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FFA day at NC State



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## President's Message:

#### RTB Members,

As the year comes to a close, I just want to thank everyone for their participation and support. We have had several successful events and outreach projects, including the District IV meeting, the Homes for Animal Heroes 5K, our 16<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament, 3<sup>rd</sup> annual cornhole tournament, and our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FFA day. All these events are only made possible from the generous vendor



sponsors and participation from our members. We are always trying to find different events or opportunities to offer, so if you have any suggestions or input, please reach out to us!

The most recent event was the FFA day that RTB hosted at NC State College of Veterinary Medicine. We had a total of 80 students and advisors from 12 different North Carolina schools. At the event, the students got to practice suturing, tour the large animal hospital, MRI suite, and learn about the field of laboratory animal science via conference style lectures and a career panel. This is monumental growth for this outreach event compared to last year's event, where we only had one school and 10 students participate.

Don't forget, the RTB Awards Banquet is February 6, 2020-make sure to come and support your colleagues and welcome the new President! It has been an honor and privilege serving as your 2019 RTB President.

**Emily Butler** 



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## Technician Achievements





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## Social Media

## **Quarter 4 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**

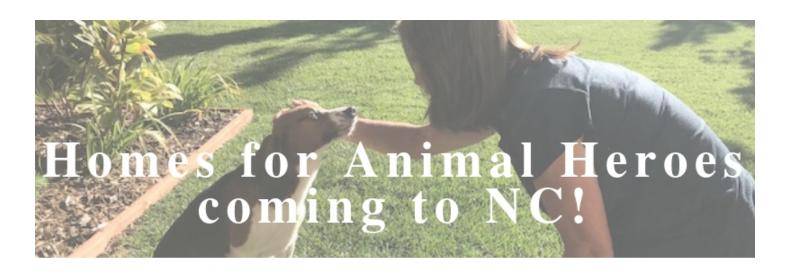
Our parent organization is on Facebook! Their page feed has news about deadlines and changes going on at AALAS and occasional features on services and products AALAS offers.

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 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

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## **RTB AALAS 2020 Events**

The events will be announced at the awards banquet February 6th.

#### 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. Winner of this award is nominated for the National Technician of the Year award subject to National AALAS stipulations.

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

#### **President's Award (Charles River)**

Plague & \$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)**

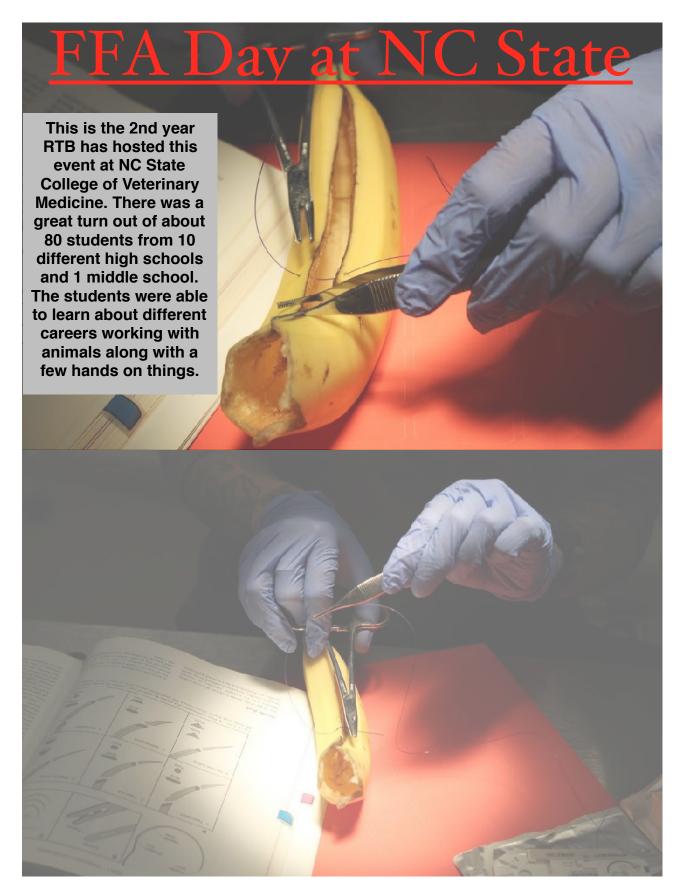
#### Plaque & \$250

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)**

Plague & \$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.











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## UNC Employee Recognition Lunch









## **Wake Forest Primate Center**





## Social event after the tour







# NCSU holiday scavenger hunt and gingerbread building











RTB partnered with Heritage High School FFA and NC State's Agriculture Resource Economics Department to host this combined food drive. All of the food goes to stock the shelves at the "Feed the Pack" Food Pantry located on the NC State campus. The purpose of the pantry is to provide food to student and/or staff at low to no cost. In total, the groups raised 268 pounds of food. RTB collected food items at the Wake Forest Primate Tour.



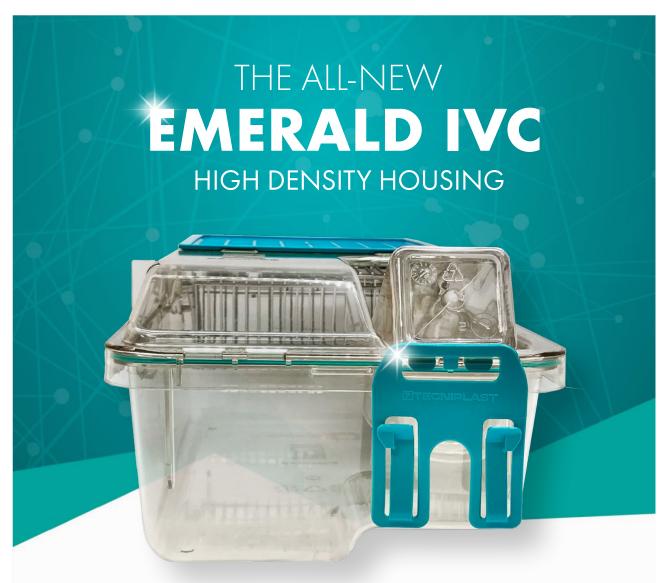






Research Triangle Branch won the 1st Annual Public Outreach and Education (POE) Award. Programs Chair, Lauren Buslinger, accepted the award at National AALAS meeting in Denver, Colorado on behalf of RTB. This award recognizes a Branch's efforts in public outreach. Interested in getting involved with outreach efforts? Please contact <a href="mailto:info@rtbaalas.org">info@rtbaalas.org</a>

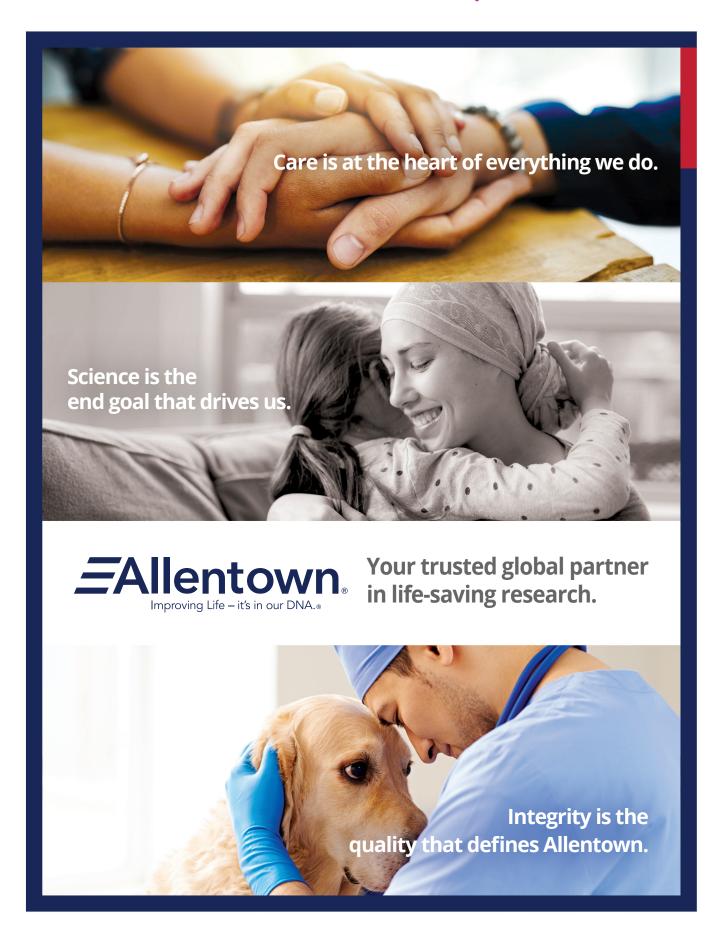




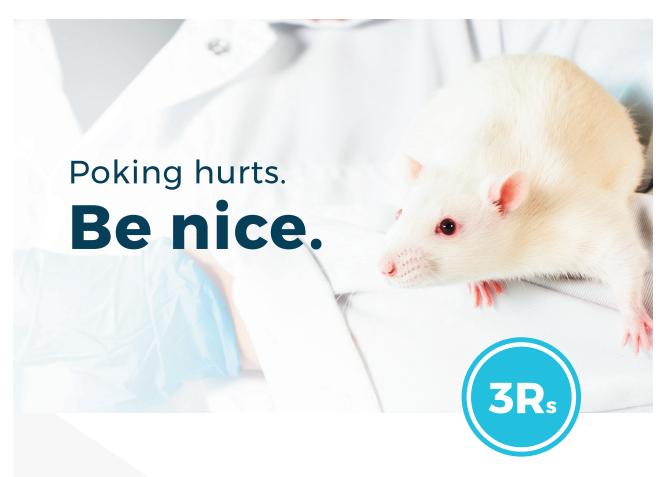
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