

## Merck Scholars 1993

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This summer, for the third year in a row, students from the College of Veterinary Medicine participated in a research program sponsored by the Merck Foundation and the College of Veterinary Medicine. Drs. Gary Osweiler, Prem Paul and Donald Reynolds spearheaded the project this year. Seven of the nine students in the program were sponsored by the Merck Foundation and two were sponsored by the College of Veterinary Medicine. Each student was required to write a research proposal and to carry out a research project in conjunction with a professor from the college. The participating students then prepared and displayed a slide

presentation of their work at the end of the summer. The presentations were attended by two representatives of the Merck Foundation, Drs. Dan Farrington and Andy Kraft, as well as faculty, staff and students.

For the first time in the three years of the program, the participants were given the opportunity to visit the Merck Company headquarters in Rahweh, New Jersey, and one of the company's research farms outside Rahweh. Students were treated to tours of the facilities and presentations by numerous Merck employees, outlining the opportunities for veterinarians in the research field.

Due to the benevolence of the Merck Foundation, the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the faculty who guided the students through their research projects, students from the College of Veterinary Medicine were able to gain invaluable experience in the research field.

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Back Row (left to right): Dr. D. L. Reynolds, Dr. Dan Farrington, Rodger Main, Dr. Andy Kraft, Chris Hergenrader, Dr. Gary Osweiler

Front Row (left to right): John Silbernagel, Rachel Hays, Lisa Hingtgen, Amy Dickerson, Rhonda Johnson, Dr. Prem Paul (Not pictured: Chris Erion, Alicia Konsella)