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### Western Veterinary Conference

More than 80 alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the CVHS attended a reception at this year's Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas. Congratulations to the following door prize winners pictured below:



Pictured left to right: **Drs. Betsy Murdock** ('14), **Denise Travis** ('88), **Karen Patti** ('05), **Rita Sanders** ('13), **Brian Shackelford** ('99), **Aimee Lenz** ('15) and **Jordan Cassidy** ('13).

### Congratulations Zahra Maria!



**Zahra Maria**, a PhD student mentored by **Dr. Veronique Lacombe**, won the People's Choice Award and \$1,000 in the Oklahoma State University-wide 3 Minute Thesis Competition! You can view her award winning presentation, "Is Diabetes Breaking the Heart?," at [Maria 3 MT OSU Competition](#). Maria placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the CVHS 3 Minute Thesis Competition which allowed her to compete at the University level.

### Publication

**de la Fuente J, Estrada-Peña A, Cabezas-Cruz A, and Kocan KM.** 2016. *Anaplasma phagocytophilum* uses common strategies for infection of ticks and vertebrate hosts. Trends in Microbiology 24 (3):173-180.

### Oklahoma Center for Respiratory and Infectious Diseases Seminar

**John Leong, PhD**, will present "Modulation of acute inflammation is a critical determinant of damage and dissemination during *Streptococcus pneumoniae* infection" on Wednesday, March 16, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall. Leong is a professor of molecular biology and microbiology at the Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences at Tufts University.

### House Officer Seminars

**Dr. Kyle Chu** will present "Canine Pythiosis" on Thursday, March 17, at 8 a.m. in Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Chu is a small animal medicine and surgery rotating intern mentored by **Dr. Andrew Hanzlicek**.

**Dr. Leslie Wagner** will present "Minimally Invasive Tube Cystostomy for Urolithiasis in Goats" also on Thursday, March 17, in Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Wagner is a food animal medicine and surgery intern mentored by **Dr. Robert Streeter**.

### Veterinary Biomedical Sciences PhD Defense Seminar

**Allison Veitenheimer, MS**, will present "Evaluation of Oral Fluid as a Specimen to Detect Individuals Impaired by Controlled Substances" on Thursday, March 17, at 10 a.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall. Veitenheimer

As one of the OSU Finals winners, Maria will also compete in the OSU Presidential Fellows Three Minute Challenge, which will be held on Thursday, April 14, at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union Little Theater.

is a PhD candidate and senior research assistant in Forensic Sciences at OSU Center for Health Sciences. Her advisors are **Drs. Jarrad Wagner** and **Lara Maxwell**.



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