

Dr. Kevan Flaming Recognized for Outstanding Academic Advising

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The William O. Reece Academic Advising Award is given annually to a deserving individual in the Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine that has exhibited academic excellence. Dr. Reece is a retired University Professor Emeritus that the award is named after. The winner is chosen by the Faculty and Alumni Awards Committee of the college of Veterinary Medicine from student chosen nominees. This year's distinguished winner is Kevan Flaming, DVM, Ph.D. of Rural and General Practice Option. Dr. Flaming is technically named an Instructional Development Specialist. His job requires him to assist faculty in improving teaching and student learning. He is also temporarily in charge of the Interactive Multimedia Lab. His days are routinely in meetings, reading e-mails, and communicating with students, faculty, and administration.

Dr. Flaming received his undergraduate in biochemistry in 1984 and his DVM/MS in 1988 from Kansas State University. In 1995 he received his Ph.D. in immunobiology

from Iowa State University. It was during this stint at ISU that he realized his interests lay in academia and teaching. Dr. Flaming feels that ISU is unique in that its advisors are also faculty. He feels that there is a high level of concern and interest in the students here. He has only participated officially in the advising program for one year, but has always tried to maintain an interactive relationship with students. Dr. Flaming noted that "being an advisor is not work; it is a reward. The fun part is getting to interact and relate to students." Dr. Flaming's philosophy stems from Seneca, a Roman philosopher circa 4BCE: *Qui Docet Discet* or "Those Who Teach Learn." He tries to convince students that their income will be dependent on how well they can teach and convey information. He wants to get students and faculty active in using information and learning to communicate well. Dr. Flaming tries to always be available to students for someone to talk to, vent to, and tips on studying, stress, or preceptorships. He would like to "transfer the wisdom of those who have gone before."

On a personal note, Dr. Flaming is married to Dr. Brenda Flaming, a small animal practitioner in Des Moines. They have two small children, Billie age 5 and Garth age 3 (not named after the country music star). They also have two dogs, Gunther and Hans. He enjoys backpacking, biking, and camping and the family just this last summer visited Yellowstone National Park. On behalf of the students in the College of Veterinary Medicine and the faculty and staff, the *ISU Veterinarian* would like to congratulate Dr. Flaming on this well-deserved award. ♦



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Dr. Kevan Flaming (left) is congratulated by Associate Dean Uhlenhopp (right) of the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Flaming's philosophy on teaching is "Those who teach, learn."

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