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William O. Reece Academic Advising Award

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The William O. Reece Academic Advising Award is given each year to an individual in the Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine who exhibits excellence in the area of academic advising. The Faculty and Alumni Awards Committee of the College of Veterinary Medicine selects the winner from student chosen nominees. This years recipient is Dr. Kristina G. Miles from the Department of Radiology, Veteirnary Clinical Sciences.

Dr. Miles is originally from Texas, and received her undergraduate degree and her D.V.M. from Texas A & M University. Dr. Miles completed a residency in radiology at the University of Missouri-Columbia where she received her M.S. degree. Before coming to Iowa State University, Dr. Miles was the staff radiologist at the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. At Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Miles has advised students under the current system for four years, and she also participated in the older Mentor Group system for three years. Dr. Miles participates in the advising program because she enjoys “the personal interaction with the students,” and “becoming more acquainted with the students on an individual basis.” Dr. Miles “tries to be a resource that her advisees can come to for information or

with concerns,” while at the same time trying not to be “intrusive”. She accomplishes this by “leaving goofy treats” in her advisee’s mailboxes, just to “remind them that she is there”. Dr. Miles is married to Dr. Al Jergens, DACVIM and she has a two year old son named Travis. She also has two cats named Mr. Dickens and Houdini.

On behalf of the students in the College of Veterinary Medicine and the faculty and staff, the *ISU Veterinarian* would like to congratulate Dr. Miles on this well deserved and hard earned award. ♦



Dr. Reece and Dr. Miles pose for the photo capturing the exciting moment.

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