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Rachel Allbaugh to receive alumni award from Iowa State University

Ames, IOWA – During its annual Homecoming celebration, the Iowa State University Alumni Association will confer upon Dr. Rachel Anne Allbaugh of Boone, Iowa the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, one of the most prestigious honors given to Iowa State University alumni by the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association established the award in 1968 to recognize ISU alumni, age 40 and under, who have excelled in their professions and provided service to their communities.

Allbaugh ('00 animal sci, DVM '04) is an assistant professor specializing in ophthalmology at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, where in 2015 she was honored as the College's Faculty Member of the Year and her ophthalmology team was recognized as the College's Service Team of the Year.

Veterinary ophthalmology is an elite and highly specialized field; Allbaugh is one of only 445 ophthalmology boarded veterinarians in North America, and one of just 70 in academic positions. Since 2008 she has been a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) and is one of the extremely rare members who passed the College's three rigorous board examinations on her first attempt. She is active in a number of professional and community organizations.

The other recipients of the 2016 Outstanding Young Alumni Award are Lynn M. Ross ('99 community and regional planning) of Miami Beach, Fla., and Christina Freese-Decker ('00 finance) of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Recipients of the 2016 Homecoming awards will be honored at the 85th Annual Honors & Awards Ceremony in ISU's Scheman Building on Friday, Oct. 28 at 1:15 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information on the 2016 Honors & Awards Ceremony, visit <http://www.isualum.org/honorsandawards>.