

## 2022 UTCVM Research Day Awards

### Graduate Student Category:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place (tied) – Dr. Kristin Bowers, Comparative & Experimental Medicine

*“Mesenchymal stem cell use in acute tendon injury: In vitro tenogenic potential vs. in vivo dose response”*

Mentor: Dr. David Anderson

Travel award of \$500.00

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place (tied) – Jeronimo Silva, Comparative & Experimental Medicine

*“An interdisciplinary approach to assessing freshwater mussel health and mortality in the Clinch River”*

Mentors: Drs. Michelle Dennis & Augustin Engman

Travel award of \$500.00

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Dr. Amy Webb, Comparative & Experimental Medicine

*“Cytological investigation of brown pigment lesions in mountain star coral (*Orbicella faveolata*)”*

Mentor: Dr. Michelle Dennis

Travel award of \$200.00

### Veterinary Student Category:

#### Phi Zeta Awardee for Excellence in Animal Health Research (1<sup>st</sup> Place) – Taylor Demers, Class of 2025

*“Parasites in wild-caught *Notophthalmus viridescens* experimentally infected with *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*”*

Mentors: Drs. Deb Miller & Wesley Sheley

Travel award of \$400.00 & a \$250.00 cash award from Phi Zeta

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kendra Rich, Class of 2025

*“Gopher tortoise health assessment”*

Mentors: Drs. Deb Miller & Rebecca Hardman

Travel award of \$300.00

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Alex Shanks, Class of 2025

*“Pharmacokinetics of oral clonazepam in commercial swine (*Sus scrofa*)”*

Mentor: Dr. Chiara Hampton

Travel award of \$200.00

### Top Resident Presentation:

#### Dr. Leah Moody, Small Animal Clinical Sciences

*“Local anesthetic delivery via an indwelling retrobulbar catheter in horses”*

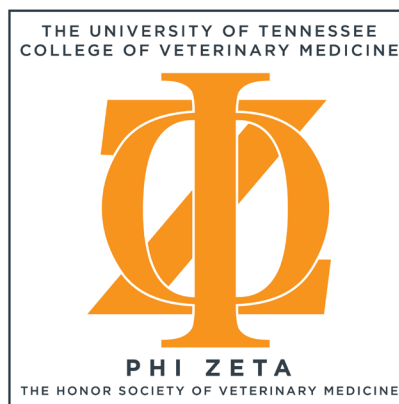
Mentor: Dr. Dan Ward

### Top Post-Doc Presentation:

#### Dr. Prachi Namjoshi, Biomedical & Diagnostic Sciences

*“Rickettsial pathogen uses arthropod tryptophan metabolite xanthurenic acid to facilitate tick cell survival”*

Mentor: Dr. Girish Neelakanta



**Boehringer Ingelheim Faculty Research Mentoring Award:**

**Award Recipient: Dr. Deb Miller**



**Zoetis Award for Veterinary Research Excellence:**

**Award Recipient: Dr. Rick Gerhold**

