



## 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 Chinudomsub, 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>).

## 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> or contact [cattlecall@zoetis.com](mailto:cattlecall@zoetis.com).



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