  

2nd Prize  Debbie Tacium Ladry ’00, Universite de Montreal  

3rd Prize (tie)  Jason M. Evans ’99 Oklahoma State University  
A Retrospective of Veterinary Medicine at Oklahoma State University.  

1997  
1st Prize  Marilyn T. Waters ’97, Oregon State University  

2nd Prize  Amy M. Lesniak 00’, North Carolina State University  
Animals and The Veterinarian in Ancient Rome.  

3rd Prize (tie)  Diana Murphy Jordan ’98, Iowa State University  
Hog Cholera: A Historical Review.  

3rd Prize (tie)  Stacy L. Pritt ’97, Washington State University  
The History of the Guinea Pig (Cavia porcellus) in Society and Veterinary Medicine.  
1996
1st Prize  Ilana Beth Furman Levinson ’99, Oregon State University
The History of Zoos and the Emergence of Zoo Veterinarians.

2nd Prize  G. Russell Danner ’98, University of Wisconsin
Elmer A. Woelffer, DVM, 1897-1995.

3rd Prize  Kelly J. Hoover ’98, Washington State University
Rabies Treatments and Preventives Through the Ages.
Published in Vet. Herit. 1997 May;20(1):30-34.

1995
1st Prize  Melinda S. Cumming ’95, Washington State University
Blisters, Beetles, and Beliefs.

2nd Prize  Stacy L. Pritt ’97, Washington State University
Norman Rockwell’s Illustration of Pet Care and Veterinary Medicine.

3rd Prize  Joanne C. Martineau ’98 University of Pennsylvania
A Historical Survey of Vivisection from Antiquity to the Present.

1994
1st Prize  Sandra Coestar, ’95 Cornell University
The Magical and Mystical World of Atropine and Other Belladonna Alkaloids.

2nd Prize  Kim Taugott, [Brooktondale, NY]
Florence Kimball—America’s First Woman Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

3rd Prize  Ilene Shapiro, [Ontario, Canada]
The Contributions of C.D. McGilvray.

1993
1st Prize  Jane Knoper ’95, Washington State Univeristy
The Thermometer: History and Application.
Published in 1993 Vet Herit. Dec;16(2):51-60.

2nd Prize  Angela K. Schoeming ’95, Purdue University
Robert Stroud: The Brains Behind the Birdman.

3rd Prize  Yvonne Kalifianos ’94, Purdue University
History of Veterinary Homeopathy

1992
1st Prize  Catherine Hibbett ’93, University of Minnesota
Artists and Anatomists in Renaissance Europe.

Hon. Mention  Becky Manning ’??, University of Wisconsin
The New York Zoological Society's Veterinary History.