The AABP Foundation and Zoetis partnered to award 16 scholarships to veterinary students who will graduate in 2017. The AABP Foundation—Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholarship program was established to recruit outstanding students into careers in bovine veterinary medicine. In addition to a $5,000 scholarship, each recipient was invited to attend the 49th AABP Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, September 15-17, 2016 and was provided a stipend for travel and housing.

Recipients were honored at a dinner Friday, September 16. The sources of the funds for these scholarships were Zoetis and individual AABP members who participated by designating the Veterinary Student Scholarship when provided the opportunity to contribute to the recruitment of future colleagues.

The recipients of the 2016 AABP Foundation—Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholarships and their respective schools are:

- Kelsey Arellano, University of Florida
- Dan Breuer, Iowa State University
- Kaitlyn Briggs, Cornell University
- Ross Chewning, University of Georgia
- Lisa Dauten, Purdue University
- Brandon Debbink, University of Wisconsin
- Fred Gromalak, The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies
- Erica Izer, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
- Jared Lyzenga, Michigan State University
- Drew Neilley, The Ohio State University
- Aaron Pospisil, The Ohio State University
- Brandon Scharping, University of Wisconsin
- Julia Simons, University of Wisconsin
- Alan Smith, Mississippi State University
- Jennifer Storer, University of Tennessee
- Ellen Unruh, Kansas State University
- Alan Smith, Mississippi State University
- Glenn Rogers, DVM, DABVP (Beef)
  Chair, AABP Foundation Board of Directors

The AABP Foundation wishes to offer congratulations and best wishes to this group of deserving students.

Pictured are the 2016 AABP Foundation-Zoetis Scholarship Award winners.

Back Row, L-R: Dr. Glenn Rogers, Ellen Unruh, Alan Smith, Brandon Scharping, Dan Breuer, Ross Chewning, Drew Neilley, Kelsey Arellano, Dr. Doug Braun.
Front Row, L-R: Erica Izer, Kaitlynn Briggs, Aaron Pospisil, Lisa Dauten, Jennifer Storer, Dr. Roger Saltman, Jon Lowe
Dr. K. Fred Gingrich II assumed the role of executive vice-president of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners on January 01, 2017. Dr. Gingrich, succeeding Dr. M. Gatz Riddell, who retired from the position on December 31 after successfully leading the organization since early 2005. Dr. Gingrich is only the fourth executive vice-president to lead the organization since its formation over 50 years ago, following in the footsteps of Dr. Harold Amstutz, Dr. Jim Jarrett, and Dr. Riddell. The AABP headquarters was moved to Ashland, Ohio, during the leadership transition.

Fred is a native of Ohio and graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1995. After graduation, Fred was an associate at Mill Creek Veterinary Services in Visalia, California in a 100% dairy practice. In 1997, he returned to Ohio and accepted an associate position in a mixed animal practice in Ashland, where he became a partner in 1998. In 2007, he became the sole owner and founder of Country Roads Veterinary Services, which consisted of two practice locations, a mixed animal primarily dairy practice and a companion animal practice. His primary focus in practice was dairy production medicine.

Fred has been involved as a volunteer with AVMA and AABP during much of his professional career. He has served on the AVMA Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee, the AVMA Council on Biologics and Therapeutic Agents, and the AVMA Task Force on Veterinary Compounding Legislation. He is the past chair of the AABP Committee on Pharmaceutical and Biologics Issues and serves on the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association’s Drug Residue Task Force. He served on the Executive Committee of AABP from 2013-2016, and as President from September 2015 to June 2016.

Fred has been married to his wife Michelle for 24 years, and the joy of his life are his four children - Abbey (18), Avery (16), Chloe (11), and Ethan (9). When he is not being a veterinarian, Fred enjoys family vacations, live music, Crossfit, and running.