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On Wednesday, March 15 two buses full of dozens of Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine students left the vet school parking lot in Ames, Iowa. Over 1000 miles and 20 hours later they arrived in Blacksburg, Virginia. The reason these vet students endured these less than luxurious travel arrangements was to get to the Student AVMA Symposium.

The symposium is an annual event held at a different veterinary school each year. This year it was held at Virginia-Maryland Regional Veterinary College in Blacksburg, VA. Everyone that attended enjoyed themselves tremendously. During the day there were lectures and wetlabs ranging from wildlife darting to pet dentistry. At night there were social events where students from the different veterinary schools could meet and have fun together.

Each night there was a different theme, with the first night being Mardi Gras, the second night St. Patrick’s Day, and the final night including a formal dinner with a keynote speaker, casino tables, and dancing. The evening events provided an excellent opportunity for students to make contacts and friends with students from Iowa State as well as students from many of the other 26 schools present.

Throughout the three days, schools competed against each other in both athletic and academic competitions. Iowa State came away with numerous awards: SAVMA Challenge, first place: Sol Wikert, Liz Bares, Julie Hansen, Sarah Curry, Calvin Patten; Microbiology and Parasitology, third place: Cameron Schmitt, Bonnie Smith; Exotics, third place: Chris Koester, Beth Englebert; Anatomy, first place: Mike Harley Costello; Women’s 5K, first place: Jennifer Rediske; Team 5K, first place: Jennifer Rediske, Mark Masucci; Kickball, third place: Troy Brick, Tyson Grover, Mark Severs, Ryan Royer, Jeff Kurt, Eric Snook, Katy Yingst, Steph Cotten, Ann Peters, Anne Di Leone, Rosanna Scala; Innertube Waterpolo, third place: Todd Bell, Todd Tedrow, Robert Sahaghian, Chris Groos, David E. Schneider, Charlotte Carlson, Ann Peters, Anne Di Leone.

Congratulations to all the people who participated and to those who placed in the competitions. All 103 Iowa State veterinary students represented their school extremely well and impressed students from other schools with their enthusiasm and spirit.

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