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Announcing Vermont Veterinary Student Scholarships

Students graduating veterinary school have an average student loan debt of \$162,113 according to a recent survey of the American Veterinary Medical Association. This is a crushing amount of debt for young veterinarians just starting out in their career and can take decades to pay off.

The Vermont Veterinary Medical Association Foundation's mission is to provide scholarships for Vermonters attending veterinary school to help lower the debt load they face upon graduation. Applicants are chosen based on their overall burden of debt, academic achievement, desire to return to practice in Vermont, and their ability to overcome obstacles which confront them upon entering the veterinary profession. Funds are raised through contributions from veterinarians in Vermont and from the New England Veterinary Medical Association Conference.

Since its establishment in 2012, the VVMAF has contributed \$29,000 to Vermonters attending veterinary school. The number of scholarship applicants in 2014 far exceeded the number of awards given, and it was a difficult task to make the decision this year among extraordinary candidates.

The VVMAF is pleased to announce the recipients of their 2014 scholarships:

Rebecca Calder of Shelburne is a junior at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and a graduate of the University of Vermont;

Emily Comstock of Barre is a senior at the University of Prince Edward Island, Atlantic Veterinary College and a graduate of Lyndon State College;

Kathleen Gill of Middlebury is a junior at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine and a graduate of the University of Vermont;

Adrienne Snider of Essex Junction is a senior at Western University of Health Sciences and a graduate of the University of Vermont, and

Petra Symkowicz of Shoreham is a junior at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Congratulations to these Vermont students!

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