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**Viticus Group Awards 40 Scholarships in
Record-Breaking Dr. Jack Walther Boot Camp Class**

Hands-on veterinary skills training designed to build confidence in new graduates

LAS VEGAS—[Viticus Group](#), a leading provider of innovative veterinary and human healthcare education worldwide, proudly announces its largest-ever class of [Dr. Jack Walther Recent Graduate Boot Camp Scholarship](#) recipients, awarding 40 early-career veterinarians an opportunity for hands-on training from June 16 to 18 in Las Vegas.

The boot camp, held at Viticus Group Education Centers, is an interactive, hands-on training course for newer veterinarians who are zero to five years out of veterinary school. The scholarship covers registration fees, hotel accommodations, meals and onsite transportation for each recipient; travel expenses to and from Las Vegas are not included. The program is co-sponsored by Merck Animal Health and additionally supported by Banfield Pet Hospital and Thrive Pet Healthcare.

This year's boot camp provides small group lectures and hands-on instruction in dermatology, leadership/mentorship, soft tissue surgery and dentistry, giving veterinarians post-graduation the skills they can immediately apply in practice..

"Viticus Group is committed to shaping the next generation of veterinary leaders," said Dr. Anthony Pease, chief veterinary medical officer, Viticus Group. "Through hands-on training and mentorship, we honor Dr. Jack Walther's legacy by empowering young veterinarians to elevate their practice and their profession."

The program honors the legacy of longtime supporter and past Viticus Group/WVC (formerly Western Veterinary Conference) Board president and member, Dr. Jack Walther. Known as the "veterinarian's veterinarian," Walther's work in the industry inspired young veterinarians and veterinary technicians through mentorship and his teachings at the University of Nevada, Reno. He

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also served at the state and national level, as president of the Nevada State Veterinary Association; chairman of the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Examiners; chairman of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Political Action Committee, among many roles.

Forty scholarship recipients include the following veterinarians:

Jane Alcorn, Marsi Arellano, Rebecca Ashton, Sean Bellefeuille, Erica Blair, Spencer Bonna Graham, Kathryn (KT) Boyle, Reagan Bugg, Sophia Cardot, Amanda Coull, Mackenzie Curran, Niurka Cubero Martinez, Alyssa M De La Torre, Luana Deng, Alexis Diffley, Jennifer (Rebecca) Durham, Gabrielle Endicott, Katie Fish, Jon Friend, Trevor Garb, Elian Golding, Jared Hammett, Maya Halaly, Hayley Hawkins, Matthew Howard, Brooke Joyner, Shelby King, Rachel Leeson, Jacob Lischer, Abigail Martin, Ali Mason, Anna Marie Merante, McKenzie Pinto, Amanda Pariso, Trisha Patel, Anna Julia Pheils, Brittany Savage, Dena Seiss, Samantha Valdes and Anita Yau.

Sponsors include:

- [Banfield Pet Hospital](#) – A practice powered by more than 3,600 veterinarians who have dedicated their careers to helping pets.
- [Merck Animal Health](#) – A research-driven company that develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of veterinary medicines and services.
- [Thrive Pet Healthcare](#) – A first-of-its-kind pet healthcare network with 400 locations across the U.S., dedicated to helping pets thrive through every stage of life.

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