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River Ridge Charity Horse Show
15503 US Highway 23
Lucasville, OH 45648-8827

Dear River Ridge Charity Horse Show,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. We are writing today to provide you with an update on the **Dr. Scott Bennett Scholarship Fund in Equine Veterinary Medicine**, which was created in memory of our dear friend, colleague, and family member following his untimely passing three years ago. Thanks to your support of the scholarship, we are excited to announce that the scholarship has been awarded for the 2023-2024 academic year. As a reminder, this scholarship that you helped make happen provides support for fourth year DVM students planning to pursue careers in equine medicine, with preference to candidates interested in a residency in equine surgery. We cannot think of a better way to honor the legacy of such a pillar of the equine community and ardent veterinarian. Dr. Bennett's passion for equine care and veterinary medicine could be felt by all that spoke with him.



This year's recipient of the Dr. Bennett Scholarship is fourth-year student Spencer Seabeck. Spencer graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a degree in biology. While at Indiana Wesleyan, Spencer was involved in research and residential student life, which allowed him to grow as both an individual and a leader. These skills became invaluable to him in both his personal life and his journey in becoming an equine veterinarian. On campus at Ohio State, Spencer is involved in many clubs including equine club. He works as a student assistant at the Galbreath Equine Center as well as worked at a standardbred breeding farm during foaling season. Following graduation, Spencer would like to become an equine veterinarian with the goal of pursuing a surgical residency in the future. Spencer is a fantastic student, and we cannot picture a better recipient of this scholarship.

"This scholarship means a lot to me as it takes some of the stress off that comes with accumulating a burdensome amount of financial debt after graduation and allows me to pursue further training to become an equine surgeon. It is also just a reminder of why I'm doing what I'm doing. I would like to thank [you all] from the bottom of my heart for making the scholarship possible and I'm very fortunate to have been a recipient of the scholarship this year."

—Spencer Seabeck, DVM Candidate Class of 2024

This scholarship not only carries Dr. Bennett's legacy forward but also provides the next generation of equine veterinarians the opportunity to reach their dreams and propel the profession forward. Thanks to your support, the endowment will continue to grow, resulting in a larger scholarship year after year. There is approximately \$141,350 in the fund. We now have a stretch goal of \$250,000 to continue providing larger scholarships to students. To support this endeavor, you can visit www.go.osu.edu/bennettscholarship or call (614) 688-8433. **Thank you for your generosity and support of the Dr. Scott Bennett Scholarship Fund in Equine Veterinary Medicine.**

Respectfully and appreciatively,
Friends and Family of Dr. Scott Bennett

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