

College of Veterinary Medicine
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Honor Day Program

College of Veterinary Medicine
Cornell University



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Prizes and Awards

THE AMERICAN ANIMAL HOSPITAL AWARD

This award is presented to the fourth-year student demonstrating outstanding proficiency in small animal medicine and surgery. The recipient is selected by the faculty of the Companion Animal Hospital.

Natacha Simpkins

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FELINE PRACTITIONERS' AWARD

This award of a recognition plaque and two years free membership in the American Association of Feline Practitioners is awarded to a fourth year student for special interest and accomplishment in feline medicine and surgery. Selection of the recipient is made by the faculty of the Companion Animal Hospital.

Lori L. Bradshaw

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS' AWARD

This award is given to the fourth year student who has demonstrated outstanding motivation and interest in the art and science of veterinary surgery. The faculty selected two fourth-year students for this award.

Bonny J. Scheck – Large Animal

Tristan Karl Weinkle – Small Animal

THE PRIZE OF THE AUXILIARY OF THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

This prize is presented to one member of the fourth-year class who is deemed to have best advanced the standing of the College of Veterinary Medicine on the campus by special contributions of an extracurricular nature.

Jennifer Paige Rose Graziano

THE JAMES GORDON BENNETT PRIZE

In 1916, Mr. James Gordon Bennett of New York City endowed this prize for the fourth-year student who shows the greatest humaneness in handling animals, with special reference to the use of anesthesia. Mr. Bennett was the editor of the New York Herald (forerunner of the Herald Tribune) a century ago; a man of diverse abilities and interests, he is the person who dispatched Henry M. Stanley in 1870 to find Dr. David Livingstone in Africa. Nominations are made by the faculty of the Section of Anesthesiology in the Department of Clinical Sciences.

Bharathi A. Ranjithan

THE ANNE BESSE PRIZE

Miss A. B. Jennings of New York City endowed this prize in 1925 for the best work in food animal medicine. Nominations are made by the Medicine Section faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences. This year the faculty selected a fourth-year student for this award.

Stacy M. Kenyon

THE FRANK BLOOM PATHOLOGY AWARD

This prize was established in 1978 from an endowment given by Dr. Frank Bloom. Dr. Bloom, a 1930 Cornell graduate, was a Charter Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, as well as a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. He practiced in Flushing, New York, taught at Downstate Medical and published extensively. The nomination of a fourth-year student excelling in pathology was made by the Department of Pathology.

Gregory O. Voronin

THE GARY BOLTON MEMORIAL CARDIOLOGY AWARD

Funds for the endowment of this award were donated by friends and colleagues of Dr. Gary R. Bolton in memory of his outstanding contributions to the field of small animal cardiology. Dr. Bolton was a member of the faculty and taught cardiology for a decade. He was also known and respected as a compassionate veterinarian who exhibited empathy for his patients and their owners. Two fourth-year students who have demonstrated understanding and expertise in cardiology and empathy for patients compatible with the philosophy of Dr. Bolton, have been nominated by the faculty of the Companion Animal Hospital.

Karin A. Wagner

Sara E. Childs

THE CHARLES GROSS BONDY PRIZE

In 1929, Mr. Richard Bondy of New York City endowed this prize as a memorial to his son for the best work by a student in the fourth-year in the courses in practical medicine and surgery of small animals. Nominations were made by the faculty of the Medicine and Surgery Sections of the Department of Clinical Sciences responsible for teaching in the Companion Animal Hospital.

Ryan T. Storey

THE HOWARD E. EVANS AWARD IN COMPARATIVE ANATOMY

In 1994, on the occasion of his 50th year class reunion, Dr. Howard Evans ('44) and his wife Erica generously endowed this scholarship to be awarded by the faculty of the Department of Anatomy. The purpose of this award is to recognize and encourage student participation in anatomical endeavors that pertain to the gross structure or function of any animal (particularly fish, reptile or bird). This year the faculty selected a first year student.

Kathy Y. Chu

THE JOHN F. CUMMINGS MEMORIAL AWARD

John Cummings, BS '58, DVM '62, MS '63, PhD '66, James Law Professor of Anatomy, had a long, distinguished career at Cornell as teacher, researcher and mentor to both veterinary and graduate students. He was an exciting and inspiring teacher, known for his interest in, patience with and compassion for students. Dr. Cummings was also a researcher in comparative neuropathology, internationally renowned for his work with animal models of human neurologic diseases. His untimely death on November 3, 1996 filled everyone who knew him with great sadness. Dr. Cummings was the kind of person that many of us aspire to be. He was a modest person, of the highest integrity, who knew the importance of family, community and social responsibility and who had broad interests, knowledge and expertise outside, as well as inside, of veterinary medicine. He approached every aspect of life with enthusiasm, honesty, integrity, and a legendary sense of humor and wit. He respected and cared for others, and earned their respect and admiration in return. The College of Veterinary Medicine Classes of 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 established a fund to provide an annual award to be given to a member of the third-year class who best exemplifies these qualities of Dr. Cummings.

Students in any of the four veterinary classes can nominate a member of the third-year class for this award. The recipient of the award is then chosen by a faculty committee from among those students nominated.

Christopher Kennedy

THE A. GORDON DANKS LARGE ANIMAL SURGERY AWARD

This award was initiated in 1978 by the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences to recognize the outstanding contributions of Professor Emeritus A. Gordon Danks, first Director of Student Administration and Admissions and Chairman of the former Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery. It is presented to a fourth-year student demonstrating outstanding knowledge and talent in the diagnosis and treatment of surgical problems of large animals. Basic and applied knowledge, diagnostic abilities, general surgical skills, and patient care exhibited during the clinical rotations are considered in the presentation of this award.

Heather J. O'Leary

THE DONALD D. DELAHANTY MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize was established as a special memorial to Dr. Donald D. Delahanty, a member of the Department of Large Animal Medicine, Obstetrics and Surgery from 1952 to 1975. The prize is given to a fourth-year student showing an interest in equine practice and a high level of proficiency in the field. The candidate is nominated by the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences concerned with the equine patient.

Jennifer A. Walker

THE DERMATOLOGY SERVICE AWARD

DVM Pharmaceuticals, Inc. sponsored this award to recognize excellence and interest in clinical dermatology. The recipient is selected by the faculty involved in teaching clinical dermatology.

Tristan Karl Weinkle

THE HUGH DUKES PRIZE IN EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGY

This prize was established by former students and friends of Dr. H. Hugh Dukes, who was a pioneer in the education of students in physiology and who served the University and College for 28 years as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Physiology. With a view to encouraging veterinary graduates to undertake research and teaching in physiology, the prize is awarded upon the judgment of the veterinary physiology teaching faculty to a veterinary student who has done excellent work in physiology laboratory courses and shows potential for teaching and contributing new knowledge to physiology. Nominations may be made by any faculty member in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Karin A. Wagner

THE ETTINGER INCENTIVE AWARD

Dr. Stephen Ettinger, Class of 1964, established this award to provide encouragement to all veterinary medical students at Cornell. The award, Dr. Ettinger's Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine, is given to a second-year student who has made the greatest improvement in cumulative GPA between the first and second year.

Stephanie K. Wolf

THE MYRON G. FINCHER PRIZE

This award was initiated in 1980 through an endowment from Dr. Neil W. Pieper, '32, given in honor of Professor Emeritus Myron G. Fincher, '20. It is in recognition of the many contributions to the College by Dr. Fincher. Always a gentleman, he firmly demanded the best from his students and played a leading role in the instruction of large animal medicine and obstetrics for 45 years. It is presented to a fourth-year student demonstrating the best work in courses dealing with large animal obstetrics and reproductive diseases. Both academic and practical performance are considered. Nominations are made by the Section of Theriogenology in consultation with other clinical faculty.

Michael S. Jones

THE GENTLE DOCTOR AWARD

The Gentle Doctor Award was originally made possible by Dr. William Hornbuckle's contribution of prize money from the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award received by him in 1979. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kirk established a permanent endowment fund for the continuation of this award. The recipient of the award is a fourth-year student who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences, exemplifies enthusiasm, motivation and dedication to the delivery of excellent veterinary patient care.

Michael S. Jones

THE HILL'S "BUDDY" AWARD

Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., established this award to honor a fourth-year student who has demonstrated excellent problem solving ability, knowledge and application of principles of nutrition throughout the stages of life, as well as in clinical disease in small animal medicine and surgery. The recipient is selected by members of the clinical faculty and those involved in teaching and counseling on clinical nutrition.

Melissa L. Murray

THE GRANT SHERMAN HOPKINS PRIZE

The endowment for this prize was given by Ms. Ann Ottaway Hopkins in 1955 in memory of her husband who had served the University and College for 45 years as Professor of Veterinary Anatomy. It is awarded upon the recommendation of the faculty in the Department of Anatomy on the basis of interest, ability, perseverance, and performance in work in that department.

Dawn Z. Tornusciolo

THE IAMS and VECCS AWARD

Iams and the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society sponsor this award given to a fourth-year student who is a member of the student chapter of VECCS and has demonstrated excellence, interest, and proficiency in the field of small animal emergency and critical care medicine. The recipient is chosen by the small animal clinical faculty.

Ryan T. Storey

THE P. PHILIP LEVINE PRIZE IN AVIAN MEDICINE

This prize was established from donations made by friends and colleagues of Dr. P. Philip Levine in memory of his many contributions to the field of avian medicine, both nationally and internationally. Dr. Levine was a long-time member of the Cornell faculty and was the first chairman of the Department of Avian Diseases. Much of his life was dedicated to the training of young people and to encouraging them to aspire to excellence. In the spirit of encouraging excellence, this prize is awarded to a veterinary student excelling in avian medicine.

Marc Hubert Kramer

THE MERCK MANUAL AWARDS

Merck and Company, Inc., gives engraved copies of the Merck Veterinary Manual to members of the fourth-year who will graduate highest in their class.

Ryan T. Storey

Karolina Antonia Jameson Jordan

Sarina Hinsley

Keith Robert Weingardt

Bonny J. Scheck

Stacie Mary Lauren Minnier

Natacha Simpkins

Karin Colby Wilson

THE JANE MILLER PRIZE

Funds for the endowment of this prize were given by Dr. Frank H. Miller, a graduate of McGill University and a trustee of Cornell University for twenty consecutive years. As a memorial to his wife, the prize is awarded to a member of the second-year class who has done the best work in veterinary physiology. Candidates are nominated by the faculty in Department of Physiology.

Alexa Margaret Cox

THE MALCOLM E. MILLER AWARD

In 1965, Ms. Mary Wells Miller Ewing established this award in memory of her husband, Dr. Malcolm E. Miller, '34, a former professor of anatomy and the head of that department from 1947 to 1960. The recipient is a fourth-year student who, in the judgment of the Dean, has demonstrated perseverance, scholastic diligence, and other personal characteristics that will bring credit and distinction to the veterinary profession.

Michael S. Jones

THE MARY LOUISE MOORE PRIZE

Dr. Veranus A. Moore established this endowed prize as a memorial to his wife for the best work in bacteriology. Dr. Moore served as Chairman of the Pathology and Bacteriology Department and as Dean of the Veterinary College from 1908 to 1930. Nominations are made by the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

Michael Benjamin Capel

THE NEUROANATOMY AND CLINICAL NEUROLOGY PRIZE

In memory of Dr. William B. Forsythe, this prize is to be awarded to the fourth-year student who has demonstrated the most outstanding expertise and interest in neuroanatomy and clinical neurology. Nominations are made by the faculty who have primary responsibility for instruction in neuroanatomy and in clinical neurology. This year the faculty selected two students for this award.

Chris Edward Weisner

Gregory O. Voronin

THE NEW YORK STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL SOCIETY PRIZE

This prize, which consists of an engraved plaque and a cash award, is provided annually by the Society for the best Senior Seminar. Members of the fourth-year class are eligible to compete. Nominations are made by the Senior Seminar Committee which judges the quality of the seminars. The recipient is:

Ryan T. Storey

The Senior Seminar Committee would also like to recognize the following students with Honorable Mention Awards. Listed alphabetically, they are:

Lillian Irene Good

Heather J. O'Leary

Sharon A. Sickles

THE LEONARD PEARSON VETERINARY PRIZE

This award, endowed in 1993, is for the fourth-year student who most successfully demonstrates the potential for professional and/or academic leadership in veterinary medicine.

Natacha Simpkins

THE PFIZER ANIMAL HEALTH VETERINARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Pfizer Animal Health established this award to foster veterinary medical education by recognizing the outstanding third-year student who, through his or her ability, dedication and character, attains a high level of academic achievement and productivity.

Dennis Burt Bailey

THE PHI ZETA AWARD

The Alpha Chapter of Phi Zeta, the honor society of veterinary medicine, acknowledges the second-year student with the best academic record upon completion of the first three semesters of study. The recipient of the award receives Ettinger's Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Volumes I and II.

Alexa Margaret Cox

THE PHILOTHERIAN PHOTOGRAPHIC PRIZE

The Philotherian Photographic Prize, endowed in 1972 by the late Dr. and Mrs. Hadley C. Stephenson, is given to the veterinary student who has taken the best photograph of an animal in its environment. In a letter about the prize, Dr. Stephenson said "the members of the veterinary profession possess a feeling for the animals ... [and] ... we wish to encourage the expression of that feeling". The photographs are judged by a committee of College faculty and staff members on originality, individuality of the animal and its enjoyment of its surroundings, the effect it has on the judges, and suitability for framing.

Rachel Beth Gardner

Ericka Alicia Mendez

THE COLONEL FLOYD C. SAGER EQUINE OBSTETRICS AND PEDIATRICS AWARD

This award, created on the occasion of Dr. Sager's 90th birthday in 1984 by another Cornellian who trained under Dr. Sager, recognizes a Cornell veterinarian whose name is synonymous with excellence in equine obstetrics and pediatrics. Following Dr. Sager's graduation in 1917, he served in the army Remount Service until after World War II. He then became the veterinarian for the world famous Claiborne Farm in Kentucky where he remained until his death in February, 1986. The fourth year student receiving this award, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Clinical Sciences, has displayed outstanding aptitude in equine obstetrics and pediatrics.

Alison B. Kaufman

THE ISIDOR I. SPRECKER WILDLIFE MEDICINE AWARD

This award was established in 1996 by Esther Schiff Bondareff, '37 in honor of her friend, Isidor Sprecker, D.V.M. '39 as a testimony to her admiration of him and her keen interest in improving the quality of veterinary health in zoo animals. This award is presented annually to a third- or fourth-year veterinary student in good academic standing, with a strong interest in pursuing a career in zoo and wildlife medicine.

Tristan Karl Weinkle

THE E. L. STUBBS AWARD

This prize, contributed by the Mid-Atlantic States Association of Avian Veterinarians, is to be awarded to the fourth-year student who has demonstrated the most outstanding competence and motivation in various areas of avian medicine. Nominations are made by the faculty who have primary responsibility for instruction in avian diseases and clinical avian medicine, including the advisor of the Avian Clinic.

Sara E. Childs

THE DOROTHY SULLIVAN PRIZE

From an endowment established in 1996 through the bequest of Dorothy "Dottie" Sullivan, a long-time employee of Cornell and the College's Office of Student Services. This prize is awarded to the fourth-year student whose interests and exemplary efforts as ambassador have strengthened and enriched the activities, outreach, image, and environment of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Wendy Marie Breckenridge

THE ANNA OLAFSON SUSSEX PATHOLOGY AWARD

This award was endowed in 1974 by Peter and Harriette Olafson in memory of Dr. Olafson's sister. The award is given to a third-year student who has done outstanding work in pathology. Recommendations are made by faculty actively engaged in teaching pathology.

Joshua L. Weisberg

THE JACOB TRAUM AWARD

Through an endowment established by friends of Jacob Traum, '05, Professor of Bacteriology Emeritus, University of California, and formerly Chief Scientist at the Federal Plum Island Animal Disease Laboratory, this prize is awarded to the fourth-year student who is judged by the Department of Microbiology and Immunology as having exhibited superior interest and accomplishment in bacteriology, epizootiology, pathology, and virology, including an aptitude for and expressed interest in research on infectious diseases.

Tristan Karl Weinkle

THE PHARMACIA & UPJOHN CLINICAL AWARDS

The Pharmacia & Upjohn Company gives these prizes to two students considered to be the most proficient in the practice of large animal and small animal medicine. Nominations for these awards are made by the faculty members of the respective departments.

Jeanette L. McCracken – Large Animal

Bonny J. Scheck – Small Animal

THE HORACE K. WHITE PRIZE

An endowment for this prize was originally given by Mr. Horace K. White (and later his sons of Syracuse, New York) for the student with the highest academic record during their veterinary training. This award, originally called the President's Prize, dates back to 1873 and is probably the longest-standing prize at Cornell. The original donor was a brother to Andrew Dickson White, the first president of the University.

Ryan T. Storey

THE WILD BIRD RESEARCH AND REHABILITATION AWARD

This award, from a University endowment by the same name, is given to a fourth year veterinary student who has demonstrated concern for the rehabilitation of wild birds or who has been involved in research related to wild bird treatment and rehabilitation. Nominations are made by the Jay Hyman Professor of Wildlife Medicine based upon recommendations of concerned faculty.

Tristan Karl Weinkle

FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

THE PFIZER ANIMAL HEALTH AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

This award is presented annually to a young investigator whose research achievements are likely to have a significant impact on our understanding of the biology or medical management of animals. Nominees must be permanent faculty or senior research associates of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell and must have completed their formal training not more than eight years prior to being nominated. Most of the research shall have been conducted at Cornell within three years of the time of nomination.

Kenneth William Simpson

THE NORDEN DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

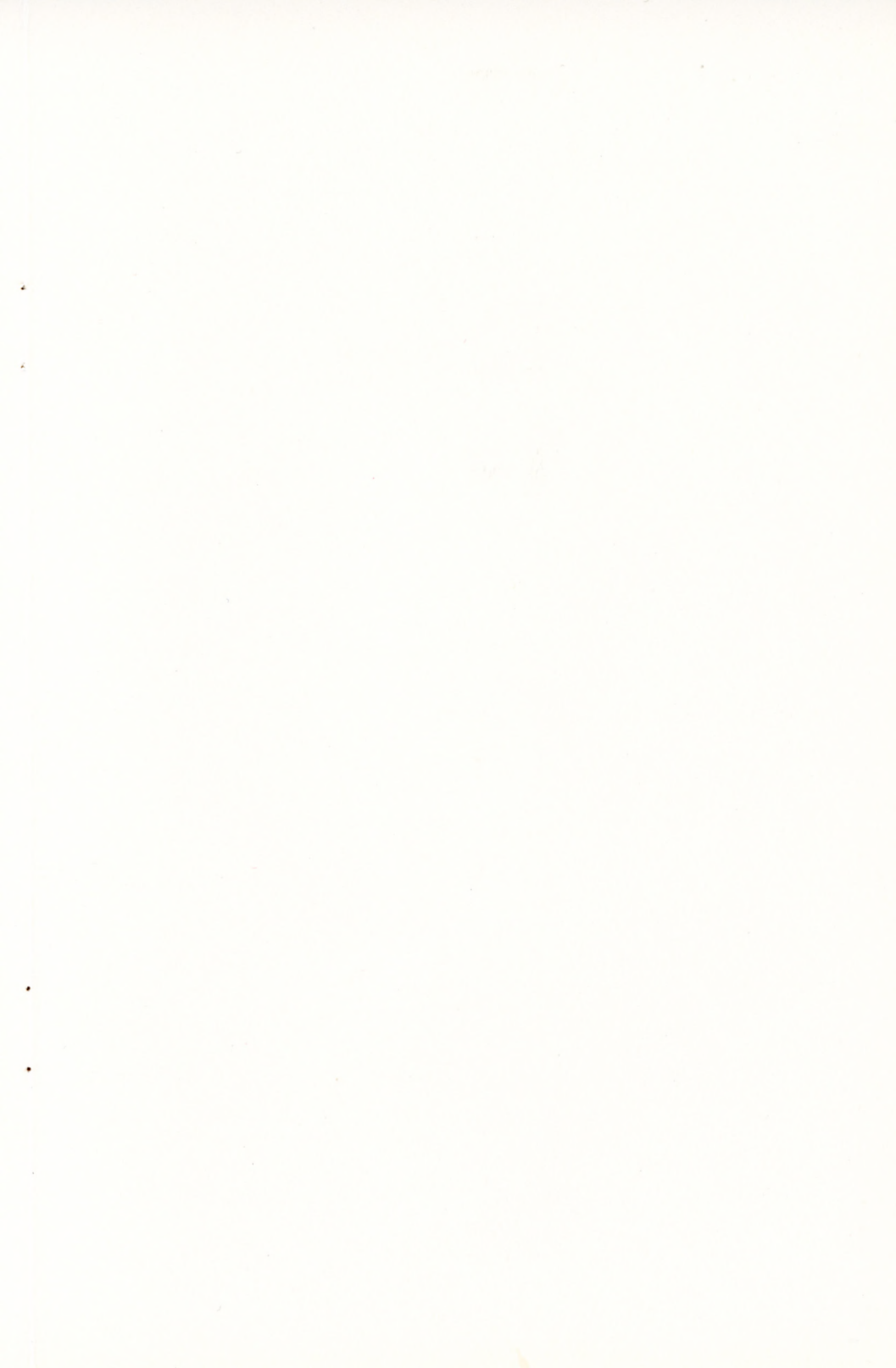
This award, selected by members of the fourth-year class, goes to a full-time member of the veterinary medical faculty who has demonstrated continued excellence in teaching.

William Charles Rebhun

OUTSTANDING CLINICAL RESIDENT AWARD

This honor is awarded to a resident judged to demonstrate exemplary compassion for animal patients and clients, outstanding clinical proficiency in the management of Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital patients, and noteworthy dedication to the training of veterinary students. The recipient is selected by a vote of the fourth-year class.

Jacqueline Marie Bartol



1999 HONOR DAY AWARDS



*The Faculty and Academic Staff
of the College of Veterinary Medicine
are pleased to invite you and a guest
to a reception and banquet*

***To honor and celebrate
Outstanding Achievement***

*Wednesday May 19, 1999
Reception, 6:30 p.m.
Dinner, 7:00 p.m.*

*Statler Hotel - Carrier Ballroom
Cornell University*

*The courtesy of your reply is requested by May 14
to Ramona Andersen at 253-3842 or rja12@cornell.edu*