



57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

## Challenging the Norm

September 12-14 | Columbus, Ohio

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### AABP “Challenges the Norm” at 2024 Annual Conference

The 2024 AABP 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Sept. 12-14 in Columbus, Ohio, demonstrated how today’s bovine veterinarians are “challenging the norm” of their



**Challenging the Norm**



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traditional thinking. Beef and dairy veterinarians, students and veterinary technicians gathered for one of the largest annual conferences to date for cutting-edge continuing education.

“This year’s conference was a great success. The new welfare topics provided attendees with thoughtful and inspirational content, always keeping a focus on what is best for the cow,” says AABP Past President Dr. Michael Capel. “AABP continues to be at the forefront of issues that impact bovine practitioners, and continues to work tirelessly to educate, advocate and support our members.”

Keynote speaker Dr. Shawn Baker, author of the book *The Carnivore Diet*, spoke on the benefits of animal-based diets. Baker, an MD, is a leading authority on treating disease with medical nutritional therapy, an Amazon best-selling author, and a world champion athlete.

Attendees included more than 1,000 veterinarians and over 300 students in attendance. AABP President Dr. Dave Sjeklocha says, “The AABP

Annual Conference is a great place to learn from the best, get caught up with colleagues and make new friends. The program committee put together a challenging and thought-provoking program that included clinical and technical skills, the newest research, animal welfare, practice management and other relevant industry topics such as HPAI.”

The AABP distributed \$85,000 in financial support for students to go on externships and seek out educational opportunities, and additionally, \$324,000 was awarded to students in the form of scholarships through the AABP Foundation.

Introduction of the 2024 AABP vice president candidates, Dr. Elizabeth Quesnell Kohtz and Dr. Jen Roberts, gave members a chance to get to know their potential leadership. Vice President ballots are open at <https://aabp.org/ballot/>, and will close Dec. 27, at 5 pm Eastern.

**Find more conference recaps and photos on the AABP Facebook page!**  
**#AABP2024**

### 2024 AABP Annual Conference Meeting Stats

AABP Executive Director Dr. Gingrich shares these stats from the 2024 AABP Annual Conference:

- 1,067 AABP members
- 302 veterinary students
- Offered 8 preconference seminars and 2 seminars during the conference and 7 clinical forum breakfast talks
- 82 Canadian attendees and 24 attendees from 10 additional countries
- Close to 90 exhibitors with 288 exhibitor representatives
- Almost 120 5K Stampede Fun Run participants

# 2024 AABP Annual Conference Program Committee

Your 2024 Annual Conference Program Committee.



Back Row, L-R: AABP President-Elect and 2024 Program Chair Dr. Dave Sjeklocha, Dr. Callie Willingham (Preconference Seminars), Dr. Pippa Gibbons (Clinical Skills), Dr. Tera Rooney Barnhardt (Beef).

Third Row, L-R: Dr. Blaine Melody (Dairy), Dr. Angel Abuelo (Research Summaries), Dr. Marissa Hake (Students/New Grads).

Second Row, L-R: Dr. Elizabeth Homerosky (Practice Tips), Dr. Johns Groves (Beef).

Front Row, L-R: Dr. Lesley Moser (VPS), Dr. Michael Pesato (AASRP).

Not pictured: Dr. Jared Bourek (Research Summaries).

## 2024 AABP Awards

### Boehringer Ingelheim Bovine Practitioner of the Year

**Dr. Calvin Booker**  
Okotoks, Alberta

Pictured with  
presenter Dr. Kee  
Jim, right



### AABP Award of Excellence

**Dr. Dan Grooms**  
Ames, Iowa

Pictured with presenter  
Dr. Roxanne Pillars, left

### Merck Animal Health Mentor of the Year

**Dr. Bob Cherenson**  
Turlock, Calif.

Pictured with  
presenter Dr. Bryan  
Halteman, right



### Zoetis Distinguished Service Award

**Dr. David Welch**  
Berlin, Pa.  
Mississippi State, Miss.

Pictured with  
presenter Dr. Brian  
Reed, right

### James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders

**Dr. Liz Brock**  
North Berwick, Maine

Pictured with  
presenter Dr. Linda  
Tikofsky, left



## Other awards given at the 2024 57th AABP Annual Conference include:

### 2024 AABP Research Summaries Graduate Student Awards

#### 2024 AABP Foundation Competitive Research Grant Award

- *Impact of oral administration of di-tri-octahedral smectite (Biosponge®) on the duration of clinical signs and need for antimicrobial drug use in diarrheic dairy calves*  
Dr. Ailbhe King  
North Carolina State University
- *Comparing the use of lidocaine-loaded bands to reduce pain and discomfort in dairy and beef-dairy calves*  
Dr. Eduarda Bortoluzzi  
Kansas State University

#### 2024 AABP Research Summaries Graduate Student Awards

- First Place – Dr. Tyler Jumper – Mississippi University  
*T. foetus RT-qPCR Media Comparison*
- Second Place – Dr. Conrad Schelkopf – Kansas State University  
*eNose Differentiates Pre- and Post-Challenge BRD*
- Third Place – Rebecca Bigelow – Kansas State University  
*Mortality Diagnoses at a Calf Ranch*

#### 2024 Student Case Presentation Competition Winners

- Overall Winner
  - Emma Sells – Washington State University  
*Evaluation of Topical Flunixin Meglumine Compared to Antimicrobial Treatment on BRD Re-Treatment and Mortality in Pre-Weaned Dairy Calves*
- Research Report
  - First Place – Emma Sells – Washington State University
  - Second Place – Alyssa Gathje – University of Minnesota  
*Investigating the Impact of Propylene Glycol Administration on Hyperketonemia, Considering Metabolite Concentrations*

- Clinical Case Report
  - First Place – Chris Box – Texas A&M University  
*Mesothelioma in a Mature Beef Cow*

## AABP Keynote Challenged the Norm and Highlighted the Carnivore Diet

Dr. Shawn Baker, author of the *Carnivore Diet*, was the keynote speaker at the 2024 AABP Annual Conference. Baker, an MD, is the co-founder of Revero (a personalized nutrition therapy company), is an orthopedic surgeon, a world-leading authority on treating disease with



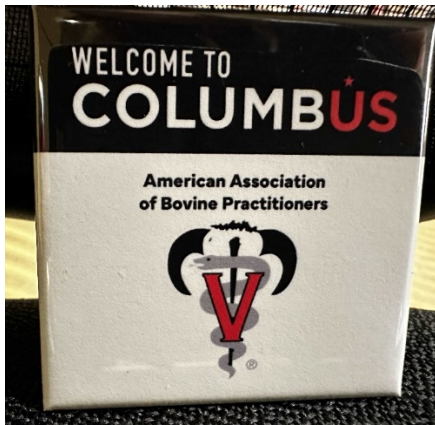
medical nutritional therapy, an Amazon best-selling author, a world champion athlete, an international speaker, podcast host and consultant. Baker's book is a revolutionary, paradigm-breaking nutritional strategy that takes contemporary conventional nutrition science theory and "dumps it on its head".

AABP president and 2024 conference program chair, Dr. Dave Sjeklocha, said, "'Challenging the Norm' was this year's theme and it challenged us to pay attention when we catch ourselves saying, 'Well, we've always done it this way...' and ask ourselves, 'Why?'. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Shawn Baker, embodied that thought process and has challenged the norm regarding the human diet. We can apply his approach in our profession, our daily work, our lives and even our relationships – personal and professional."

Baker unabashedly professed his admiration for bovines. The title slide of his presentation was: "Cows are My Favorite Animal". Baker walked through his research and other research studies into how the typical American diet has evolved to what it is today, and the many assumptions (good and bad) that have led us to where we are. "Hearing about these assumptions should help all of us look within ourselves and ask, 'What am I doing in my practice (and life) that may be based on some questionable assumptions?'" Sjeklocha notes.

Baker promotes the meat-based Carnivore Diet and has a multitude of case experiences where many chronic human health issues were resolved or drastically improved by adapting to an all-meat diet. Shedding light on a multitude of research projects was eye-opening because nutrition science has certainly evolved and continues to change. “Red meat has been demonized. We don’t have to hang our hat on bad science just because that’s the science we have,” Baker noted.

### Columbus Welcomes AABP Attendees to the City!



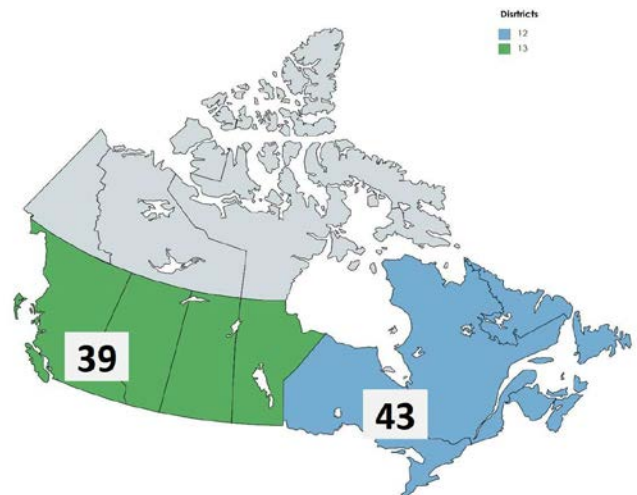
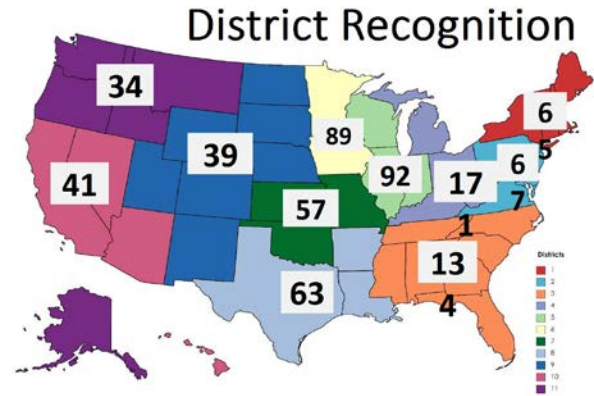
### Welcome Reception Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim

What better way to kick off the Annual Conference than the Welcome Reception Wednesday evening sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim!



### Where are You From?

Where did attendees come from? U.S. and Canadian members are represented on these district maps. There were also attendees from Argentina, Australia, Colombia, Denmark, France, Israel, Mexico, Morocco, Puerto Rico and Switzerland.



### Conference Spotlight: Evaluating Semen Slides



In Dr. Jennifer Koziol’s talk “Bull BSEs: Evaluating for Success”, she gave tips on evaluation of semen slides. She said differential counts of sperm morphology must be performed using 1000x magnification (oil immersion) as lower magnifications may result in failure to recognize some defects. “Semen should always be evaluated at 100x oil

immersion because this magnification level allows for a detailed examination of sperm morphology, providing the resolution necessary to identify subtle abnormalities in sperm structure that may not be visible at lower magnifications,” Koziol says. At 100x oil immersion, individual sperm cells can be closely inspected for defects in the head, midpiece and tail, which are critical indicators of fertility. This high level of detail is essential for accurately assessing the proportion of normal versus abnormal sperm, aiding in the overall evaluation of the bull's reproductive potential. Additionally, the clarity provided by oil immersion ensures that the observations are precise, reducing the likelihood of diagnostic errors that could affect breeding decisions.

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## 2024 AABP Scholarships

In 2024, the AABP Foundation received 238 scholarship applications and awarded 39 scholarships, totaling \$324,000. Adding to the Amstutz scholarship funds were the Amstutz Live and Silent auctions and the annual 5K Stampede Fun Run sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim.

### 2024 Amstutz Scholarship Recipients

Nine veterinary students received the \$11,000 2024 Harold E. Amstutz Scholarships. Funding comes from AABP member contributions, investment fund interest and dividends, proceeds from the 5K Stampede, and proceeds from the AABP Live and Silent Auctions and raffle. The 2024 recipients are:

- Evan “Moose” Clarke-Dever, Cornell University
- Laine Colombik, Washington State University
- Kelsey D’Amico, Purdue University
- Veronica Fursova, Ontario Veterinary College
- Jackson Goudy, Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- Justin Huff, University of Illinois
- Derrick Knill, Ontario Veterinary College
- Elle Moon, Iowa State University
- Lindsey Wichman, University of Wisconsin

## 2024 James H. Bias Scholarship

James H. Bias was the first Black man to graduate from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1910. He went on to establish veterinary medicine as a critical component of the Tuskegee agricultural science department, and fostered a positive image of veterinarians in the community. This influential \$5,000 scholarship is named in honor of this historic trailblazer who opened many doors for veterinary students of color. Recipients are also provided travel and lodging at the AABP Annual Conference and a free Recent Graduate Conference registration after graduation. The 2024 recipients are:

- Carla Gutierrez, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
- Kia Williams, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

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## 2024 Frank Welcome Future Dairy Practitioner Scholarship

The Francis Welcome Future Dairy Practitioner Scholarship supports superior 3<sup>rd</sup> year veterinary students who demonstrate the character, knowledge and potential to become outstanding dairy veterinarians upon graduation. This \$2,000 memorial scholarship was created by the Welcome family to honor the memory of AABP Honor Roll member Dr. Francis (Frank) Welcome. The 2024 recipients are:

- Rianna Scott, Ontario Veterinary College
- Alexandra Trulsen, Cornell University

## 2024 Edwin Robertson Memorial Scholarship

The Edwin Robertson Memorial Scholarship, administered through the AABP Foundation, provides a \$1,000 award to help fund a theriogenology, embryo transfer or advance reproductive techniques experience. The 2024 recipient is:

- Hannah Bonnema, Lincoln Memorial University

## 2024 Merck Animal Health Bovine Veterinary Student Recognition Awards

Nine 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year veterinary students will receive this \$10,000 scholarship generously sponsored by Merck Animal Health. The 2024 recipients are:

- Alyssa Hoyle, Oklahoma State University
- Derrick Knill, Ontario Veterinary College
- Madelaine Kuwada, North Carolina State University
- Mary McGehee, University of Wisconsin
- Mikayla Ringelberg, Ontario Veterinary College
- Emma Sells, Washington State University
- Jayden (Hanna) Simpson, Kansas State University
- Sierra Shelit, Kansas State University
- Matthew Vander Poel, University of Wisconsin

## 2024 Zoetis Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Veterinary students graduating in 2025 were eligible for the Zoetis Foundation Scholarship. This year, 16 students received the \$7,500 award which is generously funded by the Zoetis Foundation. The 2024 recipients are:

- Jacob Bunker, Colorado State University
- Laine Colombik, Washington State University
- Kaylee Cooper, Mississippi State University
- Kelsey D'Amico, Purdue University
- Cody Davis, Auburn University
- Bailey DeGroat, The Ohio State University
- George DeMers, University of Pennsylvania
- Martin Holsinger, Mississippi State University
- Elle Moon, Iowa State University
- Curtis Patton, Michigan State University
- Harrell Phillips, III, Kansas State University
- Allison Rapp, The Ohio State University
- Sierra Shelit, Kansas State University
- Mikaela Talley, Texas A&M University
- Lindsey Tarby, Texas A&M University
- Alexandra Trulsen, Cornell University

## Conference Spotlight: What Does FARAD Do?



The Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank (FARAD) centers on the collection, evaluation, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of information related to the depletion of drugs and other chemicals in food animals. Dr. Danielle Mzyk says a key service offered by FARAD is the provision of advice on appropriate withdrawal intervals (WDI) following extra-label drug (ELDU) administration to food animals by veterinarians, in compliance with the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act (AMDUCA). Professional FARAD staff at three call centers respond to WDI requests, where they utilize a comprehensive databank of pharmacokinetic data together with tools ranging from simple to complex models for the accurate estimation of safe WDIs. In complex cases, such as those involving large numbers of animals or mathematical modeling, a FARAD directors/advisory group reviews the WDI advice.

In some circumstances, such as ELDU specifically prohibited by FDA, FARAD is unable to provide a WDI. However, in all cases, FARAD strives to provide veterinarians with scientifically sound, current residue avoidance advice following ELDU or chemical exposure of food animals, within the provisions of the AMDUCA regulations. All FARAD resources are available at [www.farad.org](http://www.farad.org).

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## VOTE for AABP VP!

AABP Vice President candidates Dr. Jen Roberts (right) and Dr. Elizabeth Quesnell Kohtz introduced themselves in the Keynote session. Voting is open! Log onto the AABP website and click on the ballot on the scrolling banner or go to <https://aabp.org/ballot/>.

You can read candidate bios on that page. The November AABP newsletter also has a Q&A with each



candidate. The direction of AABP depends on its members! Your vote counts!

## Diamond V Sponsors Thursday Morning Breakfast

It's always great to start off the day with breakfast and food for thought! Thanks, Diamond V, for sponsoring the Thursday breakfast. Dr. Ehsan Khafipour, presented, "Connections in the Ruminant Microbiome and Current Tools for their Optimization".



### Conference Spotlight: Milking Fresh Heifers with Lower Stress

Dr. Brandon Treichler discussed "Welfare and the Parlor: Strategies to Extended Low Stress Handling to Milking Fresh Heifers". He says most of the available interventions for altering the fresh heifer milking dynamic are management-related and gave these suggestions:

1. Allow additional time to milk the fresh pen. These animals will be harder to handle, often require additional or different procedures beyond normal milking, and in general just take more time to complete all the milking steps.
2. Add more labor to the parlor while milking fresh pens! Conditioning fresh heifers to proper milking etiquette more consistently and improving the milking experience and animal outcomes, will require more people than other lactating pens.
3. Pre-train springing heifers to the parlor ahead of calving. This is probably the single biggest game changer available to a dairy, and yet many dairies resist embracing it.
4. Consider grouping fresh heifers and fresh cows together. While separation has advantages for

feeding and diet formulation, co-mingling them has advantages for milking.

5. Harvest colostrum in the maternity pen. While this strategy has its challenges, it does consistently improve outcomes for the animal of the first milking and removes a significant amount of added workload and labor consumption from the parlor.
6. As the saying goes, "A better life through chemistry!". New advances in pheromones, particularly bovine maternal appeasement substance have shown some very positive results.
7. Don't forget about the night shifts! Good milking experiences during the day can quickly be undone by negative experiences at night!

## AABP Leadership and Board of Directors



Back Row L-R: Dr. Murray Gillies (District 12), Dr. Arn Anderson (District 8), Dr. Liz Brock (District 1), Dr. Sam Bryant (District 7), Dr. Justin Kieffer (District 4)

Third Row: Dr. Randall Hinshaw (District 2), Dr. Jenna Bayne (District 3), Dr. Julia Herman (District 9), Dr. Mark Hilton (Incoming Vice President), Dr. Paul Cook (District 10)

Second Row: Dr. Wil Schuler (District 5), Dr. Erik Stoltzfus (Incoming, District 2), Dr. Elizabeth Quesnell Kohtz (District 11), Dr. Richard Wallace (Parliamentarian)

Front Row: Dr. Dave Sjeklocha (President-Elect), Dr. Jennifer Koziol (Incoming, District 8), Dr. Michael Capel (President), Dr. Callie Willingham (Vice President), Dr. Sandra Godden (Immediate Past President)

Not Pictured: Dr. Erika Nagorske (District 6), Ryan Rademacher (District 12)

## Respiratory Health in Youngstock Preconference Seminar

At the two-day Consulting Opportunities for Veterinarians to Improve Respiratory Health in Dairy Youngstock preconference seminar held offsite, seminar attendees were able to learn techniques to assess ventilation systems in calf facilities, says coordinator Dr. Gabe Middleton. “Dr. Geof Smith also discussed advanced respiratory diagnostics and attendees performed a transtracheal wash procedures on calves,” Middleton adds.



Photos courtesy of Dr. Gabe Middleton and Dr. Geof Smith.



### Conference Spotlight: New Concepts in Dairy Colostrum Feeding

Some dairy calf-care providers and veterinarians are unhappy with current first-milking colostrum feeding guidelines, says Dr. Don Sockett who spoke on new concepts in colostrum feeding. “On-farm observations by calf-care providers of calves with abdominal distension causing discomfort and/or colic when coupled with the fact that newborn calves often refuse to nurse for an extended period of time, post-colostrum feeding, has caused concerns for calf health and well-being.” He says a previous study has shown that first-milking-colostrum feedings can form a large curd that may be retained in the abomasum for more than eight hours after ingestion, and that it has also been reported that the

volume of colostrum fed to newborn calves had less influence on the efficiency of immunoglobulin absorption than did the colostrum IgG concentration itself.

Calves fed one liter of high-quality colostrum had more efficient immunoglobulin absorption than calves fed the same mass of immunoglobulin in two liters of colostrum. Calf-care providers and veterinarians should consider feeding newborn calves a smaller volume of first milking colostrum (2-3 liters) that contains at least 75-100 g/L of IgG, followed by a second feeding of 1.0-1.5 liters of colostrum that contains at least 75-100g/L of IgG. Feeding a smaller colostrum volume will reduce the number of newborn calves that refuse to nurse for at least 18-36 hours post-colostrum feeding. Smaller colostrum volumes may also reduce the incidence of aspiration pneumonia, improve forestomach as well as abomasal health, and perhaps eliminate colic that is caused by over-distension of the abomasum with the formation of a large colostrum curd.

## Veterinary Students Have a Great Time at the Endovac Student Reception

There were over 300 veterinary students registered for the AABP Annual Conference, and it seemed like they were all in attendance at the Thursday night student reception sponsored by Endovac. Held at the Howl at the Moon in downtown Columbus, there was great food, drink, entertainment and hospitality!



## SBS Seminar

Dr. Danelle Bicket-Weddle and Dr. Julia Herman gave a half-day seminar on the Secure Beef Supply (SBS) Train-the-Trainer Program. “Veterinarians are key to helping producers understand these foreign animal



disease or emerging disease risks and planning/ implementing preventive practices. The Secure Beef Supply plan provides resources to explain why FMD preparedness is important, provides examples for each sector, and is free for all to use.” She adds that enhanced biosecurity planning like SBS can absolutely be included in consulting services.



*Dr. Danelle Bickett-Weddle*

Biosecurity planning goes hand in hand with herd health and emergency action planning, so veterinarians can assist producers in preparing for risk short and long term. Herman adds that veterinarians will be a key component of FMD response and should be prepared before FMD enters the U.S. “SBS will also prepare veterinarians to help producers prepare for other emerging diseases, so the seminar's lessons can be applied to multiple diseases.”

### Friday Breakfast Sponsored by Zoetis

Dr. Kent Andersen presented “Predictions, Performance and Profit with Precision Crossbreeding” at Friday’s AABP breakfast sponsored once again by Zoetis. Thanks for your continued support, Zoetis!

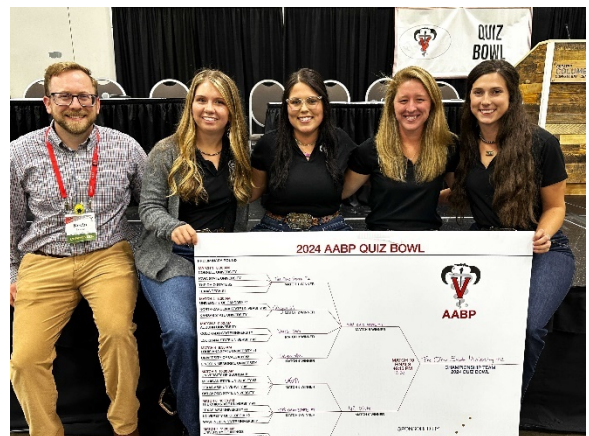


### 2024 AABP Quiz Bowl – The Ohio State University Takes Home the 2024 Championship

It was the second team from Ohio State University for the win! At the 2024 AABP Annual Conference, 24 Quiz Bowl teams vied for the coveted championship, and a second team from The Ohio State University brought it home against the team from North Carolina State University (NCSU won in 2023).

All the matches were spirited and showcased the knowledge of our future bovine veterinarians from across the U.S. and Canada. Quiz Bowl masters Drs. Leslie and Bryan Weaver once again administered the contest.

Many thanks to Vaxxinova for their continued sponsorship of the AABP Quiz Bowl and breakfast served to fuel up contestants before a morning of matches!



*2024 Championship Quiz Bowl Team, L-R: Dr. Kevin Jacque (OSU Faculty Advisor), Makayla Heil, Allison Rapp, Sarah Gigandet and Elizabeth Porteus*



*WOW that’s a fine-looking group of students from many veterinary schools participating in the Quiz Bowl at the 2024 AABP Annual Conference in Columbus!*

### **Conference Spotlight: Stress can be More than Immunosuppressive**



Dr. Amelia Woolums says historically, veterinarians have recognized that stress can be immunosuppressive, but we may not have adequately understood that stress can also increase inflammatory responses to things that induce inflammation. In her talk, “Novel Immunological Approaches to Improve Cattle Health”, she said accumulating evidence suggests that this hyper-response to inflammatory stimuli may be more relevant to BRD in high-risk cattle than immunosuppression. “The inflammation-promoting effects of stress are active at arrival in high-risk cattle, but we are not yet certain how long they persist,” she explains. Clinical trials comparing at-arrival vaccination with multivalent viral respiratory vaccines to delayed vaccination indicate that delayed administration of multivalent viral vaccines lead to better outcomes overall, and that may be related in part to a hyper-inflammatory state in cattle at arrival.

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### **Amstutz Auctions Contribute Almost \$70,000 to Amstutz and Foundation Scholarship Funds**



*Auctioneer Bryan Mergen helped AABP raise a lot of money for the Foundation and scholarships!*

mount and more! The coveted Mark Hopkins Bronze Bull Sculpture (aka “Fred”) was purchased by the Bos Gratus consortium for \$17,000 and presented to

AABP Executive Director Dr. Fred Gingrich for his work on behalf of AABP.



The silent auction, which was held in the Exhibit Hall, featured items donated by members, student chapters and exhibiting partners. Sixty-three fantastic items were in the silent auction including cheese baskets, alumni gifts and apparel, homemade items, products and tools, artwork, bovine neckties, clothing, books authored by members, steaks and other food gifts, antiques and more!

The auction was presided over by very entertaining and longtime auctioneer Bryan Mergen of Red Garage Auction Co.

Thank you, Zoetis, for once again providing the scholarship dinner prior to the auction. We appreciate your continued support!

AABP members are always invited and encouraged to donate to the AABP Foundation at <http://aabp.org/foundation/donate.asp>.



### **Conference Spotlight: Effectively Using Social Media**

Dr. Jon Higgins presented “Using social media to keep your practice relevant!” in the AASRP session. Higgins uses a variety of social media including Facebook, Instagram and Tiktok to promote his practice and the livestock industry. One thing he notes about using social media, especially photos, is that it's important to navigate client confidentiality.

“Think about what you’re posting, get permission and some things you are better leaving off,” he advises. “Always ask and get client permission on medical cases. I've only had one instance where someone wanted me to take something down. It was a surprise; I didn't think was a big deal, but it's THEIR farm and animal. And then be aware that content can be viewed by anyone anywhere and anytime. It is so easy to take things out of context.” Examples are tie stall barns or hot-iron dehorning.

“And always, always remember, do NOT give out medical advice, because you're outside of an active VCPR,” Higgins says.

## 5K Stampede Race Results

It was a great morning for the 5K Stampede Fun Run sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim at the 2024 AABP Annual Conference! The Stampede was held at nearby Genoa Park.

Almost 120 conference-goers were signed up for the race. All proceeds go to the Amstutz Scholarship Fund, and this year \$5,950 was raised from entry fees.



In addition to the money raised from entry fees, longtime Stampede participant Dr. Hunter Lang once again contributed \$5 for everyone in the race who beat him, and \$.50 for everyone he outpaced, raising \$331 for the Amstutz Scholarship Fund. Thanks for your support, Dr. Lang!



Overall 5K Stampede winners:

- Female -- Gracelyn Laudermilch
- Male -- Benjamin Laudermilch

Find 5K results at

[https://aabp.org/meeting/5k/2024\\_5K\\_results.asp](https://aabp.org/meeting/5k/2024_5K_results.asp)

### **Conference Spotlight: Rules of Firearm Safety; Keep, Treat, Never and Know**

There is a widely agreed-upon set of safety rules that many programs endorse when it comes to firearms. Dr. Clinton Roof says although the wording may vary across different organizations, these rules boil down to four fundamental principles that should always be followed when handling a



firearm or captive bolt. These principles can be summarized with four keywords: Treat, Keep, Never and Know.

- 1) Treat: Treat every firearm as if it is loaded, even when certain it is not.
- 2) Keep: Keep all fingers off the trigger until ready to fire.
- 3) Never: Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to destroy, even for a moment.
- 4) Know: Know your target, what's beyond it, and what is to the side of it, ensuring that you are certain of your intended target.

In some circles, a fifth fundamental rule is also emphasized: "Guns are not toys." While there are "toy guns", real firearms and captive bolts should never be treated as such. They must be handled with the respect, caution and seriousness their intended purpose – or even an unintended consequence – demands.

## Christian Veterinary Mission Breakfast



Dr. Bill DuBois presented to attendees at the Christian Veterinary Mission Breakfast on Saturday at the conference. The presentation by DuBois was titled "Shining the Light for Christ in Southeast Asia".

Find out more about the CVM at <https://cvm.org/>.

## Get Your CE Certificate!

The 2024 57th AABP Annual Conference offered 24.25 RACE-approved continuing education (CE) credits. RACE approval is one benefit in addition to having online CE free of charge for AABP members.

If you attended the 2024 AABP Annual Conference you can access and print your CE certificate by logging on to the AABP website at <https://aabp.org>, and in the upper righthand corner at "Member Log On", click on "My CE Certificates". You can edit the certificate and check the presentations you watched, then click Create Your CE Certificate and print.



### Conference Spotlight: Chop, Chop! Tips for Performing a Speedy Field Necropsy

Dr. Elizabeth Homerosky spoke in the Students/New Graduates session with advice, tips and tricks for necropsies in the field. One thing she focused on was preparation and professionalism.

Proper attire, a necropsy knife, honing steel and a tool for opening the thorax is all that is required to complete a field necropsy, Homerosky says. Proper attire includes clean rubber boots and coveralls, rubber or latex gloves, and eye protection.

“Despite the fact we are dealing with deceased animals, proper biosecurity measures should be practiced as dirty boots and coveralls may serve as a vector for disease from operation-to-operation,” Homerosky says. Additionally, proper attire is necessary to portray cleanliness and professionalism.”

### Find Exhibitor Information!

Did you miss the annual conference and would like to contact one of our exhibiting partners? Visit <http://aabp.org/meeting/vendors/> to get contact information for them.

### See you in 2025!

#### Plan ahead for 2025 AABP conferences!

- 2025 Recent Graduate Conference  
Feb. 14-15, Norman, Okla.  
(Registration open at <https://aabp.org>)
- 2025 58<sup>th</sup> AABP Annual Conference  
Sept. 11-13, Omaha, Neb.

*AABP post-conference newsletter created by Geni Wren, AABP Director of Marketing and Communications. AABP would like to thank those who contributed conference photos!*

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