

AL & CAROLYN SCHILLER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Presented at the Mark W. Allam Lecture & Awards Ceremony
8:00–9:30am, Thursday
Ballroom 6E, Level 6

The ACVS Board of Regents has selected **Nathaniel A. White II, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVS**, as the recipient of the *Al & Carolyn Schiller Distinguished Service Award* for his exceptional contributions to the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Since becoming a Diplomate in 1981, Dr. White has made his service towards ACVS a career priority. Unselfishly, he has demonstrated his dedication by devoting countless hours working on behalf of ACVS, seemingly 24-hours a day. Dr. White has made remarkable differences to the strength of ACVS.

Dr. White served on numerous committees, including Examination, Credentials, Public Relations, Nominating, and ad hoc Recertification. In 1988, Dr. White was elected to the ACVS Board of Regents and went on to serve as President-Elect, President, and Chair. An additional indicator of his vision and leadership was his instrumental role in forming the ACVS Foundation in 1995. Dr. White was one of the five original Directors of the ACVS Foundation and later served as Vice President and President.

Undoubtedly, a hallmark of Dr. White's contribution to ACVS has been his dedication to the delivery of internationally-recognized continuing education. In addition to presenting at numerous Surgical Forums, Scientific Meetings, Veterinary Symposia, and the Surgery Summit and assisting with organizing programs as Seminar Chair and committee member, for nearly 20 years he has been primarily responsible for the continued growth, impact, and success of the ACVS Surgery Summit, formerly the ACVS Veterinary Symposium. Through his unrelenting determination and strategic vision, the ACVS delivers premier continuing education for ACVS Diplomates, residents, general practitioners, students, and technicians.

The results of Dr. White's close attention to details include streamlining program development, restructuring the Continuing Education Committee for additional oversight, integrating the scientific program, partnering with other specialties, strategically responding to increased competition, rebranding, and expanding continuing education opportunities outside of the Surgery Summit. Dr. White's unwavering commitment to improving the Surgery Summit cannot be missed. He consistently seeks input and listens intently to critiques from the communities he serves. With the support of the Continuing Education Committee and ACVS staff, Dr. White dedicates himself to offering unsurpassed educational opportunities — one of the College's core objectives

The future of the College has benefited greatly from Dr. White. From his conscientious training of residents and encouraging young Diplomates to become active in the College to his unyielding focus on the College's strategic directions, he has been a cornerstone of the College. A colleague writes, "... my continued involvement and dedication to ACVS stems from having such an example ... Dr. White continues to be a valued mentor, colleague, friend, and example of professional veterinary surgical excellence."

"Dr. White exemplifies 'giving back' and the difference and impact one person can make to ACVS and veterinary surgery. I believe this is exactly what this award recognizes."

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 the ACVS.



Nathaniel A. White II
DVM, MS, DACVS

Past recipients of the ACVS *Al & Carolyn Schiller Distinguished Service Award:*

1992: William J. Donawick, DVM
1994: Ghery D. Pettit, DVM
1997: John "Jack" F. Fessler, DVM, MS
2009: Alan J. Lipowitz, DVM, MS
2011: Robert A. Taylor, DVM, MS