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## Calendar

- Please note, SCAVMA pet food sale Tuesday, December 30 only.

### Monday, December 22

- Nothing scheduled at this time.

### Tuesday, December 23

- "Innovative Uses for Local Anesthetics," presented by Emily McCobb, DVM, MS, Diplomate, ACVA, candidate for an anesthesiologist position in the Department of Clinical Sciences. Everyone is encouraged to attend. M102, 12:00-1:00.

### Wednesday, December 24

- Classified holiday

### Thursday, December 25

- Christmas Holiday, OSU/College closed

### Friday, December 26

- Christmas Holiday, OSU/College closed

### Monday, December 29

- Nothing scheduled at this time.

### Tuesday, December 30

- SCAVMA pet food sale, SCAVMA store, 12-12:45.

### Wednesday, December 31

- House Officer rounds, M202, 8:00-8:30
- Necropsy rounds, M125 (necropsy gallery), 8:30-9:30
- AAEP, Large Animal Hospital records room, 12:15-1:00

### Thursday, January 1

- New Year's Day, College closed.

### Friday, January 2

- LA Surgery Journal Club rounds, M288, 7:30-8:30
- Cytology rounds, M125, 8:00-9:00
- Oncology Journal Club/Lab meeting, M269, 9:00-11:00

## Diversity at the College of Veterinary Medicine

After evaluating surveys, extra input from you, and discussions with Dr. Terry Ross, the Diversity Action Planning committee has come up with a list of projects and dialogs that we'd like to implement over the next year.

- Communication training and workshops such as Diversity 102, Paul Axtell, Daryl Dixon
  - Communication audit—how do people communicate? What things do people want to know that they don't know?
  - Generational differences—interview alums (video)—to document trends in the profession and what they think we should work on
  - Community building exercises and events—projects?
  - Students
    - ◆ Voices Project (video)—students tell their story/experience at OSU
    - ◆ Cooperation between classes—project?
    - ◆ Student-professor camaraderie
    - ◆ \*Counselor available to students at Magruder Hall—this project has been looked into and there doesn't seem to be a solution at this time
    - ◆ \*Standardized remediation policy—has been provided to the students
    - ◆ \*eSuggestion Box—in response for desire to listen and respond to student input
- \* These items we have started working on or have completed.

Please let us know what you think about these ideas or if you have any input please contact any of the Diversity Action Planning committee members: Allyson Gosling, Tammy Jennings, Jacob Mecham, Manoj Pastey, Lisa Poland, Debrah Rarick, Daniel Richardson, Mahfuzur Sarker, and Susan Tornquist.

## Thousand-dollar scholarship goes to Christopher Levine

Congratulations to our fourth year student, Christopher Levine who was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc. The committee judged the applicants and awarded their scholarships based on academic excellence, career goals, financial need, recommendations, and proof of residency in New Jersey.



## Merck Merial Veterinary Scholar Program

If you are interested in participating in the Merck Merial Veterinary Scholar Program, the contact person is Dr. Christiane Löhr. She can be contacted via email at [Christiane.Loehr@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Christiane.Loehr@oregonstate.edu), or by phone at 737-9673. You can find more information about this program and download an application here: [http://oregonstate.edu/vetmed/camelid/mm\\_intro.htm](http://oregonstate.edu/vetmed/camelid/mm_intro.htm).

## Magnusson lab renews NIH funding (\$1.3 million) for research on age-related memory problems

The Magnusson lab successfully renewed its RO1 research grant, entitled "Subunit Changes in Aging NMDA Receptors Affect Memory," from the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health.

The grant is in the amount of \$1.325 million over five years. It will support the continued efforts of the laboratory to better understand why memory deteriorates during aging. The lab uses spatial memory tasks to characterize changes in memory abilities. The focus of the molecular investigation involves the N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor, a glutamate receptor. The ongoing investigation continues to characterize the changes that occur in the receptor during aging and to determine whether improving receptor expression will be beneficial. These studies will be helpful for the memory problems that develop during normal aging in both humans and companion animals and should help delay the onset of Alzheimer's Disease symptoms.

