

2020 AABP Annual Conference Program Committee



Front Row (L-R): Dr. David Welch (VPS), Dr. Elizabeth Homerosky (Cow-calf), AABP President-Elect and 2020 Program Chairman Dr. Carie Telgen, Dr. Kelly Reed (Dairy), Dr. Jess Simons (Practice Tips), Dr. Tera Rooney Barnhardt (Feedlot)
Back Row (L-R): Dr. Kelly Still-Brooks (AASRP), Dr. Derek Foster (Research Summaries), Dr. Chris Chase (Research Summaries), Dr. Gabe Middleton (Students/New Grads), Dr. Joe Klopfenstein (Clinical Skills); AABP Vice President Dr. Pat Gorden (Preconference Seminars)

See more AABP awards on
pages 412 thru 417

2020 AABP Annual Conference Meeting Stats

Attendee and other meeting stats include:

- 979 registrants including:
- 9 members on-site
- 264 veterinary students
- 11 international veterinarians
- 1 registered veterinary technician
- 8 media
- 51 virtual exhibitors with 121,000 hits to companies in the virtual trade show

2020 AABP Awards

It was not your normal AABP Awards Luncheon! There was a little subterfuge involved Saturday for the award winners to keep them on Zoom so they could be surprised by an AABP award. Dr. Fred Gingrich manned the computer with all of the presenters and award winners live. It was fun to see the surprise in their faces and the emotions in their voices accepting the awards.

Other awards given at the 2020
53rd AABP Annual Conference include:

2020 AABP Foundation Competitive Research Grant Awards

Development of a sole ulcer induction model in Holstein cows: The next step in lameness research

**Dr. Gerard Cramer,
University of Minnesota**



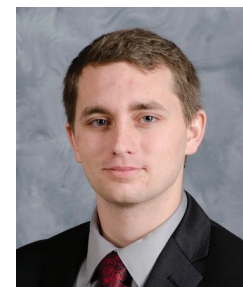
Effects of lameness on semen quality in beef bulls: A case-control study

**Dr. Manuel Chamorro,
Auburn University**

2020 AABP Research Summaries Graduate Student Awards

**First Place – Dr. Matthew Scott,
Mississippi State University**

Transcriptomic profiling of BRD-attributed mortality in stocker cattle identifies active inflammatory and antiviral pathways at arrival



Second Place – Dr. Clair Seely, Cornell University

Effect of hyperketonemia on circadian patterns of blood metabolites and milk predicted constituents in dairy cows

Third Place – Dr. Ainhoa Valldecabres, UC-Davis

Associations of serum calcium and subclinical hypocalcemia at calving with productive, reproductive and health outcomes in multiparous Jersey cows

2020 Student Case Presentation Competition Winners



•Overall Winner

Isabella Knecht – Cornell University
Intravenous dextrose as a treatment for hyperketonemia in dairy cows

•Clinical Case Report Winner

Elizabeth Rumfola – Louisiana State University
Urolithiasis in a bull

•Research Report Winners

First Place: Isabella Knecht – Cornell University
Second Place: Caroline Cunningham – Texas A&M University
Genetic variability of bovine coronavirus isolated from the respiratory and enteric tract of calf-ranch raised dairy calves

AABP Keynote Speech Addresses Consumer Trust

In the 2020 Keynote Address, “Believe. Engage. Connect!”, Amy te Plate-Church discussed consumer trust and what agriculture, including veterinarians, need to do to earn and build on that trust.

“Consumers trust farmers,” te Plate-Church said. “But why are we sensing a distrust on how we produce food?” In Center for Food Integrity surveys, 55% of respondents said they strongly agree that if animals are treated decently and humanely, they have no problem consuming meat, milk and eggs. However, only 25% strongly agree that food animals are treated humanely. “Consumers want meat, milk and eggs from humanely treat animals, but they are not sure if the animals are treated humanely. Our message is not getting through.”

What do we do about it? “People don’t trust what they don’t know,” te Plate-Church continued. “They don’t know ag. But people do know food, and they want to share about food.” But how do we leverage that connection? She said 65% of consumers want to know more about farming and food processing. “If we don’t fill that information void, we are leaving that open for others to fill.”

She noted the top two concerns by consumers are about animal care and animal agriculture’s effect on the environment. “We need to address those two concerns to speak about animal-based protein. Consumers trust farm-

ers and veterinarians. We need to leverage that trust. It will take all of us to share individual stories about bringing safe and affordable food to consumers.”

When someone asks questions about animal agriculture, te Plate-Church suggests a simple, three-step process: Listen, ask and share. Focus on the “Movable Middle” – the 65% of consumers who want to know more about farming. “Listen without judgement,” she recommended. “Most people don’t listen to understand, they listen to reply. Ask questions in a non-defensive manner. Try to find out the other person’s view and their sources of information. Share your perspectives through shared values.” Who you are is as important as what you know. “Consumers trust scientists, but they don’t want a scientific explanation,” adds te Plate-Church. “Lead with who you are and share relatable information. Consumers want to know that farmers and veterinarians truly care.”

te Plate-Church ended with one of her favorite quotes from Theodore Roosevelt: “No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.”

Watch the keynote at <https://www.aabp.org>.

Scholarships

In 2020, the AABP Foundation received 196 scholarship applications and awarded 37scholarships, totaling \$193,500.

2020 AABP Foundation-Zoetis Scholarship

Veterinary students graduating in 2021 were eligible for the AABP Foundation-Zoetis Scholarship. This year 12 students received the \$5,000 award which is generously funded by Zoetis. The 2020 recipients are:

Thomas Duff, University of Minnesota
Elisabeth Forker, Iowa State University
Isabela Knecht, Cornell University
Kyle Longcore, Michigan State University
Karalyn Lonngren, University of Pennsylvania
Jaclyn Melvin, Cornell University
Caitlyn Mullins, North Carolina State University
Kathryn Osborne, Michigan State University
Meghan Oswald, Cornell University
Carrick Perlinger, Iowa State University
Jonathon Richardson, Purdue University
Austin Wenck, University of Wisconsin

2020 Amstutz Scholarship

Five veterinary students received \$7,500 from AABP's premier scholarship, the 2020 Harold E. Amstutz Scholarship. Funding sources are AABP member contributions, investment fund interest and dividends, and proceeds from the AABP Live and Silent Auctions and raffle. The 2020 recipients are:

Bailey Archey, Mississippi State University
Montana Lins, University of Wisconsin
Maryanna Hudson, Mississippi State University
Allyson Patterson, North Carolina State University
Michael Scolaro, Ontario Veterinary College

2020 AABP Foundation - Merck Animal Health Bovine Veterinary Student Recognition Awards

Eighteen 3rd and 4th year veterinary students have been chosen to receive this \$5,000 scholarship generously sponsored by Merck Animal Health. The 2020 recipients are:

Taylor Aubrey, University of Minnesota
Rachael Bonacker, University of Missouri
Braxton Butler, Kansas State University
Rachel Crouse, Colorado State University
Cassandra Gorrill, Ontario Veterinary College
Maryanna Hudson, Mississippi State University
Austin Jacobson, Western College of Veterinary Medicine
Hannah Jarvis, The Ohio State University
Annika Johnson, Iowa State University
Lani Kaspar, Texas A&M University
Wyatt Krom, Purdue University
Raul Landeo, University of Wisconsin
Dena Renee Letot, Michigan State University
Logan Murray, University of Georgia
Alexandra Newhouse, Washington State University
Meghan Oswald, Cornell University
Allyson Patterson, North Carolina State University
Allison Pellerito, Iowa State University

2020 Dr. Francis Welcome Future Dairy Practitioner Scholarship

The purpose of the Francis Welcome Memorial Scholarship is to support a superior 3rd year veterinary student who demonstrates the character, knowledge and potential to become an outstanding dairy veterinarian upon graduation. The award is \$1,000.

The Francis Welcome Memorial Scholarship was endowed by the Welcome family, and supported through member donations, to honor the memory of AABP Honor Roll member Dr. Francis (Frank) Welcome who was actively involved in the AABP organization throughout his career.

•Meghan Oswald, Cornell University

National Cattlemen's Foundation Veterinary Student Scholarship

The National Cattlemen's Foundation funded a one-time scholarship for a veterinary student with a graduation year of 2021 or 2022, who is interested in beef cattle medicine. Students were scored on their overall experiences and coursework related to beef cattle medicine, and a desire to work in the field of beef cattle medicine after graduation. The award is \$5,000.

•Elisabeth Forker, Iowa State University

Amstutz Scholarship Fund Auctions Raise Almost \$42,000

In this unprecedented year of quickly reformatting the annual conference, the Amstutz Scholarship Fund silent auction raised over \$15,000, and the live auction raised \$26,750 with just 12 items. Amstutz Chair Dr. Callie Willingham sagely noted the theme of this year's conference should be changed to: Believe. Engage. Connect. ADAPT!

Members of the AABP leadership and others present pitched in to talk up each auction item for bid. The big live auction winner was the Mark Hopkins bull statue which went jointly to the Ohio Dairy Veterinarians and the Southern Crescent Bull Buying Syndicate for \$10,000.

AABP thanks everyone who donated, bid or purchased items!

Behind the Scenes

Dr. Pat Gorden and Dr. Fred Gingrich and the AV staff had their hands full working laptops and presentations at the conference to make sure talks were live-streamed and seamless for virtual attendees.

AABP Annual Conference CE Certificates

The conference offered 18.25 RACE-approved continuing education (CE) credits. RACE approval is one benefit in addition to having online CE free of charge for AABP members.

If you attended the 2020 AABP Annual Conference, you can print your CE certificate by logging on to the AABP website at <https://aabp.org>, and in the upper right hand corner at "Member Log On", click on My Account and scroll down to Conference CE Certificates. You can edit the certificate and check the presentations you watched, then click Create Your CE Certificate and print.

Visit the AABP Virtual Exhibitors!

Missed seeing the AABP exhibitors this year? You can still access their information until May 1, 2021. Visit <http://aabp.org/meeting/vendors/> and view the information they've provided online, many of them videos, diseases/management resources and product information.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

PLATINIUM



SILVER



BRONZE



2020 AABP–Boehringer Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. Pat Comyn

Dr. Calvin Booker described the AABP—Boehringer Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award. “The Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award has been awarded annually since its establishment in 1978. Since its inception, this award has been sponsored by Syntex Animal Health, Fort Dodge Animal Health, and now Boehringer Ingelheim. The award consists of a diamond ring and commemorative plaque. The award winner exhibits those qualities that exemplify the AABP and its members. Candidates are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Must be a bovine practitioner in active practice;
- The quality of veterinary service provided as judged by his or her peers;
- Participation in organized veterinary medicine, such as AABP, as well as activity on veterinary boards, such as licensing, specialty, etc.;
- Contribution to the knowledge of the profession through case reports, scientific reports and continuing education; and,
- Achievements and activities which have an impact on the cattle industry and bovine practice.

Presenting the 2020 Boehringer-Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award is Dr. Dean Christianson. “This year’s Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica’s practitioner of the year comes from a family of veterinarians. His mother was one of three females in a class of 150 and a successful broodmare practitioner. His father was an Irish horse trainer and rumor has it that our

winner could ride even the toughest colts. Perhaps these experiences led to his preference for bovine work! Other veterinarians in the family include his wife, a sister and a son who will join our profession in 2023.

Our winner graduated from NCSU in 1988 and started his career at Battenkill Veterinary Clinic in NY. In 1991 he started Virginia Herd Health Services with his wife’s used Isuzu Trooper and a used calf jack he got from Ben Harrington.

He has always embraced the use of the latest technologies even before they became popular including Ultrasound, Embryo transfer, IVF and genomics. This mentality has allowed him to remain on the cutting edge of bovine practice. As a breeder of Holstein genetics for over 25 years he has always emphasized sound feet and legs leading to increased longevity and quality of life for our dairy cattle. He also continually invests in new equipment to provide better and safer care for a wide variety of beef and dairy clients.

The AABP mentor of the year award could have easily been given to this veterinarian as well. He not only mentors students and new graduates in person, but also make great use of the internet and social media to educate and share information as well. He is a frequent contributor to AABP-L and The Vet Truck Facebook page.

He is truly a veterinarian’s veterinarian. When time allows he does a lot of reading and constantly networks with colleagues to discuss cases and developments in veterinary medicine, yet he still makes time for family, friends and even a little bird hunting. So if someday you see a Bowie unit parked on an approach and off in the distance you see a guy walking up on a couple beautiful English Setters on point it could very well be this year’s Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica’s Bovine Practitioner of the year, Dr. Pat Comyn.”

AABP—Boehringer-Ingelheim Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

The AABP—Boehringer-Ingelheim Excellence in Preventive Medicine Award for one beef and one dairy practitioner includes a plaque and a \$1500 scholarship to the college of veterinary medicine of the recipient's choice. The award was established in 1982 and previously sponsored by Merial. In 2017, Boehrin-

ger-Ingelheim became the sponsor of these awards. The awards recognize individual member practitioners that have developed outstanding preventive medicine programs.

Beef Award



Dr. John Bolinger

Presenting the beef award is Dr. Dan Goehl. "The veterinarian we're honoring today with the AABP—Boehringer-Ingelheim Excellence in Preventive Medicine Award (Beef) owns and operates his own practice in Missouri, which he founded in 2010. He earned two degrees from the University of Missouri, the Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science in 2004, and the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 2008. He works exclusively with beef producers,

providing cutting edge service to cow-calf and stocker operations. Our award winner has presented at both the AABP and AVC on chute-side record keeping; he was an early adapter of advanced record keeping to provide up-to-date management information to both clients and bovine practitioners. He has also served the profession on boards and committees for both the AABP and AVC. Multiple students have spent time at his veterinary practice in Tipton, MO, learning from real world experiences. He is a member of AABP, AVC, AVMA, SFT, and Missouri VMA. Our honoree lives on a small beef farm in California, MO with his wife, Julie, and their three children, Gage, Kade, and Avery. Please help me congratulate the winner of the 2020 AABP—Boehringer-Ingelheim Excellence in Preventive Medicine Beef Award, Dr. John Bolinger."

Dairy Award

Presenting the dairy award is Dr. Brandon Treichler. "It is with great pleasure that I am awarding the AABP—Boehringer-Ingelheim Excellence in Preventive Medicine Award (Dairy) to an individual who is very well deserving. This award goes to an individual member practitioner that has developed outstanding preventive medicine programs.



Dr. Roger Thomson

The winner grew up in Michigan and has spent his entire life there. He is passionate about his faith, his family, his country, and his beloved MSU. Unfortunately, everyone has a dark spot! He has been married for 46 years, has 3 grown children, and 14 grandchildren.

He graduated with his veterinary degree from MSU in 1979. He practiced in a primary dairy practice in Michigan and Ohio for 37 years. In 2010 he started his own consulting practice focusing on improving milk quality on dairy farms, which has taken him to 44 states as well as 4 countries internationally.

In 2011 he developed the Teaching Parlor which has been a huge asset to teaching veterinarians and industry people how to analyze milking equipment with the "hands on" approach. This contribution of his has been a positive tool that made Seminar 1 at AABP more effective.

In 2018 he went back to where it started and now is teaching veterinary students at MSU.

This year's winner is very active in AABP and NMC, but his real passion is teaching people how to help farmers improve their milk quality. He travels all over the USA pulling his Teaching Parlor.

With great pleasure, I would like to announce this year's 2020 AABP—Boehringer-Ingelheim Excellence in Preventive Medicine Dairy Award winner, Dr. Roger Thomson of Battle Creek, Michigan."

AABP—Zoetis Distinguished Service Award



Dr. Jim Brett

Dr. Calvin Booker described the award. “This award was established in 1989. Beginning in 1996, it has been given annually by Pfizer Animal Health, Inc., now Zoetis. It consists of a commemorative plaque and a certificate of appreciation. Candidates for the award are those individuals who, through long and continued service, have promoted the goals of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP), and whose accomplishments have served as a model for service to bovine agriculture through organized veterinary medicine. Selection criteria include the following:

- A career of self-effacing commitment to excellence in bovine medicine as evidenced by conscientious involvement in the affairs of the AABP;
- Demonstrated leadership in keeping organized veterinary medicine abreast of the times;
- Peer recognition as an effective spokesman for the bovine practitioner.

Presenting the Zoetis Distinguished Service Award is Dr. Christine Navarre. “This year’s recipient’s long list of accomplishments absolutely matches the criteria for this award but one of the more intangible traits listed stood out to me and that is “a career of self-effacing commitment”. The recipient has a love of the veterinary profession, and bovine practice in particular, that has fueled an impressive record of humble service. Those that know this person will attest that they are not shy in giving their opinion, but when it comes to their motives they are unquestionably pure.

The recipient graduated in the 1980s and went into private mixed, mostly dairy practice first as an associate then as practice owner before returning to their alma mater to teach in the ambulatory section. They have been an AABP member right from

the start and have a long record of service to AABP including numerous committees, and service as a district director.

But this person’s service to the veterinary profession goes far beyond AABP. The recipient has served in numerous capacities with VMA’s and agricultural organizations in two states and was awarded practitioner of the year in one state and recognized for significant contributions to veterinary medicine in another state. The recipient has also served in the AVMA house of delegates. Having an AABP member participate in the veterinary profession as a whole in this capacity is critical to keeping the issues of bovine practitioners front and center.

The recipient has been involved in community service, receiving a Certification for Service to Public Education and has received awards from community service and conservation groups.

Perhaps this recipient’s greatest legacy is his long-standing commitment to mentorship of youth from grade school to veterinary school. One colleague shared that the recipient is more than just a food animal faculty member – they are a student advocate. The recipient continually promotes the importance of AABP membership and involvement in organized veterinary medicine. This recipient is also very passionate about teaching students about business, and personal finance management. The recipient’s former students continue to reach out to him after graduation for advice on critical career and business decisions.

The recipient genuinely loves people, cattle and veterinary medicine and you just have to be around them for a few minutes to realize how much they love AABP. While they have served many organizations in many capacities, I know they consider AABP their home.

There are many great stories involving this recipient, some more civilized than others, but one stood out to me (this is likely to give it away). I quote, “I was attending my first awards banquet alone and I had no idea what district I was in or where I was supposed to sit. I must have looked completely lost, because this friendly bearded guy from Georgia dressed in a vest and dairy cow tie invited me to sit with him, even though I was a Yankee from another district, and took the time to introduce me to everyone and explain how AABP districts worked.”

I am honored to call him a friend and fellow bovine practitioner and just this once in his honor I am going to say “Go MS State Bulldogs”. I am pleased to announce this year’s recipient of the AABP—Zoetis Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Jim Brett.”

AABP Award of Excellence



Dr. Terry Lehenbauer

Dr. Calvin Booker described the award. “This award was first established in 1989. Candidates for the award must be nominated from teaching, research, industry, or government areas. The nominees’ professional activities must have had a consistent and direct influence on daily activities of veterinarians in bovine practice. Eligibility also includes a degree in veterinary medicine and AABP membership.” Drs. Virginia Fajt and Sarah Wagner introduced the award recipient.

VF: It is our honor to introduce the winner of this year’s AABP Award of Excellence, a person whose service to bovine medicine and influence on the daily activities of bovine practitioners make them highly deserving of this honor.

SW: Agreed. How did you first meet this person?

VF: I can’t actually recall because it seems like I’ve known this person my whole veterinary career. I do have a memory of sitting at a table on a river boat with him at the AABP conference in St. Paul, which is a while back now. How did you meet him?

SW: I first met him when I was a veterinary student at Michigan State doing an exchange program at the University of California Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center in Tulare, California. What a great experience that was! He had been resident there after graduating from the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine, then he stayed in California after the residency and was in private dairy practice for 7 years, then returned to the center at Tulare to get a PhD in epidemiology to teach us vet students a few things.

VF: He’s done quite a bit of teaching! After he got his PhD, he returned to Oklahoma State where he was on the faculty of the college of veterinary medicine for 13 years. Ultimately he returned to Tulare, to take a leadership role in the center there.

He hasn’t just taught veterinary students, though, he has also taught graduate students and residents, and he has been faculty sponsor for the preventive medicine boards. For folks who have graduated, he has presented CE essentially every year since his completion of his residency, and he has served on multiple conference planning committees.

SW: Now that you mention it, his commitment and service to the profession have been constant throughout his career. He has represented the AABP on the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology and on the Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee and the Committee on Antimicrobials of the AVMA, as well as working on multiple task forces and working groups in AABP. He has also served the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine on multiple committees.

But that’s not all! He has served the bovine industry by giving testimony about the use of antimicrobial drugs in animals to state legislators, he has reviewed program submissions for the US Department of Agriculture, and he finds time to speak to local schools and 4H clubs about careers in veterinary medicine. It’s a lot!

VF: It really is. You can see the breadth of this person’s influence in the support letters for his nomination: they included specialists in internal medicine, goat medicine, epidemiology and public health, and of course pharmacology. As one of his supporters wrote, this honoree’s “thoughtful intellect, understanding of all perspectives, patient and enduring commitment to excellence, and sound ethical standards...have been the hallmark of his years of service to the veterinary profession..”

SW: That sounds like the person I know. I’m glad the award committee is recognizing him as the 2020 recipient of the AABP Award of Excellence—

SW and VF: Dr. Terry Lehenbauer!”

AABP-Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year Award



Dr. Gordon Atkins

The Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year Award is presented annually to an AABP member who has been engaged in the field of veterinary medicine for at least 25 years and has served as both advisor and role model to pre-veterinary and/or veterinary students. This award was instituted in 2007 and is conferred annually to a member that embodies this spirit whether in practice, the clinic, or the classroom. The recipient is presented with a commemorative plaque and is provided complimentary meeting registration and lodging at the next annual conference.

Presenting the Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year Award is Dr. Calvin Booker. "It is my honor to introduce this year's recipient of the AABP Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year Award.

This recipient received their DVM from Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon in 1973 and has been an active member of AABP ever since, including serving as a District Director for District 13 and President in 1992. This recipient was a founding member of the Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners.

As I reviewed this recipient's CV, with multiple pages of clinical trainees supervised, of honors and awards, and more multiples of pages of publications and presentations, that I noticed only went back 15 years, it just reaffirms this recipient's impact on not only the advancement of scientific knowledge but his impact on so many students, practitioners and researchers throughout Canada and the United States, myself included

A letter of support recalled this story: When this person received the Bovine Practitioner of the Year award in 1988, as one of the youngest to win this prestigious honor, their senior business partner at the time stated, 'If I was a sick cow; I would want this recipient to look after me.' Thirty-two years later; nothing has changed.

From current students:

'Even on the days where I feel like I'm not going to make it through school and am drowning in coursework, their smile and encouragement have been so contagious that it makes me excited to keep working towards the goal.'

'As a new graduate, I have called this recipient late at night and early in the morning only to hear happiness in their voice to hear from me while wondering what case has presented to me that day.'

'This recipient's passion for not only teaching but also the veterinary industry and Holstein industry is evident by their work ethic and devotion to all facets that he is involved in. ... From a professional and industry perspective, this recipient exemplifies the type of veterinarian most bovine veterinarians aim to be.'

'Though all of their accolades are too numerous to list, perhaps the most exceptional is their personal commitment and dedication to each and every student and his willingness to go the extra mile to help them achieve their goals.'

'A mentor is someone who is supposed to provide guidance and support for their mentee to thrive in their future career. For most of us, this recipient exceeds these expectations. ... This recipient is always willing to take the time during their busy days and give advice and extra knowledge to help out anyone.'

It is my honor to announce the 2020 AABP-Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year is Dr. Gordon Atkins!"

AABP James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders



Dr. Brandon Treichler

The James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders, named after the second Executive Vice President of AABP, recognizes members of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners who have made significant contributions to ensuring the current success and the future viability of the organization. The award will consist of a commemorative plaque and ring or pin. This award was established in 2005 and will be presented only when a deserving individual has been nominated and selected. The James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders is limited to deserving AABP members who have graduated within the previous ten years from veterinary school. Recipients will have given extraordinary service to the AABP in a manner that significantly enhances the mission of the organization.

Presenting the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders is Dr. Roger Thomson. "It is my pleasure to present the James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders. This award recognizes a young veterinarian that ensures the success of AABP. This year's winner meets and exceeds that goal.

This year's winner grew up on a small family farm in Eastern Pennsylvania. For his entire life he has worked hard to educate people and make life better. After graduating from Penn State in 2003, he worked in the agriculture industry. He spent seven years working for a major milking equipment company helping dairy farms improve their milk quality. His interest in milk quality led him to the decision to go to veterinary school. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2012, and started working for a multi-person dairy practice in NE Wisconsin. After two years he took a position as quality control veterinarian for Select Milk Producers where he continues to be employed.

He is very active in AABP, working with the Animal Welfare Committee and the Quality Milk Seminar. He has worked with PAACO and FARM to develop their farm audit programs. He is also a very active member in NMC where he teaches multiple seminars and is active in several committees.

He loves to share his knowledge with veterinarians and work with them to better assist their clients. His interests are always in the best interest of his clients and their success.

This guy loves to travel, fish, and still go back to the family farm and drive a tractor occasionally. In July 2019 he married his wife Sarah, who also is a veterinarian. They both enjoy time together and traveling.

With great pleasure, I would like to present this award to Dr. Brandon Treichler from Canyon, Texas."

