



Carlton Schlatter, DVM

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Paulding High School	1979
The Ohio State University	B.S. 1983
The Ohio State University	DVM 1987

Carlton Schlatter -- Paulding High School Class of 1979

Blessed with the heritage to be raised on his family livestock farm in Paulding County, Carlton developed a desire to pursue animal husbandry as a career. Following high school graduation in 1979, he enrolled in the College of Agriculture at The Ohio State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Dairy Science in 1983. Pursuing advanced education, he received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1987. While at Veterinary College after his junior year he received the Junior Service Award for outstanding service to the college and community. Following completion of his senior year, he received both the AVMA Auxiliary Award for outstanding service to the college and community and the Award for Excellence in Food Animal Medicine and Surgery. In addition, he was elected to serve as Class President each of the four years of his Veterinary education.

In 1987 following graduation, Carlton was hired as an associate veterinarian at Northwest Veterinary Hospital in Wauseon, Ohio. Beyond his veterinary responsibilities and through providing services and mentorship to the Wauseon High School Vocational Agricultural students, he was awarded the FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer Award. In pursuit of more dairy production medicine, he took employment at Sugarcreek Veterinary Clinic in Sugarcreek, Ohio in 1989. In 1994, Carlton founded Tri-County Animal Clinic, Inc. in West Salem, Ohio, where he is currently co-owner and president of a now four veterinarian mixed companion and production animal practice.

Other professional affiliations that Carlton has been involved with include: Board member of Farmers State Bank from 1995-present – served as chairman two terms; Board member of Community Independent Bancorp from 1996-present; Board member of Apostolic Christian Village – A skilled nursing and assisted living complex (2013-2018); Board member of Gateway Woods Children's Home – A non-profit family focused organization to assist children and families living in challenging situations (2013-2020); Treasurer of Killbuck Valley Veterinary Medical Association (2002-present); Adjunct Faculty member of OSU College of Veterinary Medicine; Member of American and Ohio Veterinary Medical Associations; Member of American Association of Bovine Practitioners; active in various church committees and Sunday School including a short-term mission trip to Jamaica; and he completed an Ohio Dairy Health and Management Certificate Program (2011) including an agricultural educational trip to Argentina.

In reflection, he wanted to recognize some influential past Paulding High School teachers including: Dennis Saam – Mentored especially in career choice and remains a longtime friend; Paul "Pete" Ladd –High school biology teacher exemplified practicality and responsibility; and June Curtis – Geometry teacher who made a challenging class fun.

In summary, Carlton has felt God's blessings in his occupation to work in the fields of animal welfare, the production of safe and wholesome foods, and the arena of public health. He enjoys the variety he has as he works on dairy and hobby farms, the relationships with the farming community, and the opportunity to see the miracle of life and the beauty of nature in its many stages and seasons. His family consists of his wife, Candi, of 30 years, and two daughters with the addition of a recent son-in-law. His oldest daughter is an RN and his youngest daughter teaches 8th grade Algebra. One of Carlton's favorite hobbies involves the anticipation of honey production from his pet honeybees.