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Greetings!

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. We are writing to provide an update on the **Dr. Scott Bennett Scholarship Fund in Equine Veterinary Medicine**, established in memory of our dear friend, colleague, and family member following his untimely passing four years ago. Thanks to your generous support, we are thrilled to announce that the scholarship has been awarded for the 2024-2025 academic year.

This scholarship, made possible by your donation(s), supports fourth-year DVM students pursuing careers in equine medicine, with a preference for those interested in a residency in equine surgery. We believe this is a fitting tribute to Dr. Bennett, a pillar of the equine community and a passionate veterinarian whose dedication to equine care and veterinary medicine was evident to all who knew him.

This year's recipient of the Dr. Bennett Scholarship is Payton Kelly, a fourth-year student originally from Chicago. Payton graduated from Otterbein University in 2019 with a degree in Equine Pre-Veterinary Studies and a minor in Psychology. Her passion for horses began at the age of 10, quickly immersing herself in the horseshow environment. This early experience fostered a deep respect for horses that she has carried into adulthood. Beyond her equine interests, Payton enjoys hiking and traveling, relishing the opportunity to explore new parts of the world. Her decision to pursue a career in veterinary medicine was inspired by observing semi-lame horses in lower-level competitions and recognizing the need for better injury prevention. After graduation, Payton is excited to join a team specializing in Equine Sports Medicine, working at high-level show jumping and dressage events. She will be dividing her time between Virginia and Florida.



Payton Kelly

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
c/o 2025

 The Ohio State University

"I really cannot thank [you] enough for this scholarship. The Bennet Scholarship in Equine being equine centric makes me extremely happy, but also it helps me financially... it helps my peace of mind. Going forward, I can give back to my family more, and I can also feel more comfortable pursuing further education. I am also extremely honored to be the third recipient of this scholarship..."

Thank you again!"

—Payton Kelly, DVM Candidate Class of 2025

This scholarship not only honors Dr. Bennett's legacy but also empowers the next generation of equine veterinarians to achieve their dreams and advance the profession. Thanks to your generous support, the

endowment continues to grow, allowing for an increasingly substantial scholarship each year. Currently, the fund holds approximately \$142,400, with a distribution of \$5,739 for this year. Our goal moving forward is to increase this fund to \$175,000.

To support this meaningful endeavor, please visit www.give.osu.edu/bennett or call (614) 688-8433. **Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Dr. Scott Bennett Scholarship Fund in Equine Veterinary Medicine.**

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