Animal Health Award for Research Excellence.

Jim Reynolds, (DVM 1982, MPVM 1984, UC Davis) chief of Dairy Production Medicine Clinical Veterinary Services at the school's Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center in Tulare, was named the 2004 Dairy Quality Assurance Veterinarian of the Year by the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. The award recognizes veterinarians who work with cattle producers to implement quality management practices. Dr. Reynolds, a nationally recognized expert in animal welfare, received the honor for his leadership on animal welfare issues within the dairy industry.

Quinton Rogers, professor, was elected fellow of the American Society of Nutritional Sciences.

Dick Schumacher, who served for thirteen years as executive director of the California Veterinary Medical Association, received the School of Veterinary Medicine Distinguished Service Award last June in recognition of his leadership and distinguished service to the veterinary profession and to the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

John Shirley (DVM, UC Davis, 1952), representing the Armed Forces of the United States, received France's Legion of Honor, given to foreign veterans who helped to liberate France from Nazi occupation during WWII.

It was pinned to his chest by French President Jacques Chirac at a ceremony August 15, 2004—exactly 60 years after the 19-year-old Dr. Shirley was part of an invasion force that attacked from the Mediterranean 10 weeks after the D-Day landings at Normandy.

Bradford Smith, director of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital,

Elizabeth Arnold Stone (DVM, UC Davis, 1976) will serve as dean of the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, beginning June 1, 2005.

R. Steven Tharratt (MPVM, UC Davis, 2001), professor of medicine and anesthesiology, was recognized with the UC Davis Distinguished Alumnus Award last June for medical achievement and contributions to society.

Cristina Torres, a veterinarian who earned her PhD in nutrition in 2003, received the 2004 Max Kleiber Research Prize in Metabolism &/or Nutrition for her contribution to solving the nutritional component of the problem of taurine deficiency-induced dilated cardiomyopathy in dogs.

Frank Verstraete, professor, received the 2003 American Veterinary Dental College Service Award.

J.D. Wheat, professor emeritus and member of the school's founding faculty, was elected to the International Equine Veterinarians Hall of Fame.

Tilahun Yilma (DVM, UC Davis, 1970), professor of virology and director of the International Laboratory of Molecular Biology for Tropical Disease Agents, was elected Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology.

Three UC Davis alumni were elected last July to American Veterinary Medical Association offices: Professor Kent Lloyd (DVM, UC Davis, 1983), was elected to the AVMA Council on Research, a six-year term to play a major role in supporting and directing veterinary research activities. Dave Dawson (DVM, UC Davis, 2000) was elected to the Veterinary Practitioner Council, and Bernadine Cruz (DVM, UC Davis, 1982) was elected to the Public Relations Council.

In Memoriam

Michael Guinan, lecturer in anatomy and physiology, died in Davis July 5, 2004, from melanoma. He was 46.

Dr. Guinan earned an MS degree in physiology in 1985, teaching credential in 1986 and PhD in physiology in 1997 from UC Davis.

He carried out an active research program in cellular aspects of learning and memory, taught veterinary neuroscience and comparative anatomy classes in the school, and authored several interactive software programs including "The Virtual Heart" and "Comparative Anatomy." In 2000, he received the Award for Excellence in Teaching from the UC Davis Academic Federation.

Donald Low, professor emeritus, died peacefully in Davis November 7, 2004, following a long illness with Lewy body disease, a degenerative neurological disorder. He was 79.

As director of the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital 1974–80, Dr. Low was instrumental in fostering veterinary specialties and residency training, which evolved into the world’s largest veterinary residency program.

In honor of his lifelong passion for continuing education, the Donald G. Low/CVMA Practitioner Fellowship was established in 1997.

Known by many as the “father of veterinary urology,” Dr. Low served on the U. Minnesota and Colorado State U. faculties, and at UC Davis, served as the school’s associate dean for instruction and for public programs. Dr. Low was a founding diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM), and initiated the Society of Veterinary Nephrology and Urology.

His many honors include 1971 American Animal Hospital Association Veterinarian of the Year, Norden Distinguished Teaching Award and Distinguished Service Award from the U. Minn. College of Veterinary Medicine, CVMA Lifetime Achievement Award, Kansas State U. Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Kirk Distinguished Service Award from the ACVIM.

Donald Low