

AWARDS

AL AND CAROLYN SCHILLER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



P.O. Eric Mueller, DVM, PhD
Diplomate, ACVS

The ACVS Board of Regents selected P.O. Eric Mueller, DVM, PhD, Diplomate, ACVS, as recipient of the Al and Carolyn Schiller Distinguished Service Award for exceptional contribution to ACVS.

Dr. Mueller has demonstrated commitment to excellence in service and teaching. His service to the College's mission commenced within a year of becoming board-certified in 1996. He began contributing to *Veterinary Surgery* as a member of the Editorial Review Board and as a Surgery Summit speaker and seminar chair for many years. He served for four years as a member of the ACVS Examination Committee and chair.

Dr. Mueller was elected in 2009 to the Board of Regents as a large animal regent. He continued to share his expertise as a Board of Regents liaison to the examination restructuring task force. Dr. Mueller went on to serve a second term on the Board of Regents as the College's president-elect, president, and chair. He participated in the 2017 ACVS strategic planning session during which the first five-year strategic plan for the College was developed. The plan served as a detailed template for achieving the College's goals.

Steadily leading by example, Dr. Mueller was viewed as an ACVS ambassador and inspiration to become active in the College. His curriculum vitae attests to his extensive contributions to veterinary medicine, with numerous peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, proceedings, and research abstracts.

Dr. Mueller is also known for his dedication to the training of future surgeons. He trained over 100 interns and was a mentor to 18 large animal surgery residents who are now ACVS Diplomates. He is an ACVS Foundation Honored Mentor, recognized for his impact on the lives and careers of surgery residents and colleagues.

"His service to our profession is scholarly, no doubt, but his service to our profession as a role model and leader is unrivaled."

—Jarred Williams, DVM, DACVS (Large Animal)

The Al and Carolyn Schiller Distinguished Service Award allows recognition of anyone who has demonstrated unusual and meritorious service to the ACVS. Conferring this service award recognizes and honors recipients for outstanding contributions related directly or peripherally to the functions of ACVS.