2016 Distinguished Alumni

John Hubbell, DVM, MS
For the many lives he has touched as a respected colleague, anesthesiologist, teacher, researcher, mentor, administrator, and friend, we are pleased to recognize Dr. John Hubbell as a 2016 Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. John Hubbell represents the very best of what it means to be a Buckeye. He completed his DVM (1977) and MS (1981) at The Ohio State University and was certified as a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia in 1982. He started on Ohio State’s faculty in 1982 and rose through the ranks from assistant, to associate, to professor. John has extensively served the College of Veterinary Medicine through a number of administrative roles - sometimes standing in suddenly during times of stress and uncertainty where he placed the good of the college ahead of his own career interests. He served as Director of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, Assistant and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Section Head for Equine Medicine and Surgery, Interim Chair of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, and served twice as Interim Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine. In addition, John has provided key service to the ACVAA and to the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association.

His contributions to the college and the profession have been recognized through numerous awards: OVMA Veterinarian of the Year, American Associate of Veterinary Clinicians Faculty Achievement Award for Service and Contributions to the Profession, CVM William L. Ingalls Award for Exceptional Service, and Ohio State’s Alumni Recognition Award.

At his core however, John is an anesthesiologist who helped to build and then lead one of the best academic anesthesiology services in the world. He has contributed to the education and clinical training of thousands of veterinarians as well as future leaders and clinical investigators in his field. His academic credentials are further substantiated by his more than 70 scientific papers and 30 book chapters. While his work crosses species, many are focused on the subspecialty of anesthesia in horses where he holds an international reputation for his work.

John’s teaching portfolio indicates a patient, low-key style of teaching. He sets a tone of professionalism and quiet confidence both in and outside of the operating room. His low-key style removes any intimidation factor associated with an often stressful environment; this approach has always been appreciated and heralded by veterinary students and residents. John has spent his entire career representing himself, his profession, his specialty, and The Ohio State University at the highest level. His impact on our profession extend far beyond the campus. John’s love and respect for the College of Veterinary Medicine has been evident every day as he worked to advance the academic and clinical programs in the college.