

# SNEAALAS NEWS

## President's Letter

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President

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Dear SNEAALAS members,

I hope everyone had a nice summer and were able to take some much-needed vacation time as last summer was a bust!! The board has been hard at work this year updating our By-laws which we hope to have completed by end of this year. Warren Ball has stepped down from his position as vendor co-chair. Thanks Warren for your participation and all of the laughs over the years! Ethan Ligenthol from QUIP will be joining as new vendor co-chair; welcome Ethan! We will have several open positions next year; now is a great time to get involved as hopefully we return to in-person events next year and could use your ideas! Nomination information will be emailed out to members.

We tried to plan a face to face continuing education meeting for this fall, but now that we are back in masks and the state's positivity rates have gone up, we had to cancel it as many of us would not be able to attend. We also needed to cancel our in-person Annual Awards Banquet at Woodwinds. However, we will still hold the awards banquet virtually in January! Keep an eye out in your email for more information and registration details. Please continue to submit nominations for your fellow colleagues in the meantime. Each nomination you submit will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the Annual Awards Banquet. Nomination forms and directions for submission can be located on our website. Once again, we will continue to send out invites to our members to any virtual meetings we come across.

Stay healthy, stay safe, get vaccinated!! Hoping we see each other face to face soon!  
Patty



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# SNEAALAS Team 2021

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## Upcoming Events

November 30, 2021  
January 13, 2020

Deadline for SNEAALAS Awards nominations  
SNEAALAS Annual Awards-Virtual!



## E-LEARNING



While we aren't meeting in person, check out these opportunities to stay connected and continuing education!

### **New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research's 3Rs Webinar Series (free)**

[Register here](#)

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|----------------------|---|
| November 10, 2021    | What's Wrong with Animal Models of Pain?  |
| January 19, 2022     | Refining mouse handling using tunnels or cupped hands: Why & How  |
| February 16, 2022    | Dimensions of care: building caring cultures around animals in science                                  |
| February 23, 2022    | Can you assess your Culture of Care?  |
| March 16, 2022       | Top 10 Mysteries of Zebrafish Care  |
| March 23, 2022       | An Introduction to Microphysiological Systems   |
| Every other Thursday | <b>MSMR Lab Chat Café virtual meetings (free!)</b><br><a href="https://msmr.org/">https://msmr.org/</a> |



- [3 Minute 3Rs](#) by The NC3Rs, the North American 3Rs Collaborative, and Lab Animal
- [Lab Rat Chat](#) by Americans for Medical Progress
- [Get Real](#) by Cindy Buckmaster and the National Animal Interest Alliance



## SNEAALAS 2021 Awards



### **The Award for Animal Care Technician of the Year:**

Husbandry or Washroom Staff

*Sponsored by Biomedical Sales Consultants*

### **The Award for Leader of the Year:**

Manager, Supervisor or Director

*Sponsored by Kent Scientific*

### **The Award for Veterinary Professional of the Year:**

Veterinary technician, Veterinarian or Veterinary assistant

*Sponsored by Labex*

### **The Award for Enhancement of Animal Welfare:**

Any individual or team that has enhanced or improved animal welfare

*Sponsored by Bio-Serv*

### **The Award for Research Support Professional of the Year:**

Trainers, Animal Welfare specialists, Administrative, IACUC staff, R&D, technical support

*Sponsored by Allentown*

### **The Award for Branch Contributor of the Year:**

A person who contributes to the branch- sponsorship, hosting meetings, volunteerism

*Sponsored by Envigo*

### **Award for Outstanding Mentorship:**

*In honor of Cammie Symonowicz:*

Any individual or team that has demonstrated outstanding mentorship including aspects of leadership, animal welfare, or training.

- Visit the SNEAALAS website at <http://mysneaalas.org/> for nomination forms and instructions; all award nominations are due by **November 30th 2021**. Monetary awards for winners and a chance to win prizes for the nominators, too!
- [Mark your calendars for the virtual SNEAALAS Awards Banquet on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It's going to be a great event... stay tuned for additional details.](#)

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# **Proclamation** **Approved by the AALAS Board of** **Trustees,**

The American Association for Laboratory Animal Science acknowledges and declares our gratitude to and respect for the laboratory animals we use. We acknowledge the privilege granted by the society that enables us to continue to use them in conducting essential scientific discovery, efficiency and safety testing.

The Association and its membership reaffirms its resolve to continue to be at the forefront of improving the humane use of animals that are necessary to conduct research that will continue to lead to the better health and well being of both animals and humans alike.

The Association accepts these serious responsibilities with due regard to both the potential benefits and the ethical costs implicit in research conducted with animals.



Visit our website at [www.mysneaalas.org](http://www.mysneaalas.org)



## AALAS Foundation

### What does the AALAS Foundation do?

**Nonprofit** organization that relies on support from donors, like you.  
Develops important public awareness campaigns and outreach materials to:  
Bring awareness to the general public about the compassionate professionals working in the field of laboratory animal science (LAS).  
Communicate the important role of animals in biomedical research.  
Offer **free** resource materials for outreach activities in local communities.

<https://www.aalasfoundation.org/outreach/resources/brochures>

### AALAS Foundation Public Awareness Campaigns

#### “Celebrate the Mouse” Program

Encourage LAS professionals to speak to their family and friends about how mice (and other animals) have helped discover treatment options and cures for people and animals.

Request the free, fully scripted, speaker-ready, Power Point presentations **“What's Happening in Breast Cancer Research?”** or **“... Heart Disease”** or **“....Diabetes”** or **“...Alzheimer’s Disease”** and reach out within your local community for opportunities to present this informative program <https://www.aalasfoundation.org/outreach/Celebrate-the-Mouse>

**Kids4Research website** – [www.kids4research.org](http://www.kids4research.org)

#### “Caring for All” Website

Showcases compassionate professionals working in laboratory animal science.  
Collection of videos – highlighting careers and information about the importance of biomedical research and the strict guidelines in place for working with animals in research. [www.care.aalas.org](http://www.care.aalas.org)

#### Ongoing Re-Targeting Digital Ad Campaign

Re-Targeting technology delivers digital ads based on online behavior such as website visits, keyword searches, and geographic location. The digital ads contain link to [www.care.aalas.org](http://www.care.aalas.org)

The ads have generated a **444% increase** in page views to the website compared to 2015 page views.

#### How Can You Help?

Volunteer at AALAS Foundation activities at National Meetings

Volunteer to serve on AALAS Foundation Board and/or Committees

Donate items to the annual Silent & Live Auctions

Make a monetary donation (memorial/honorarium) by mail and/or online

<http://tinyurl.com/donate-AALASFoundation2016>

Like us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/aalasfoundation/>

To learn more please visit our website [www.aalasfoundation.org](http://www.aalasfoundation.org)



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