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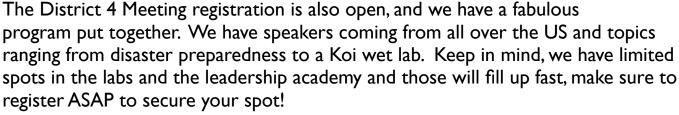
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### President's Message:

RTB Members,

I am honored to serve as your 2019 RTB AALAS
President and excited to continue to work with the outstanding members serving on the Executive Council. I'd like to congratulate all our award winners that were recognized at the banquet in January, as well as all of our generous vendor sponsors that always help make the banquet a fun and memorable experience for all.

The Executive Council is excited to have a lot of great events lined up for the year, the first of which is Jeopardy Night on April 11 at NIEHS. Registration is already open, so make sure to gather a team and sign up!



Another exciting part of our planned events is the outreach that RTB has been doing with Heritage High FFA Group. RTB and NC State cohosted an event at the NC State Vet school that allowed these students the opportunity to delve deeper into the field of lab animal science. Some of the activities included a tour of the LAR Facility, hands on labs, an enrichment discussion from BioServ, an interactive presentation from an NC State professor on translational research, and a career panel. We are continuing to work closely with this group and are planning to expand our outreach efforts with other schools.

Please feel free to reach out to us at <u>info@rtbaalas.org</u> with questions and suggestions, or if you are interested in becoming more involved.

Thank you for your continued support, and I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

**Emily Butler** 



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# Technician Achievements



### **UNC:**

Michelle Altemara-LAT Cassie Bryant-ALAT Brandi Lawrence-ALAT Caitlin Liles-ALAT Brittany McAdams-LAT Emily Weston-LATG

### **NC State:**

Alyssa Carothers-LAT

### Social Media

# **Quarter 1 2019**



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**

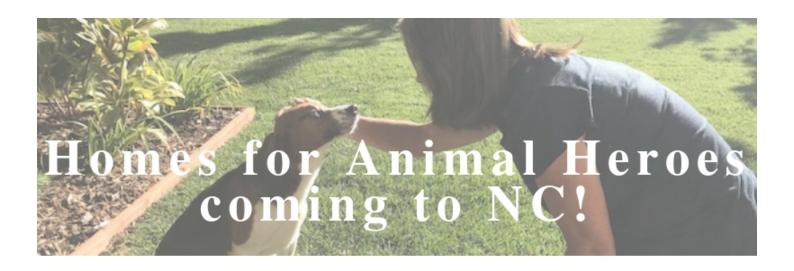
Our parent organization is on Facebook! Their page feed has news about deadlines and changes going on at AALAS and occasional features on services and products AALAS offers.

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 5 Care campaign on Facebook and regularly posting updates on ways to work on outreach.

http://www.facebook.com/aalasfoundation



### BE A HERO FOR OUR HEROES

Homes for Animal Heroes is a foster-based program that relies on volunteers to acclimate our canine heroes to residential living. Each foster volunteer plays a key role in preparing our precious heroes for loving, forever homes. If you love dogs, have experience training them, and appreciate the importance of biomedical research, then fostering through Homes for Animal Heroes may be for you!

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

# Research Triangle Branch (RTB) AALAS Membership Drive for 2019

### To join RTB AALAS or renew your current membership:

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

Only \$25.00 per person for Individual Members!

### Annual membership to RTB AALAS gives you:

- □ Reduced pricing for branch events
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- **TOTAL** Qualifies you for RTB awards nominations
- Networking opportunities and job opening notifications

Questions? Email janetls@email.unc.edu or info@rtbaalas.org

### RTB AALAS 2019 Events

April 11<sup>th</sup> – Jeopardy Night at NIEHS

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Carolina Tiger Rescue Work Day

June 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – RTB Hosts the District 4 Meeting, Raleigh

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Carolina Tiger Rescue Work Day

September 25<sup>th</sup> – Golf & Cornhole Tournaments, Mill Creek

October 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – National AALAS Meeting, Denver,

Colorado

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Wake Forest Primate Center Tour December 5<sup>th</sup> – Tech Night, NC Central University

### RTB AALAS is Hosting the D4 Meeting

"Honoring the Past While Embracing the Future"

June 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**North Carolina State University** 

McKimmon Center for Extension & Continuing Education

1101 Gorman St, Raleigh, NC 27606

# Register Now For Early Bird Pricing

To register for the D4 Meeting <a href="https://rtbaalas.wildapricot.org/event-3029524">https://rtbaalas.wildapricot.org/event-3029524</a>

**To register for the D4 Labs** <a href="https://rtbaalas.wildapricot.org/">https://rtbaalas.wildapricot.org/</a> event-3201966

Key Note Speakers from AALAS & HAH from 9am-10am on Thursday and Friday

Career Recruiting Panel

Thursday Night Social at Boxcar Arcade in Raleigh, NC Buffet lunch provided on Thursday

Fish Wet Lab - Presented by Lauren Buslinger on Thursday, June 6th

Anesthesia Dry Lab - Presented by Dr. Tyler Long and Dr. Donna Webb on Friday,

June 7th

AALAS Mini-Leadership Academy - Presented by Dr. Ann Turner, Mark Sharpless, Lisa Secrest, Dr. William Singleton, and Courtney Nesline

For questions about D4 Registration, email info@rtbaalas.org

New RTB AALAS Website: <a href="https://rtbaalas.wildapricot.org">https://rtbaalas.wildapricot.org</a>

# **Koi Wet Lab**

Thursday, June 6th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Location: North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine (NCSU-CVM)

Transportation will be provided from the District IV Meeting Site to the NCSU-CVM



Course Instructor: Lauren Buslinger

Cost to Register: \$30 per person\*

Attendees will learn techniques such as:

- \*Anesthesia Induction
- \*Surgical Monitoring
- \*Anesthesia Recovery
- \*Venipuncture
- Biopsy
- Physical Exam

### 2019 District IV Mini-Leadership Academy

Friday, June 7th from 10:30am — 2:00pm Location: NCSU McKimmon Center (District IV Meeting Site)

Program Instructors: Dr. Ann Turner, Mark Sharpless, Lisa Secrest, Dr. William Singleton, and Courtney Nesline







### Earn 3.0 CEUs and Certificate of Completion

Cost to Register: \$10 per person\* (cost includes Howling Cow ice cream)

\*Space is limited to 30 registrants

### "Anesthesia 101: Nuts 'n' Bolts of the Anesthesia Machine and Patient Monitoring Devices"

Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 3:00pm Location: NCSU McKimmon Center (District IV Meeting Site)

This anesthesia workshop will discuss the many components of an anesthesia machine from the oxygen flow meter to soda lime canisters. The workshop will also cover checks and balances to ensure a properly working anesthesia machine and touch on rodent specific equipment. The latter part of the discussion will cover end tidal CO2 monitoring and pulse oximetry.



Course Instructors: Dr. Tyler Long & Dr. Donna Webb
Cost to Register: \$20 per person (includes lunch)\*

### **2019 RTB Awards Banquet**

### **Quarter 1 2019**



### **2018 RTB Award Recipients**

Purina ProLab Award Purina Mills - Katia Pressey
Bio-Serv Enhancement Award Bio-Serv - Bethany Jenkins
President's Award Charles River - Patrick Stutts
Managers Award Allentown - Derick Pacio
Rookie of the Year Optimize - George Pyecha
Innovation Award Tecniplast - Lena Perdue
Technician of the Year RTB AALAS - Janae McKnight
Research Technician of the Year Envigo - Julie Kent



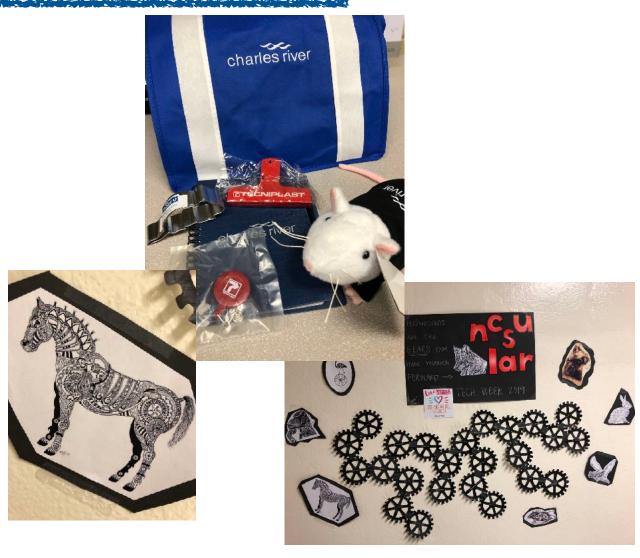






### Tech Week 2019

We asked some institutions for a quick write up about their tech week



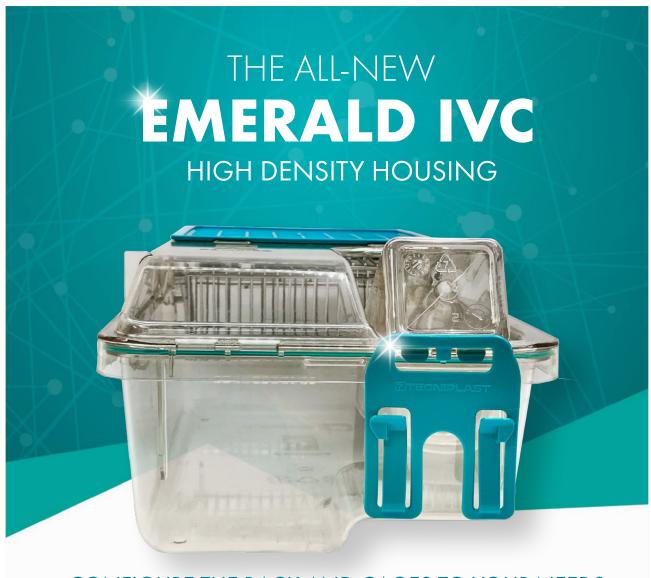
### **NC** State

NCSU celebrated Lab Animal Tech Week with decorations of Steampunk inspired animals, gears that formed one working unit (with the name of every member of LAR on each gear), delicious foods, and a goody bag with various gifts.

### **UNC**

Our Tech Week Committee worked hard to plan a fun week to celebrate the staff in the Division of Comparative Medicine (DCM). Starting at the beginning of the week, 3 winning staff names were drawn each day for various prizes. On Tuesday morning, everyone enjoyed Bojangles' biscuits and sweet tea brought directly to their work areas. Teams got creative with bags of office supplies and decorated a door in their work area to try and win a pizza party and trophy points. Everyone's competitive nature comes out when it's time to earn points for the DCM Tech Week trophy, although, it isn't just about earning points. Each of the 17 work teams had opportunities to socialize with coworkers during an appetizer potluck, win a jar of candy by guessing the number of foam peanuts in a container, and earn some CEUs at our guest speaker presentation. DCM even sponsored a T-Shirt contest by inviting our talented staff to design a T-Shirt that would represent who we are, then staff voted to determine the winner. On Friday, staff attending the main event were treated to a pizza lunch and an individual goody bag while watching Zootopia to end the week on a relaxing note.





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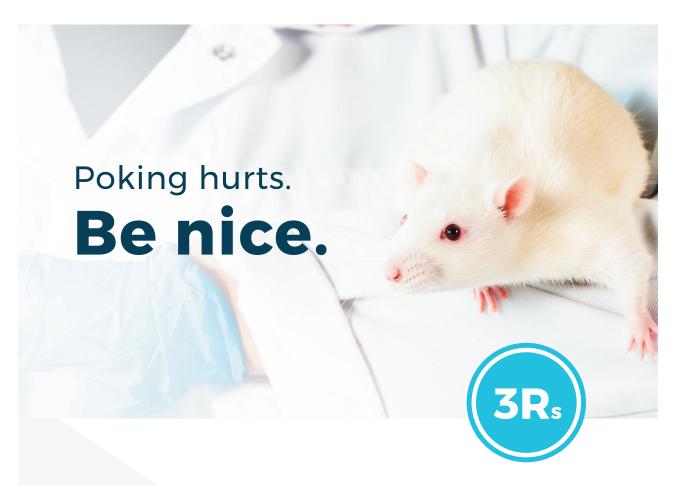
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