



STILLWATER, Okla.—Aaron Richardson, a native of Ninnekah, Okla., received the top staff honor, the Stratton Staff Award, at the Annual Awards Banquet for the Oklahoma State University's (OSU) Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

OSU opened the doors to its veterinary school 60 years ago in 1948. The Stratton Award was established upon the retirement of Dr. Louie Stratton in 1989. It was his wish to establish an award to honor outstanding Center for Veterinary Health Sciences staff members for their service and contributions. Nominations are accepted from any employee of the Veterinary Center and the recipient is selected by members of an ad hoc committee selected by the Dean.



"I knew I had been nominated but I did not believe that there would be a chance for me to win," says Richardson. "I was completely overwhelmed that people here thought enough of my work at the Veterinary Center to nominate me and then to actually win was over the top. I haven't stopped smiling yet."

Richardson began working at the Veterinary Center in September 1999. He graduated from Oklahoma State University, Spears School of Business in May of 1999 with a BS in Business Administration and a minor in Marketing. He is the Information Technology Supervisor for the Veterinary Center.

"Aaron is highly respected by our faculty and staff for his helpful attitude and ability to 'fix' just about any issue with one's desktop computer," says Dr. Michael Lorenz, professor and dean of the Veterinary Center. "In addition, he has creative talents that have served us well in designing and implementing the Veterinary Center's web site. He just makes things happen!!!"

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. For more information, visit <http://www.cvhs.okstate.edu>