

★ Congratulations to **TIFFANY POPE** ★

## SCNAVTA'S 2020 ADVISOR *of the* YEAR!

Each year, the SCNAVTA Advisor of the Year award is given to someone who has been instrumental in promoting veterinary technology, demonstrating dedication to the student chapter, motivating and supporting the chapter, and demonstrating good leadership while serving as a role model for students. The NAVTA board is thrilled to announce the **2020 SCNAVTA Advisor of the Year**:

### **TIFFANY POPE, MS, LVT, RALAT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY—KINGSVILLE**

Ms. Pope is "consistently involving her students in NAVTA and the veterinary profession; from sending the latest articles and participating in community events to simply encouraging us to be active members in this and other professional organizations."

Tiffany's passion and leadership inspires all students to be active and enthusiastic members." Ms. Pope not only teaches veterinary technology classes but is a graduate student herself. The students in her chapter are amazed at her ability not only to juggle her personal course load but still have the time to oversee the growing Veterinary Technology Club and have creative and educational classes.

Ms. Pope has not only taught her students the skills needed to become credentialed technicians, but has taught them the professionalism and leadership skills needed for their future success.

*Congratulations!*



*NAVTA is proud to recognize Tiffany's tireless commitment to guiding the students of her chapter.*



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## TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCNAVTA

### NAVTA'S 2019 SCNAVTA CHAPTER *of the* YEAR!

The Student Chapter of the Year award is given to a NAVTA student chapter that, among other things, works to promote the field of veterinary technology/nursing and demonstrates involvement in community service. This year's recipients show a strong commitment to both. The NAVTA board is very pleased to announce the **2019 Student Chapter of the Year**:

#### The Texas A&M University SCNAVTA Chapter

Under the direction of advisors Tiffany Pope, BS, LVT, and Clayton Hilton, DVM, the students at Texas A&M work hard to uphold the ideals set forth for SCNAVTA chapters. While their program is relatively new, that has not stopped this chapter from enthusiastically promoting veterinary technology and nursing. Each year the SCNAVTA hosts 50-70 high school students for an FFA Invitational where students can practice their skills prior to competing in area FFA competitions. SCNAVTA members graciously volunteer their time to ensure the event's success and to answer questions about the field of veterinary technology. Volunteers also actively donate their time to a local animal sanctuary. Here, they are able to utilize and showcase the skills they are learning in their program while helping the sanctuary animals.

The Texas A&M SCNAVTA also has a heavy focus on community service. They hold fundraiser type events that benefit such organizations as Heifer International. In addition to helping families in need through Heifer International, the chapter also aids animals in need by donating to local animal shelters. From car washes to park clean-ups to clothing drives, the students of the Texas A&M SCNAVTA are a highly engaged group with at least 80% of chapter members attending all events.

From these highlights, it is evident that the students of the Texas A&M SCNAVTA are more than just strong students. They are developing the skills to be strong members and leaders in our field. The NAVTA board wishes to thank the students and advisors of this amazing group for their commitment to our profession and to helping their community.



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The TAMUK Veterinary Technologists Club received the Student Chapter of the Year Award from the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America in January 2019. The award application was in 2018, so that would have been the club members from the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years. I've attached the announcement published in the Feb/Mar 2019 NAVTA journal (page 31). I've included the photos I sent to NAVTA for the announcement. As far as current photos, I don't keep a lot on-hand. The club has a Facebook page where they post pictures from activities: <https://www.facebook.com/tamukvettclub>.

I received the Advisor of the Year Award from NAVTA in May. I was nominated by the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 club members. That announcement published in the Jun/Jul 2020 NAVTA Journal (page 27).

