Heart Month

February is National Heart Month. Here is a word from OSU's veterinary cardiologist, Dr. Ryan Baumwart.

Click the image to watch the video.

Niblack Scholar Participates in Research Week

Congratulations to Niblack Research Scholar Casey Landis on her presentation during Research Week! Landis works in the virology laboratory of her mentor Dr. Robert Fulton, Regents Professor and McCasland Foundation Endowed Chair for Food Animal Research. A pre-veterinary student from Skiatook, Okla., Landis is a junior in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She is an Honors Student and an early admit student in the future class of 2019.

Research Gala Awards

Congratulations to Drs. Sanjay Kapil and Lin Liu on receiving Patent Awards at the recent Research Gala. Dr. Kapil received two patents--one for Immunogenic Compositions, Vaccines and Diagnostics based on Canine Distemper Viruses Circulating in North American Dogs and one for Isolation of a Virus Related to Canine Parvovirus-2 from a Raccoon. Dr. Liu received a patent for Primer-Extension Based Method for the Generation of siRNA/miRNA Expression Vectors. He was also inducted into the National Academy of Inventors.

Western Veterinary Conference News

Congratulations to Dr. Thomas Reece ('80) and Kristen Ward ('16)! Reece received a Special Recognition Award for his three years of service as an original member of the Food Animal Incentive Award Committee. Ward received a Dr. Jack Walther Leadership Award for her activities and leadership while pursuing her degree in veterinary medicine.

Student Activities

AAEP will meet today, Feb. 23.

ZEW will meet today, Feb. 23, to hear from Josh Lucas a herpetology specialist with the Oklahoma City Zoo. ZEW members will also participate in an Oklahoma City Zoo volunteer day on Saturday, Feb. 28. A reminder that ZEW club members are seeking auction items for the wildlife auction to be held during Open House on Saturday, April 11.

SVSA will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 24. SVSA Panera Night will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Royal Canin will host a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26. Please be sure to sign up for the meeting.
Thank you to the more than 60 alumni and friends who attended the reception at the Western Veterinary Conference. This year's door prize winners were: Jolene and Terry Beebe ('00), Chad Lewis ('04), Ann Lindsey, LeMac Morris ('80), Shana Schmitt ('11), Brian Shackelford ('99), Beth and Ken Slough ('00), and Kristen Ward ('16).

**Graduate Student Places 1st in Research Symposium**

Congratulations to Zahra Maria on winning first place in the Biomedical Sciences category at the 26th OSU Research Symposium! Maria is a graduate student in Dr. Veronique Lacombe's laboratory.

Maria's presentation is entitled "Diabetes alters the regulation of insulin-sensitive glucose transporters 4 and 8 in the atria."

**Veterinary Biomedical Sciences Seminar**

Charles Esmon, PhD, will present "The Role of the Protein C Pathway and Extracellular Histones in Thrombosis, Organ Failure, and Death" on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 4 p.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall. Esmon is the Lloyd Noble Chair in Cardiovascular Research, member and chair of the Coagulation Biology Laboratory at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

**Open Forum on EHV-1**

A special seminar will be held for the community on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in McElroy Hall Auditorium. OSU equine veterinarians and State Veterinarian Dr. Rod Hall will be on hand to discuss the recent EHV-1 case and answer questions. The seminar is open to the public at no charge. Horse owners are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit [http://goo.gl/OMZ120](http://goo.gl/OMZ120).