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Norden Teaching Award 1993 Dr. James A. Roth

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Dr. James Roth has again been awarded for his outstanding teaching ability. As a professor in the Iowa State University department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Preventative Medicine, Dr. Roth has won not only the Norden Teaching Award (1983, 1993) but also the SCAVMA Teaching Award (1992), and the College of Veterinary Medicine Faculty Citation (1993). The Norden Award is given to a faculty member who has proven to be remarkable in their ability to teach, for their dedication to the profession of veterinary science and teaching as well as good character and leadership qualities. The selection is made by a committee of three prior Norden winners who include student input in their decision.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Roth maintains membership in and has served as president of the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists. In his fifteen years of teaching he has also managed to recruit approximately $5 million in research funds. His achievements in research include the Beecham Award for Research Excellence.

Dr. Roth teaches the freshman immunology course as well as a portion of the junior Infectious Diseases course. He says that he enjoys teaching immunology to veterinary students. “Once they begin to understand the complexity and importance of the immune system, they develop an enthusiasm for the subject which makes teaching fun.” Based on his winning record it would appear that his students and colleagues agree.

As a former student of Dr. Roth, it is a pleasure to see him rewarded for his continued excellence in teaching. From a student’s perspective, Dr. Roth has always been helpful, friendly, and easy to understand.

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