

CHANGEMAKER **BOILER CHANGEMAKER**

The Boiler Changemaker Award recognizes:

LEANNE NIEFORTH

Leanne's nominator wrote:

Graduate student Leanne Nieforth consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty! To name just a few examples...

Leanne took the leadership role in soliciting funding, organizing, and managing the 2021 Centers for the Human-Animal Bond Conference which was attended by nearly 2,000 people from over 50 countries.

She has been a co-instructor in a seminar course at the College of Veterinary Medicine for the last 2 years. In this role, she focused on the student learning experience, often meeting with students 1-on-1 and integrating student interests into the course materials throughout the semester.

Leanne also took the initiative to meet with students and faculty to ultimately re-launch the Vet Med Graduate Student Organization. This organization has been critical in stimulating a healthy graduate student culture at the vet school, creating spaces for social interaction, academic support, and problem solving through common graduate school challenges.

She has also contributed to the success of Purdue's programs. She has volunteered her time and effort as a Purdue University Mentoring Graduate Student Fellow, with the goal to improve mentoring university-wide.



Leanne is also a part of Purdue's Wellness Committee focusing on creating wellness initiatives across PVM to promote mental health and well-being among students, faculty, and staff.

In addition to all of this, she has helped build a strong, successful mentoring program in our lab for undergraduate students, partnering with the Office of Undergraduate Research and the Discovery Park Undergraduate Research Initiative (DURI).

Whenever Leanne sees an opportunity for professional development or to get more involved, she is the first to take it and share it with others.

She truly embodies Purdue's values and the Boilermaker spirit!



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