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Viticus Group Awards 15 Recipients in the Dr. Jack Walther Recent Graduate Boot Camp Scholarship

New veterinarians receive hands-on education and training like none other

LAS VEGAS—[Viticus Group](#), a leading provider of continuing education for veterinary and medical healthcare professionals worldwide, proudly announces its 15 recipients of the Dr. Jack Walther Recent Graduate Boot Camp Scholarship.

The boot camp, held at Viticus Group education centers in Las Vegas, is an interactive course from June 5 to 7 for newer veterinarians who are zero to five years out of 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.

This year's boot camp will focus on providing small group lectures and hands-on instruction in dentistry, dermatology (cytology), and soft tissue surgery.

"We're thrilled to award these 15 scholarship recipients," said Dr. Tony Pease, chief veterinary medical officer, Viticus Group. "Their ambition to elevate the veterinary profession and provide the highest quality patient care is a direct correlation to the dedication that Dr. Jack Walther exemplified."

Thrive Pet Healthcare, a first-of-its-kind veterinary hospital network with 400 locations across the U.S., has supported this unique opportunity for three consecutive years.

"The landscape of veterinary medicine today can be intimidating for new grads because the expectations placed upon practitioners are greater now than decades ago," said Dr. Kelly Cairns, VP of Medical Excellence and Education at Thrive Pet Healthcare. "We believe in the power of mentorship throughout the professional journey. Therefore, we're thrilled to support Viticus

Group Boot Camp and help jump start the clinical experience for new GP veterinarians by giving them the tools they need to thrive and progress in their careers.”

[Fifteen scholarship recipients](#), from Colorado to Glasgow, include:

- Dr. Erica Addante
- Dr. Angelica Breuker
- Dr. Raquel Carbajal
- Dr. Janna Draper
- Dr. Alexandra Hyman
- Dr. Sunhee Kim
- Dr. Felicity Leonard
- Dr. Grace Longcore
- Dr. Wywy Goulida March
- Dr. Adrienne Mulholland
- Dr. Sofia Nava
- Dr. Morgan Russ
- Dr. Shazia Shafiq
- Dr. Sunny Tung
- Dr. Ethan Williamson

The program honors the legacy of longtime supporter and past WVC Annual Conference honoree, 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 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; director of the Western Veterinary Conference (WVC), and chairman of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Political Action Committee, among many roles.

Visit ViticusGroup.org for more information.

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About Viticus Group

As powerful innovations alter the world of animal and human health, Viticus Group (formerly WVC) is the leading provider of educational programming and in-depth learning opportunities for veterinary and human health professionals. The Viticus Center offers continuing education at two cutting-edge campuses, presenting a variety of courses and providing access to specialized surgical training for both veterinary and human health professionals. Viticus Group’s legacy signature event, the WVC Annual Conference, serves as the veterinary profession’s premier gathering for innovative education and an opportunity to engage with other industry professionals seeking growth. Bringing together life and medicine in Viticus, we envision a future where all medical professionals have access to year-round, hands-on training for a one-of-a-kind experience. For more information, visit viticusgroup.org.

About Thrive Pet Healthcare

Thrive Pet Healthcare is a leading veterinary service network that uniquely delivers a continuum of care to pet families and services to veterinary hospitals. With an industry-first membership program and 400 acute, primary, and specialty providers, Thrive Pet Healthcare offers personalized, accessible care through every stage of a pet's life and health. The veterinarian-founded organization provides premier benefits for practice staff while elevating privately held veterinary hospitals with innovative service and technology solutions. By focusing on the needs and aspirations of veterinary care providers, Thrive Pet Healthcare is supporting the well-being of the industry and raising the national bar for veterinary excellence. To learn more about Thrive Pet Healthcare, please visit www.thrivepetcare.com.

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