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## Viticus Group Awards 24 Recipients in the Dr. Jack Walther Recent Graduate Boot Camp Scholarship

Exclusive hands-on veterinary medicine training in small group sessions

LAS VEGAS—<u>Viticus Group</u>, a leading provider of innovative veterinary and human healthcare education worldwide, proudly announces its 24 recipients of the <u>Dr. Jack Walther Recent Graduate</u> <u>Boot Camp Scholarship</u>.

The boot camp, held at Viticus Group Education Centers in Las Vegas, is an interactive, hands-on training course held from June 3 to 5 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 Banfield Pet Hospital and Thrive Pet Healthcare.

This year's boot camp focuses on providing small group lectures and hands-on instruction in anesthesia, dentistry and soft tissue surgery, with the goal of elevating their patient care by learning advanced methods that newer veterinarians can then immediately use in their practice.

"At its core, Viticus Group is built on investing in continuing education for the veterinary leaders of tomorrow," said Dr. Anthony Pease, chief veterinary medical officer, Viticus Group. "This specialized training ensures that they are equipped with the skills and expertise needed to excel in animal healthcare, just as Dr. Jack Walther did."

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 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.

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Twenty-four scholarship recipients, from Iowa to Ireland, include the following veterinarians:

- Sarah Amblard
- Anmolpreet Badwal
- Austin Coull
- Erika Delker
- Amy Duong
- Danielle Falcon
- Aja Faranda
- Zaida Gomez
- Savannah Guillen
- Zoya Jouravska
- Andrew Kures
- Sydney Macapagal
- Dominique Markou
- Griselle Martinez Traverso
- Paige Meily
- Kayla Mirandi
- Kristin Moore
- Ryan Navarro
- Paulina Padron Sarachaga
- Lauren Pecaro
- Clare Slagel
- Emily Spadaro
- Tabitha Stone
- Alicia Vega Rigau

Sponsors include:

- <u>Banfield Pet Hospital</u> A practice powered by more than 3,600 veterinarians who have dedicated their careers to helping pets.
- <u>Thrive Pet Healthcare</u> 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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As powerful innovations alter the world of animal and human health, Viticus Group (formerly WVC) is the leading provider of innovative veterinary and human healthcare education worldwide. As the largest freestanding combined animal and human hands-on (bioskills) training and continuing education organization in the world, Viticus Group 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 and to listen to the VetSOAP podcast, visit <u>viticusgroup.org</u> or follow on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>X</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.