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The annual SCAVMA Teaching Awards were presented this spring at the annual awards meeting. Two awards were presented, one for basic sciences and one for clinical sciences. Nominees were taken from the student body and were narrowed down to three for each award by a committee from SCAVMA Executive Council. This year the Basic Science Award Nominees were Drs. Don Adams (Veterinary Anatomy), Ron Griffith, and James Roth (both of Microbiology, Immunology, and Preventive Medicine). The Clinical Science Award Nominees were Drs. Eric Davis, Larry Jackson, and James Noxon. Junior and senior students voted on the three nominees for the Clinical Science Award and all students voted on the nominees for the Basic Science Award.

This year the winners were Dr. Larry Jackson in Clinical Science and Dr. James Roth in Basic Science. Dr. Larry Jackson has been on staff since 1968, initially as a clinician in equine medicine and surgery. Since 1972, he has been teaching anesthesiology to VM II, VM III, and VM IV students. Dr. Jackson received his BS in 1964 and his DVM in 1966 from Michigan State University. In 1971 he received his masters from ISU and in 1982 he became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists. Dr. Jackson is involved in various departmental and college committees, including the Appeals Committee and OTS advisor.

Dr. James Roth is a professor in Microbiology, Immunology, and Preventive Medicine and has been on staff since 1977, when he started as an adjunct professor. In 1981, he received his PhD from ISU and became an instructor. Dr. Roth received his DVM from ISU in 1975, after which he spent two years in practice. His work here at ISU involves teaching immunology and conducting immunology research in cattle, swine and dogs. Dr. Roth is a patient and concerned instructor, while his lecturing style actually facilitates good note taking! Dr. Roth lives on an acreage outside of Ames with his wife and three children.

These two professors will be nominated by the Iowa State SCAVMA Chapter for the Student AVMA Teaching Excellence Awards. Winners of these awards will be announced in March. Last year's National Award for Teaching Excellence went to Dr. Alexander de Lahunta, professor at Cornell University, in the Basic Sciences and Dr. Cheryl Jones, assistant professor at Michigan State University, in the Clinical Sciences.

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