Phi Zeta Research Day

The Nu Chapter of The Society of Phi Zeta recently held the 19th Annual Phi Zeta Research Day. Congratulations to all participants and to this year's award recipients:

- **Ellen Jackson** - Overall Grand Prize Winner
- **Stasia Sullivan** - DVM Student Basic or Applied Research
- **Danielle Hurst** - DVM Student Clinical Case Presentation
- **Paige Mackey, DVM** - Resident/Intern Basic or Applied Research 1st place
- **Brandy Cichocki, DVM** - Resident/Intern Basic or Applied Research 2nd place
- **Anthony Jarchow, DVM** - Resident/Intern Clinical Case Presentation 1st place
- **Kathryn Smith, DVM** - Resident/Intern Clinical Case Presentation 2nd place
- **Lydia Gentry, DVM** - Resident/Intern Clinical Case Presentation 3rd place
- **Nabin Poudel, BVSc** - Graduate Student/Post-Doctoral Fellow 1st place
- **Erin Willis, PhD** - Graduate Student/Post-Doctoral Fellow 2nd place
- **Zahra Maria** - Graduate Student/Post-Doctoral Fellow 3rd place

The Nu Chapter welcomed two new faculty members, **Drs. Elisabeth Giedt** and **Akhilesh Ramachandran**, and a new honorary member, **Dr. Daqing Piao**.

The new initiates in the class of 2015 were: **Jason Anton**, Penn Chinudomsmb, **Sarah Fry**, Shawn Kinser, **Jonathan Mui**, Justin Plunk, **Blake Rochell**, Kristen Thompson, **Holt Tripp**, Jenna Wallace, **Kahla White** and **Jason Wright**.

In the class of 2016, the new initiates were: **Samantha Bilko**, Josh Goff, **Lauren Keith**, Jeanna Lodel, **Hilary Ludwig**, Darcy Messerly, **Kim Reichert**, Kristen Ward and **Ashlea Wulf**.

Thanks to this year's sponsors **Royal Canin**, **Zoetis** and OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences (read more here: [http://cvhs.okstate.edu/NODE/870](http://cvhs.okstate.edu/NODE/870)).

Veterinary Biomedical Sciences PhD Defense Seminar

**Lindsay Starkey, DVM**, will present "*Ehrlichia* spp. of dogs: risk of infection, persistence of rickettsemia, and impact on reinfection" today, April 13, at 2 p.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall. A 2011 alumna of OSU CVM, Starkey is a PhD candidate in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology and the Bayer Resident in Veterinary Parasitology at the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology, which is housed at OSU. Her advisor is **Dr. Susan Little**.

House Officer Seminar

**Paige Mackey, DVM**, will present "Adverse Drug Reactions" on Thursday, April 16, at 8 a.m. in Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Mackey is a Small Animal Internal Medicine Resident mentored by **Dr. Shane Lyon**.

3 Minute Thesis Competition

Let's support **Brian Herrin, DVM**, the winner of the CVHS 3 Minute Thesis Competition, as he moves up to the next level. Herrin will represent the CVHS in the university-wide competition on Thursday, April 16, at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union Theatre. The People's Choice Prize is $1,000. Please come to the Student Union to support Brian!

Veterinary Biomedical Sciences PhD Defense Seminar

**Li Zhang, MS**, will present "Role of MicroRNAs in Lung-Associated Diseases" on Friday, April 17, at 3 p.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall. Zhang is a PhD candidate and a Graduate Research Associate in the Department of Physiological Sciences. Her advisor is **Dr. Lin Liu**.

Funding for Cattle Research Available

**Zoetis** is now accepting applications for up to $150,000 in research funding. The program supports researchers and veterinarians who perform valuable work to improve dairy and beef cattle.
health and productivity. Grants could range from $25,000 to $150,000 for one or multiple researchers. Applications are due April 30, 2015. For more information visit [http://tinyurl.com/lo3lrex](http://tinyurl.com/lo3lrex) or contact cattlecall@zoetis.com.