



Correction

Our sincere apologies for not properly identifying the student who was talking about ticks at Open House. It was **Debra Nguyen**, class of 2017 and president of the AAVP Student Chapter. Thank you, Debra, for doing such an excellent job - the tick races were a big hit. Watch Debra and all the [Open House Highlights](#) now.

Congratulations to Phi Zeta Award Winners

The 20th Annual Phi Zeta Research Day held recently resulted in 42 presentations made throughout the day. Competition was tough. Congratulations to this year's winners:

- **Brandy Cichocki**, 1st place resident/intern basic or applied research
- **Jason Duell**, 2nd place resident/intern basic or applied research
- **Darla Moser**, 3rd place resident/intern basic or applied research
- **Cindy Hopf**, 1st place resident/intern clinical case presentation
- **Carrie Cavett**, 2nd place resident/intern clinical case presentation
- **Darla Moser**, honorable mention resident/intern clinical case presentation
- **Lana Rothenburg**, honorable mention resident/intern clinical case presentation
- **Mallika Achanta**, 1st place graduate student/post-doctoral research
- **Joshua VanOsdol**, 2nd place graduate student/post-doctoral research
- **Allison Compolo**, honorable mention graduate student/post-doctoral research
- **Zahra Maria**, honorable mention graduate student/post-doctoral research
- **Livvy Jones**, 1st place veterinary student basic or applied research
- **Allison Fuchs**, 1st place veterinary student clinical case presentation
- **Sam Bilko**, 2nd place veterinary student clinical case presentation
- **Allison Gedney**, 3rd place veterinary student clinical case presentation

Student Activities

AAEP will meet today, April 18. **Dr. Ty Tipton** ('09) with Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery will talk about how to become the best internship applicant. Following the meeting a 'make-up' day for nutrition quizzes will be held.

AHVMA will meet on Tuesday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m.. **Dr. Jennifer Patton** ('00) with Advanced Care Veterinary Hospital in Sapulpa, Okla., will talk about animal chiropractics. Patton is certified in Animal Chiropractic from the Animal Veterinary Chiropractic Association.

VBMA will meet on Thursday, April 21, at 5:30 p.m. in McElroy Hall Auditorium. **Dr. Carol McConnell** with Nationwide Pet Insurance will talk about pet insurance. This meeting will count for BCP category 2 credit. See more details at [Benefits of Pet Insurance](#).

OCRID 3rd Annual Research Retreat

The Oklahoma Center for Respiratory and Infectious Diseases will host the 3rd Annual Research Retreat on Tuesday, April 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Stillwater Community Center. In addition to OCRID project presentations and a poster competition with cash prizes, the following keynote speakers will present:

- **Kevin S. Harrod, PhD**, with the University of Alabama at Birmingham
- **Antonios G. Mikos, PhD**, with Rice University
- **Robert C. Welliver, Sr, MD**, with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Honors and Awards Banquet

The 2016 Honors and Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 19, at Wes Watkins Center beginning with a donor reception followed by the banquet. Join us as we thank our generous donors and recognize the achievements of students, faculty and staff.

- **Amy Tomcheck**, veterinary student John King Best Overall Presentation

In addition, several new student, faculty and honorary initiates were inducted into the Nu Chapter of Phi Zeta, the honor society for veterinary medicine. Read the full article with photos at [Phi Zeta Research Day 2016](#).

Veterinary Class Visits Alpaca Farm

Veterinary students enrolled in a small ruminant production, management, medicine and surgery course recently visited an alpaca farm in Guthrie. For the second year Rock'n D Enterprises welcomed 15 sophomores along with instructors Drs. Melanie Boileau and Lionel Dawson. Read the full story at [Alpaca Farm Visit](#).

Special Seminar in Honor of Dr. Kocan

A Special Veterinary Pathobiology Seminar will be held today, April 18, at 1:30 p.m. in McElroy Hall Auditorium in honor of **Dr. Katherine Kocan**. Kocan, OSU Regents Professor and the Walter Sitlington Endowed Chair in Food Animal Research, is retiring after 42 years of service at the veterinary center. Following the seminar, a reception will be held in the Alumni Conference Room.

House Officer Seminar

Dr. Rebecca Tims will present "Nasal Disease: An Overview of Diagnosis and Management" on Thursday, April 21, at 8 a.m. in Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Tims is a small animal internal medicine resident mentored by **Dr. Laura Nafe**.

Veterinary Biomedical Sciences Seminar

Matt Green, MS, will present "One-Pot Methamphetamine Characterization and Trace Detection in Waste Water" on Thursday, April 21, at 4 p.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall. Green is a research assistant and PhD student in Forensic Sciences at OSU Center for Health Sciences. He is mentored by **Drs. Jarrad Wagner and Lara Maxwell**.



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