Strengthen Your Alumni Society

Meaningful Engagement * Diverse Programs * Recognition * Promoting Alumni

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*Becoming and staying engaged is a great way to fill the alumni volunteer, engagement and, potentially donor, pipelines.

*Alumni appreciate, and deserve, to be recognized for their efforts and contributions to the college and organized veterinary medicine.

*Session participants shared the various awards their institutions offer to recognize alumni (faculty and clients)

University of Florida – Distinguished Awards

Recognizes outstanding alumni and friends of the college in various categories.

Excellence in Master's Studies Award

Special Service Award

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Distinguished Service Award

Alumni Achievement Award in the D.V.M program

The Ohio State University — Distinguished Alumni Awards (#2) — Non DVM/Volunteer/Grateful Client & Alumni Society

Iowa State - Distinguished Alumni / Young Alumnus Awards

+ Gentle Doctor Award – Name of Iowa State Magazine

Texas A & M – Distinguished Alumni Awards (#4)

University of Tennessee – Recognize 3 groups of alumni

10 years or less

Traditional Practice

Non-Trad. Practice

And, Career Impact Awards. Ask reunion classes for input and celebrate 3 faculty members

Kansas State – 1 award for recognition at Fall Conference then invited back to White Coat Ceremony

Cornell – Daniel Elmer Salmon Award for Distinguished Alumni Service (#1)

Various awards to recognize outstanding clinicians & faculty

Major Awards - Nominations are held over for 3 (Tennessee), 5 (UF) and 3 (Cornell) years

Tennessee – Alumni Council expectations for new members

*Travel to campus for training

- *Refer grateful clients
- *Give

Outlets where Alumni are recognized/news shared and celebrated

- -Magazines
- -e-Newsletters
- -Class Notes
- -Social Media

Young Alumni & Student Engagement

UF - 3-4 events held / year

- -First day of new student orientation, Alumni Affairs staff introduce themselves, share info. about their office, provide a postcard & sun glasses 'UF DVM for Life / Your Future is Bright'
 - Hand out business card holders (MS and PhD students are included)
- Grateful Gator Day Carnival for YA and students Thank you note session for scholarship donors.

Difficulty gathering addresses for recent graduates? Considering contacting State VM Boards for their contact information.