(February 24, 2010 Stillwater, OK) – Three students from Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the 2nd Annual Veterinary Student Legislative Day sponsored by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges.

Sixty-three veterinary students from across the country gathered in our nation's capitol to advocate for funding to support veterinary education. The Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA) was extremely supportive of the OSU delegation. Dr. Mike Tripp ('82) and others from the OVMA Executive Board provided information on the Veterinary Practice Act for the students' meeting with Senator Inhofe.

"I learned a tremendous amount involving the legislative process and the role of the American Veterinary Medical Association Governmental Relations Division," reports Dietz. "The meetings taught us, as future veterinarians, how we can be involved in organized veterinary medicine and the importance of being an ambassador of the veterinary medicine profession. The opportunity to inform congressman and senators on issues facing veterinary medicine at the state and federal level was a gratifying experience."

Oklahoma State University was one of 23 veterinary colleges participating in this educational event.

The Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences is one of 28 veterinary colleges in the United States and is fully accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association. The center's Boren Veterinary Medial Teaching Hospital is open to the public and provides routine and specialized care for small and large animals. It also offers 24-hour emergency care and is certified by the American Animal Hospital Association. For more information, visit www.cvhs.okstate.edu or call (405) 744-7000.

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