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Happy Holidays!

Writing this newsletter is bittersweet...bitter because this is my last President's Address and sweet because our branch has had a phenomenal year. I am certain that next year will be even better as the RTB Executive Council strives to improve each year. We are extremely excited about hosting the District 4 meeting June 6th and 7th, at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. We are still in need of speakers, so if you are interested please reach out to me at jessicatiffanyhart@gmail.com or Julie Kent at Julie.kent@duke.edu. We will be holding a Mini Leadership Academy for the first time at the D4 meeting, which will mimic the Leadership Academy that is held at the National AALAS meeting. We look forward to seeing you all at the annual Awards Banquet, which will be held on January 31, at the Doubletree RTP. Hurry and register as the early bird deadline is December 31st. Prior to that registration is only \$32 and will increase to \$37 afterwards. Please don't forget to nominate your deserving colleagues for awards such as Technician of the Year, Research Technician of the Year, and Rookie of the Year to name a few. The deadline is quickly approaching. I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday! As always if you have any feedback please contact us at info@rtbaalas.com.

Sincerely,

Jessica Blackwell





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How many of you are on social media? Did you know that RTB AALAS has a social media presence? Check out our page: RTB A.A.L.A.S. There are a number of other organizations that are on Facebook as well! Some of the organizations you might want to add to your Facebook feed are listed below.

Homes for Animal Heroes

Homes for Animal Heroes (HAH) is a national program dedicated to rehoming retired research animals, mainly dogs, and sharing the facts about the critical role animals in research play in curing disease. HAH is building a network of dog experts that can effectively work with research institutions to rehome retired research dogs in every state across the country, one location at a time. Our goal is to permanently rehome these animal heroes into loving homes through a comprehensive foster-based program.

<https://www.facebook.com/homesforanimalheroes/>

Understanding Animal Research

This page regularly shares a weekly roundup of animal based research results called "This week in animal research." The features have pictures and a link to the Understanding Animal Research page. The page then links to each of the six studies featured. It's easy to share these to your own feed to help your FB friends know what discoveries animal research has led to.

<http://www.facebook.com/UnderstandingAnimalResearch>

The Foundation for Biomedical Research

This is the Facebook page for the well-known advocacy group. They regularly share items related to animal research that can help keep you in the know about what's happening in biomedical research.

<http://www.facebook.com/FBResearch>

AALAS

Our parent organization is on Facebook! Their page feed has news about deadlines and changes going on at AALAS and occasional features on services and products AALAS offers.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/AALAS/221279445386>

The AALAS Foundation

The AALAS Foundation is very active on Facebook, hosting part of the Share that you Care campaign on Facebook and regularly posting updates on ways to work on outreach.

<http://www.facebook.com/aalasfoundation>

RTB AWARDS CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

Rookie of the Year (Vendor – changes yearly)

Plaque & \$100

Criteria: 1 year or less working in an animal facility. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

Bio-Serv Enhancement or Improvement of Animal Welfare Award (Bio-Serv)

Plaque & \$250

Criteria: Member of RTB AALAS. Person nominating must also be a member of RTB AALAS. To recognize contributions of an individual who have contributed a positive impact to enrich, enhance, and/or improve the lives of animals or the environment they work in with regard to animal welfare.

Purina Prolab Award (Purina Mills)

Plaque & \$100 plus \$50 to National AALAS Foundation Education Committee

Criteria: Individual must have daily contact with animals and demonstrate positive attitude toward animal welfare, performance excellence, pursuit of knowledge in the field of laboratory animal care, and innovative approaches to husbandry-related problems. Formal education is not considered. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

Research Technician Award (Envigo)

Plaque & \$250

Criteria: LAT or AALAS-Certified Technologist working with the technical aspects of a research project. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

Technician of the Year Award (RTB AALAS)

Plaque & \$250

Criteria: LAT or LATG who is involved in RTB AALAS. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

President's Award (Charles River)

Plaque & \$500

Criteria: ALAT or LAT, not at a supervisory level, who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to the field of Laboratory Animal Care. Current membership in RTB AALAS.

Innovation Award (Tecniplast)

Plaque & \$250

Criteria: Current member of RTB and National AALAS. Demonstration of commitment to innovation and ingenuity in contributions to the field of laboratory animal science. Participation in learning or information programs. Demonstrated participation in developing, improving, implementing, or providing training and education programs. Demonstrated interest in attaining additional education and training preferred. All considerations being equal, candidates having AALAS certifications will be given priority.

Managers Award (Allentown Caging Systems)

Plaque & \$250

Criteria: LAT or AALAS-certified LATG and/or Registered CMAR working as a manager or supervisor of a Research Animal Facility. Individual must be an active member of RTB AALAS and National AALAS Member.

Clayton Cisar Memorial Award (RTB AALAS Executive Council)

Plaque

Criteria: To recognize contributions of an individual to the Research Triangle Branch and to the humane treatment of animals used in biomedical research and teaching. This is not necessarily an annual award, but is awarded based on nomination from the general membership. Selection of the recipient for the award is made by the Executive Council. Individual must be an active member of RTB AALAS.



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Please reach out to the Regional Coordinator in your state for more information: hah.nc@naiaonline.org



You can also learn more about us on Facebook or through our website:
www.facebook.com/homesforanimalheroes | animalheroes.naiaonline.org

RTB AALAS AWARDS BANQUET

Thursday, January 31st, 2019

DoubleTree by Hilton

Raleigh Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park

4810 Page Creek Lane

Durham, NC 27703



Registration and social cocktail hour begins at 5:00pm.

Program with buffet dinner will begin promptly at 6:00pm.

******RTB AALAS AWARD WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED******

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Regular Admission is \$37 per person after December 31st, 2018.

You must register thru Cvent by Friday, January 28th, 2019.

<http://www.cvent.com/d/3bqc62>

No Refunds will be given past January 19th.

All registrations for events are transferable to another RTB member or guest (depending on event) up to the day of unless stated otherwise.

RTB AALAS is Hosting the D4 Meeting

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To join RTB AALAS or renew your current membership:

- Institutional Members – contact your institution's representative
- Individual and Vendor Members – please register at <https://rtbaalas.wildapricot.org/join-us>

Only \$25.00 per person for Individual Members!

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- ⌘ Qualifies you for RTB awards nominations
- ⌘ Networking opportunities and job opening notifications

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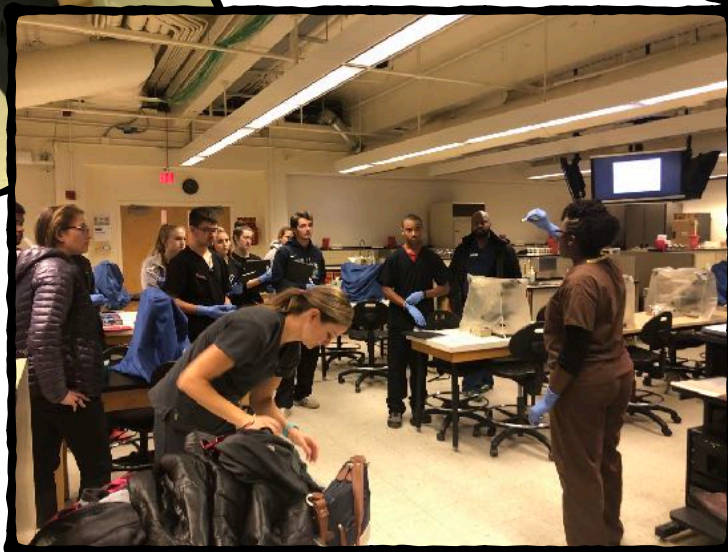
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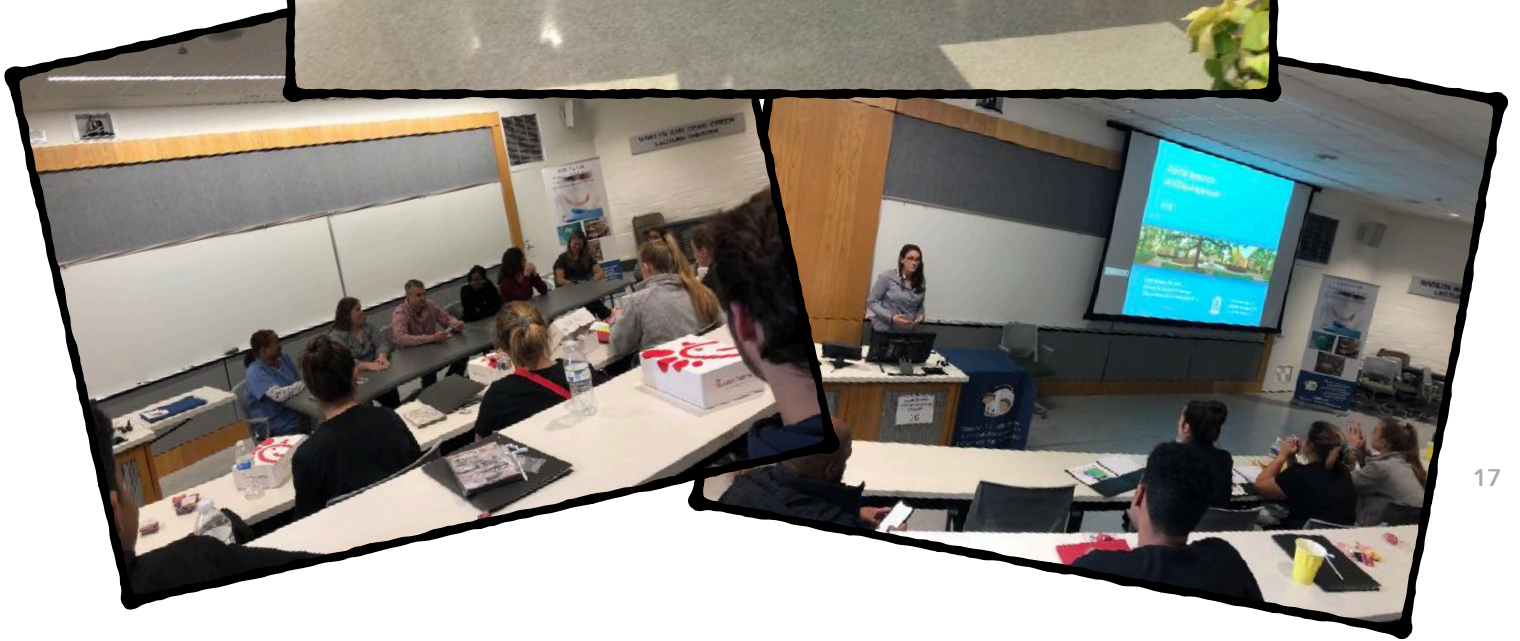
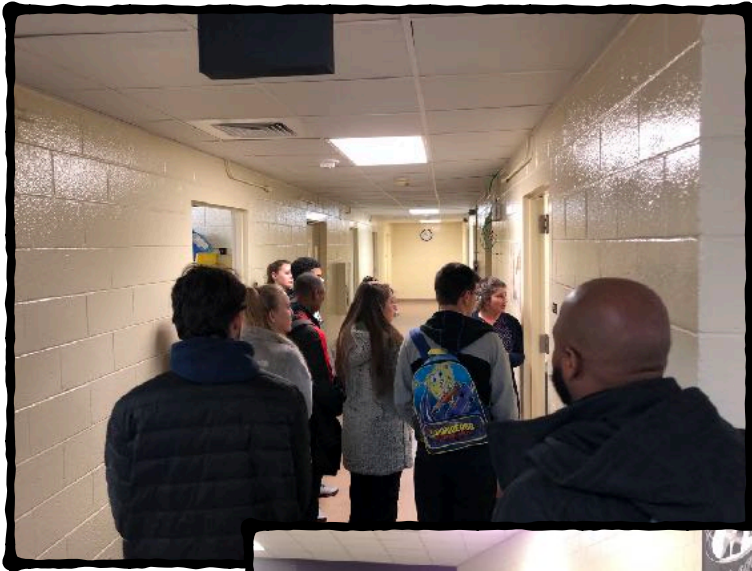
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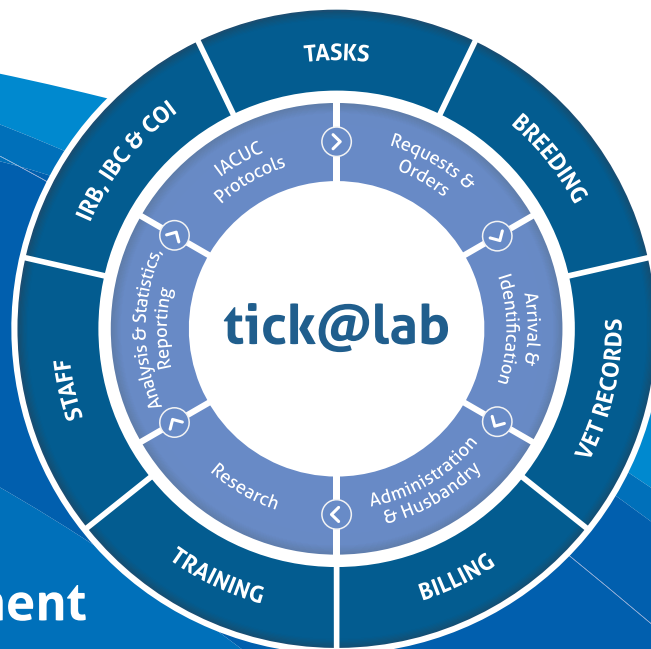


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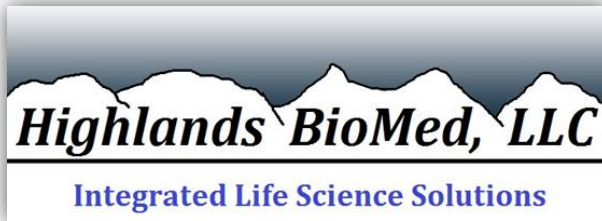


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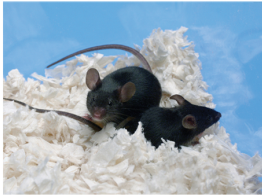
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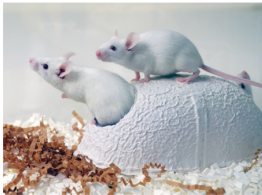
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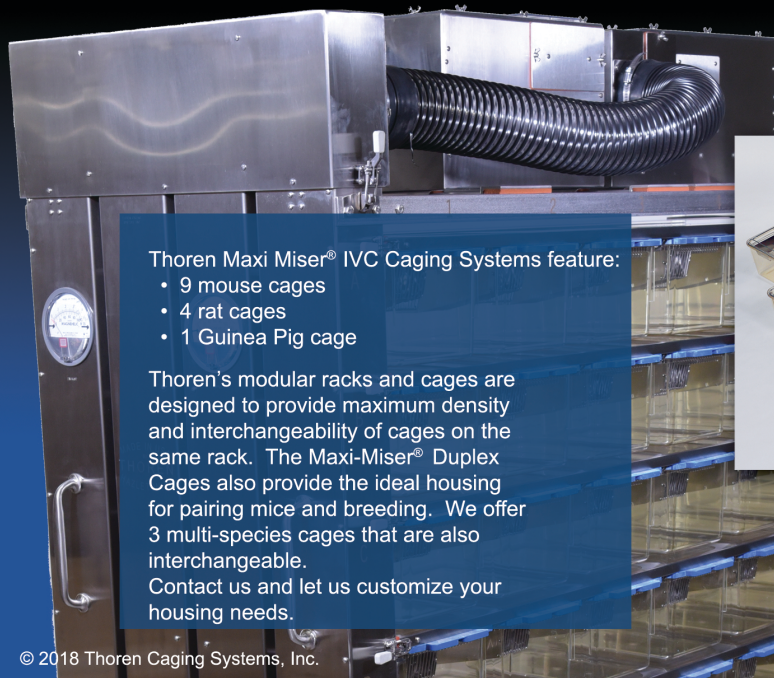
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