ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT
THREE HONORED WITH SCHOOL’S HIGHEST AWARD

The School of Veterinary Medicine conferred its highest honor, the Alumni Achievement Award, to three alumni during the June 16 commencement ceremony.

James Moore, distinguished research professor, University of Georgia Department of Large Animal Medicine, was recognized for his contribution to understanding the pathophysiology of equine colic, endotoxemia and laminitis. (DVM 1974, UC Davis)

Marguerite Pappaioanou, professor of infectious disease epidemiology, University of Minnesota School of Public Health and College of Veterinary Medicine, was recognized for outstanding contributions to epidemiology and public health. (MPVM 1976, PhD comparative pathology 1982, UC Davis)

John Pascoe, executive associate dean, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, was recognized for his vision, energy and passion as architect of the future of the world’s leading veterinary school and academic program. (PhD comparative pathology 1986, UC Davis)

UCVMC—SAN DIEGO
“TAIL WAGGING” EVENT CELEBRATES NEW DIGS

More than 100 clients, pets, community members and university officials gathered April 29 to open new clinical facilities for the UC Veterinary Medical Center, San Diego (UCVMC-SD), established by the school and UC San Diego in 1998 to foster collaboration in teaching and research activities and promote emerging specialty services in Southern California.

The UCVMC-SD occupies 4,000 square feet in the new 26,000-square-foot Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego, including reception and administrative space, exam rooms, a hemodialysis treatment room, conference facilities, a nutrition laboratory and faculty offices.

Current clinical services at the center include renal medicine and kidney dialysis, behavior and a pharmacy service. A clinical nutrition program is scheduled to open there later this year.

The “Grand Opening and Tail Wagging Reception” was hosted by School of Veterinary Medicine Dean Bennie Osburn, UCVMC-SD Director Larry Cowgill, and Dr. Phillip Richter, owner of the Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego.

“The new academic and clinical facility allows us to expand our vital training programs and extend specialty services to the San Diego community,” says Dr. Cowgill. “It also continues our long-standing collaboration with the Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego and continued interaction with the many veterinary practices in San Diego County. We look forward to future interactions with all of them and the opportunity to complement their services.”

Heritage Society for Animals enrollee Dolores Alden and Dean Bennie Osburn stand amid more than 400 names, tributes and memorials on the Heritage Society plaque at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

COMMENCEMENT 2006
SCHOOL GRADUATES 122 NEW VETERINARIANS

During the 55th commencement ceremony June 16, school officials conferred 122 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees and 36 residency certificates. Certificates were awarded to 22 students completing the Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine (MPVM) degree. Thirty-one graduates wore the medal of the national Phi Zeta Veterinary Honor Society, and Sabrina Barry received the School of Veterinary Medicine Medal for outstanding academic and clinical achievement.

The class of 2006 chose professor Rance LeFebvre of the Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology as faculty speaker; and Brian Evans and Katherine Giles, both in the small animal track, were the class speakers. The dean recognized 11 Donald G. Low-CVMA Practitioner Fellows and nine retiring faculty members—George Cooper, Benjamin Hart, Steve Haskins, Susan Hildebrand, William Lasley, Charles Plopper, Quinton Rogers, Henry Segall and Joseph Zinkl.

NEW MEMBERS WELcomed
23 JOIN THE HERITAGE SOCIETY FOR ANIMALS

The Heritage Society for Animals—donors who have named the School of Veterinary Medicine in their estate plans—held their annual luncheon April 25 and welcomed 23 new members. Professor Jim Jones presented some highlights of his work on exercise physiology and animal athletes, and attendees saw the new Claire Giannini Hoffman equine Athletic Performance Laboratory in action during a demonstration of the facility’s research and diagnostic capabilities.

Contact the school’s development office at (530) 752-7024 for information about estate-planning tools or how to make an estate gift.