



News Release

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Broad Spectrum announces 2017 LGBT+ Veterinary Awareness Awards

Broad Spectrum Veterinary Student Association (BSVSA) is proud to announce six amazing recipients for the second annual **LGBT+ Veterinary Awareness Award**. The award is given out to faculty members, veterinary medical students, or industry partners who go above and beyond to provide support and ensure inclusivity regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression in veterinary academia. This year we are proud to acknowledge one dean, two veterinary faculty members, and three outstanding veterinary medical students for their dedication to promoting inclusiveness and being strong supporters of the LGBT+ community within the veterinary community.

This award seeks to recognize those individuals who have demonstrated commitment to Broad Spectrum's mission by developing awareness of the LGBT+ community and its importance within the realm of veterinary education and practice.

Broad Spectrum's mission is to connect, support and empower a community for LGBT+ veterinary students and allies across veterinary education among North American and Caribbean colleges. Broad Spectrum, founded at the SAVMA Symposium 2011 at UC Davis, is the student-run national leadership board and umbrella organization for LGBT+ veterinary campus chapters and is mentored by the Lesbian and Gay Veterinary Medical Association (LGVMA) (www.lgvma.org).

This year's recipients are:

- Dr. Michael Chaddock of Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine Associate Dean for Administration and LGVMA Vice President for his tireless lecturing on LGBT+ advocacy and wellness issues within the veterinary profession at colleges of veterinary medicine across North America and at important veterinary conferences. Dr. Chaddock has also been a faculty advisor and mentor to veterinary medical students at TAMU and currently at MSU campuses.
- Dean Paul Lunn of North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine for his leadership around the difficult LGBT+ political climate in North Carolina. He has personally reached out to LGVMA, attended the LGVMA annual meeting in San Antonio, and brought LGBT+ advocacy to the NCSU veterinary

medical students and faculty. He has helped to empower his staff and student body around LGBT+ inclusion and wellness by inviting Dr. Michael Chaddock to lecture and by supporting other diversity programs at NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine. *Leadership starts from the top.*

- Dr. Andrew Peregrine of Ontario Veterinary College- for his leadership at OVC in supporting the LGVMA OVC student chapter as an empowering faculty advisor and by marching regularly in the Toronto Pride Parade with his students, faculty and local practitioners to promote the inclusiveness of the veterinary profession. Dr. Peregrine is a great role model and veterinary student mentor and is very much appreciated by his veterinary community at Guelph.
- Mike Dibler (University of Florida 2017) for his brave and empowering advocacy in promoting LGBT+ people within the veterinary profession- especially regarding transgender issues. He also has been an executive board secretary for Broad Spectrum and helped to create the new Broad Spectrum logo. He has participated in numerous LGBT+ panel discussions at Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and at the 2017 Iverson Bell Symposium.
- Kyle Hohu (Purdue 2017) for his leadership in recognizing a need, educating the SAVMA leadership and helping to create the SAVMA Cultural Outreach Officer position. Kyle's efforts have helped to institutionalize inclusion and wellness in the SAVMA organization. This new role helps keep diversity, inclusion and wellness as part of the annual SAVMA Symposium and is the official SAVMA liaison for Broad Spectrum, VOICE and other diversity initiatives. This new SAVMA position mirrors a similar position being created at the AVMA.
- Austin Hardegree (TAMU 2018) for his amazing leadership as President of Broad Spectrum, as a diversity lead at the 2017 SAVMA Symposium and his tireless work on TAMU Broad Spectrum and VOICE campus activities. He stood up, led, and helped create an inclusive environment at TAMU which has rippled across North American colleges of veterinary medicine. *Leadership does start in veterinary school too.*

We would also like to introduce a new award in 2017, the **Broad Spectrum Service Award**, which is given to recipients who have gone above their elected position to ensure that Broad Spectrum and Colleges of Veterinary Medicine are as inclusive, welcoming, and successful as they can be. This year's winners go to two students who have surpassed any goals they had to better this organization and mission.

This year's recipients are:

- Abby McElroy (Tufts 2017)- Abby joined the executive board, served as co-President, and became the LGVMA student representative. She has participated in LGVMA strategic planning. She also help found the Cummings College of Veterinary Medicine Diversity Council and helped promote inclusion on her campus and across colleges of veterinary medicine in North America.

- Patrick Bales (University of Georgia 2018)- Patrick served on the executive board as Treasurer and Fundraising Chair. His outreach and advocacy work helped nurture both Merial and Hill's Pet Nutrition as major industry supporters for Broad Spectrum and LGVMA. He also served as President of his campus Broad Spectrum chapter promoting inclusion and wellness at the University of Georgia.

Broad Spectrum and the veterinary profession is grateful to each ally, mentor and leader. Thank you!

Broad Spectrum Veterinary Student Association 2017/2018 Leadership Team

Rhiannon Koehler (University of Missouri 2019) President
Jenna Ward (Texas A&M 2020) President-elect
Wendy Cheng (Texas A&M 2019) Treasurer & VOICE Liaison
Hannah Michalski (Texas A & M 2000) Secretary
Corrie Hines (Washington State University 2018) Broad Spectrum Chapter Liaison
Elana Young (Kansas State University 2019) Public Relations Chair
Zarah Deutsch (Washington State University 2018) LGVMA Co-Liaison
Kavi Rude (UC Davis 2020) LGVMA Co-Liaison
Angie Castelo (Ontario Veterinary College 2019) Canadian Representative
Caitlin Conner (Texas A&M 2018) SAVMA and SAVMA Symposium 2018 Liaison
Dr. Ken Gorczyca (San Francisco, Ca) LGVMA Mentor
Dr. Karen Cornell (TAMU) Broad Spectrum Faculty Advisor
Dr. Kenita Rogers (TAMU) Broad Spectrum Faculty Advisor
Vacancy: Fundraising Chair & Webmaster

The Broad Spectrum board is still accepting nominations to our 2017/2018 board through June 1. Contact Rhiannon for more information. Together we make a difference for each other, ourselves and the veterinary profession.

For more information, contact us at broadspectrumoutreach@gmail.com

Follow www.facebook.com/lgvma for news and update on LGBT+ issues in society and the veterinary community.

Consider joining the closed Broad Spectrum Veterinary Student Facebook group. Ask us for an invitation. Consider joining the lab coat/no closet: LGBTQIA Veterinary Professions closed group also on Facebook as part of the Not One More Veterinarian site.

Thanks to our industry and professional partners!

