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**Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine Student Awarded
AMP/Michael D. Hayre Fellowship in Public Outreach**

Fellowship project will result in new podcast to examine the critical role of animal studies in advancing human and veterinary medicine.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Second year [Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine Student](#) Jeff Marshall has been named this year’s winner of the AMP/Michael D. Hayre Fellowship in Public Outreach. The program is designed to provide talented university students and early career professionals with opportunities to design and implement public outreach programs focused on the important role of animal-based health research in improving the lives of people and animals.

Marshall will receive funding from [Americans for Medical Progress](#) (AMP), a nonprofit biomedical research advocacy group that supports the responsible use of animals in research to benefit humans and animals alike. He will use those resources to create, launch and promote a new podcast series aimed at examining the importance and applicability of animal research to both veterinary and human medicine.

The podcast will feature interviews with veterinarians, scientists and representatives from organizations that conduct animal studies to further health knowledge and generate new advancements. With the increasing popularity of podcasts, this project seeks to provide audience members with interesting conversations and facts surrounding the field of responsible and ethical research involving animals.

“Public support for animal research is paramount for the continuation of medical advancements, yet it seems that the majority of people are either indifferent towards animal research because they really don’t know enough to form an opinion, or they believe it is cruel and unnecessary,” Marshall explained. “My hope is that this podcast will continue to contribute towards educating the public on how vital this field is and how we have all benefited and will continue to benefit from humane and ethical animal research.”

Additional information about this year’s winner:

Jeff Marshall

Jeff is a second-year veterinary student at the [Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine](#). Following completion of a dual M.S./B.S. degree in 2009 from the University of Nevada-Reno, Jeff has been involved in the field of comparative medicine in a variety of capacities. These experiences have included work in a high-containment laboratory as a research associate. Jeff has earned his certification as a Biological Safety Professional through the American Biological Safety Association (ABSA). He has also been a research compliance coordinator who oversaw both Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees and Institutional Biosafety Committees. Once he completes his veterinary school training,

Jeff intends to become a laboratory animal veterinarian where he will continue to be an outspoken advocate for biomedical research and the animals that take part in it.

About the AMP/Michael D. Hayre Fellowship in Public Outreach

The AMP/Michael D. Hayre Fellowship is part of AMP's commitment to fostering innovative outreach programs that engage the next generation of research advocates. The program was inspired by AMP's late former chairman Michael D. Hayre, D.V.M., an innovative thinker, passionate research advocate and mentor to so many during his career in laboratory animal medicine.

**Note to Editors: A high-resolution image of Jeff Marshall can be [downloaded at this link](#). For more information about the AMP/Hayre Fellowships, visit www.amprogress.org/hayre-fellowship/.*

About Americans for Medical Progress

[Americans for Medical Progress](#) (AMP) is a nonprofit, health research advocacy group that supports the advancement of human and animal medicine through responsible and highly regulated research in animals. AMP informs the public about animal-based research through outreach events like Biomedical Research Awareness Day, news and opinion articles, social media interactions and various online and printed publications. AMP is a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity supported by the nation's top universities, private research facilities, research-related businesses, scientific and professional societies, as well as by foundation grants and contributions by individuals. AMP's Board of Directors is composed of physicians, researchers, veterinarians and university officials.

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