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Dear Friend of the AAVMC:

On behalf of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC), thank you for your support of the mission of our organization. AAVMC is proud to carry out its mission of improving the quality of life for people and animals by advancing veterinary medical education, improving animal health and welfare, strengthening biomedical research, promoting food safety and food security, and enhancing environmental quality. AAVMC is an innovative, creative and dynamic organization dedicated to excellence in academic veterinary medicine, striving to provide opportunities and resources to our member institutions in the area of education—including teaching, research, and community outreach.

As of 2008, AAVMC is offering its supporters the opportunity to support the work we do to advance veterinary medical education and the vital role the veterinary profession plays in our country. Your contributions will help us expand the opportunities available to students and faculty of our AAVMC member institutions and achieve our full potential in several important areas.

All of our donors will be gratefully recognized in AAVMC in an Annual Report, which will be published in the autumn of each year. Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration and support of our ongoing efforts on behalf of the veterinary profession and education.

You can choose from several different ways of giving:

***Unrestricted Gifts***

Making an unrestricted gift will allow direct funding of strategic areas of critical need within AAVMC. The AAVMC has several programs and initiatives that are critical to its mission. Whether contributions are used to enhance the AAVMC Web site, launch special initiatives, or fund other strategic areas, unrestricted gifts will have an immediate impact.

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***AAVMC Policy and Leadership Externship***

AAVMC plans to sponsor and oversee three veterinary student externs per year in the public policy and leadership areas, in the Washington, D.C., region. These externships are intended for veterinary medical students who have completed at least two years of their professional education. The students will work closely with veterinarians at the AAVMC and will be exposed

to public policy making in both the executive and legislative branches of the federal government, as well as the opportunity to see close-up how the private sector and industry influence public policy making.

Externships are available as 4- to 12-week experiences. Costs to support these externships range from \$2,400 for a 4-week externship to \$9,600 for a 12-week externship.

To make a contribution that is restricted to these externships, please mark **344000** in the memo portion of your check.

### ***AAVMC Research Externship***

AAVMC plans to sponsor three research externships each year for veterinary students to work with scientists in academic, public, or corporate research institutions. These externships are intended for veterinary medical students who have completed at least two years of their professional education. The students will work with mentors, learning first-hand about research and/or policies related to research at an academic, public, or corporate research institution.

Externships are available as 4- to 12-week experiences. Costs to support these externships range from \$2,400 for a 4-week externship to \$9,600 for a 12-week externship.

To make a contribution that is restricted to these externships, please mark **345000** in the memo portion of your check.

### ***Underrepresented Student Scholarship Fund***

One of AAVMC's priority goals is to increase diversity among our veterinary medical students and faculty. AAVMC has established a special fund that will provide annual competitive scholarships to racially and ethnically underrepresented students matriculating at U.S. colleges of veterinary medicine. The aim in the early phases of this program is to make a scholarship award of \$5,000 to at least one student with demonstrated need throughout the veterinary school curriculum. In the longer term, should contributions permit, AAVMC intends to establish an endowed underrepresented student scholarship fund that will allow greater support to greater numbers of students in need.

To make a contribution that is restricted to this fund, please mark **342000** in the memo portion of your check.

### ***Web-based Virtual Career Fair***

In 2007, AAVMC launched a veterinary medical career fair, held during its Annual and Summer meetings, that provides information about the colleges of veterinary medicine to interested students. AAVMC recognizes that there is not a single place where students who may be interested in veterinary medicine as a career can turn to learn about the breadth of career opportunities that come with a choice of veterinary medicine and about the paths to pursue their career choice, including information about our member institutions. Many young people today

are turning to the Internet as their first choice for obtaining this type of information. To meet this need, AAVMC intends to create and maintain a Web-based virtual career fair, that could be accessed by anyone coming to AAVMC's Web site.

Contributions will be used to develop and maintain this special service, essential to the recruitment of prospective veterinary students from across the United States and abroad.

To make a contribution that is restricted to this virtual career fair, please mark **343000** in the memo portion of your check.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marguerite Pappaioanou". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marguerite Pappaioanou, DVM, MPVM, PhD  
Executive Director