



**News Release**  
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## ***Broad Spectrum seeks nominations for 2018 LGBTQ+ Veterinary Advocacy Awards and Broad Spectrum Service Awards***

Broad Spectrum Veterinary Student Association (BSVSA) is seeking nominations for the third annual **LGBTQ+ Veterinary Advocacy 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. Previous awardees have included Dr. Michael Chaddock for his tireless lecturing on LGBTQ+ advocacy and wellness issues at colleges across the country, Dr. Andrew Peregrine for his mentorship at Ontario Veterinary College and marching regularly with his students, faculty, and local practitioners in the Toronto Pride Parade, Mike Dibler for his vocal and passionate support and education of the community, particularly regarding transgender issues, and other outstanding advocates for LGBTQ+ inclusion.

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](http://www.lgvma.org)).*

We are also seeking nominations for our second annual **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. Previous winners include Abby McElroy who was on our executive board serving as co-president, helped found the diversity council at her school, and now serves on the LGVMA board, and Patrick Bales who served as our treasurer and fundraising chair and whose outreach allowed us to gain both Merial and Hill's Pet Nutrition as major industry supporters.

Award nominations are due April 15, 2018. Letters of nomination should be sent to [broadspectrumoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:broadspectrumoutreach@gmail.com); be sure to clarify which award is being sought.

Broad Spectrum and the veterinary profession is grateful to each ally, mentor and leader. We look forward to your nominations so we can thank the members of our community who are working hard to make it such a great community. 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*  
*Dr. Jay Gladden (Tufts) LGVMA Advisor*

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Follow [www.facebook.com/lgvma](https://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!

