

Howard-Martin Receives William O. Reece Academic Advising Award

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Dr. Monica Howard-Martin is the 2000 recipient of the William O. Reece Academic Advising Award. Established in 1998, the Reece Award is presented each spring to an Iowa State University faculty member in recognition of outstanding academic advising in the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). Candidates for the Reece Award are nominated by the student body and the winner is selected by the faculty and alumni awards committee of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

This year's recipient, Dr. Monica Howard-Martin, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology. Extensively involved in student-oriented activities, Howard recently completed a term as advisor to Iowa State's Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) and has advised the pre-vet club for two years. In addition, she also serves as advisor to the Class of 2002, the CVM's Heifer Project International Project and the Recreational Stress Relief Committee.

At Tuskegee Institute, Howard earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Bachelor of Science degrees. She later received a Doctorate in Veterinary Pathology as a resident at Oklahoma State University. In 1990, she joined the faculty at Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine as Assistant Professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathology. She currently teaches three graduate courses in veterinary pathology as well as the pathology courses offered in the second and fourth year veterinary curriculum.

Howard's commitment to education and academic advising has been repeatedly recognized with a series of awards presented throughout her academic career. While a resident and doctoral candidate at Oklahoma State

University, she received the Outstanding Young Women of America Award and was selected for a Minority Postdoctoral Fellowship. While serving as Assistant Professor at Iowa State University, she has been recognized as Outstanding Advisor of the Year (1993-1994) and has received both the SCAVMA Teaching Award (1994-1995) and the Carl J. Norden Teaching Award (1998). Most recently, she was nominated by faculty to participate in the 1999 Wakonse Fellowship for Teaching and was presented with the 2000 William O. Reece Academic Advising Award.

In regard to the importance of academic advising, Howard comments, "People do this because they believe in it and in the importance of having a support mechanism for the students. The William O. Reece Award means a great deal to me, but an even greater reward would be for students with whom I've interacted to return what they feel I have done for them to someone else later in their career... that would be the greatest reward."♦



Dr. Monica Howard-Martin smiles through tears of joy as she accepts, with a little help from her son, the William O. Reece Academic Advising Award.

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