

**VMCA's**  
**Student Competition Committee (SCC)**  
**Update**

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# 2019

## VMCA Student Poster Competition

- During this 2019 VMCA Annual Meeting, SCC will be holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Poster Competition
- We received 6 submissions from 3 Virginia Universities
  - Old Dominion University
  - Longwood University
  - Virginia Commonwealth University
- All posters are displayed in the registration foyer

# 2017 Student Poster Competition



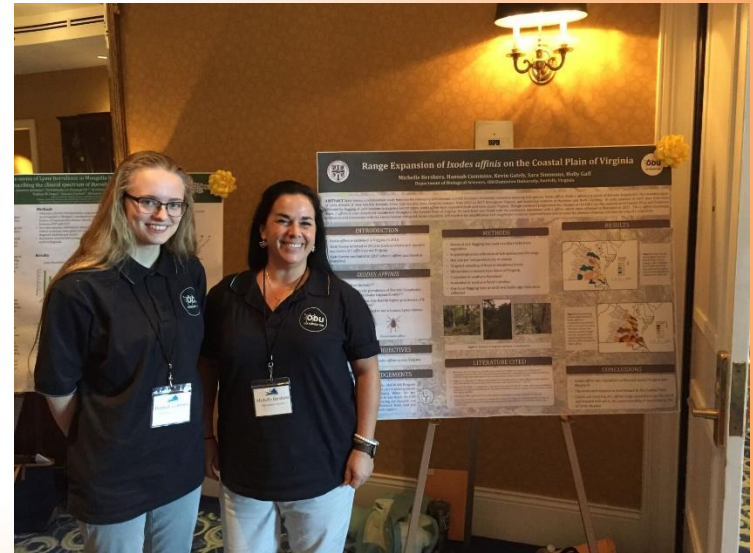
# 2018 Student Poster Competition



# Student Poster Competition

## Guidelines for Virginia Student Poster Competition

- Open to students enrolled in Virginia Colleges and Universities
- Poster topic- original research in the field of Vector-Borne Sciences
- Poster due in November (electronic version)
- Judges graded the posters in December
- Poster winners were chosen in January

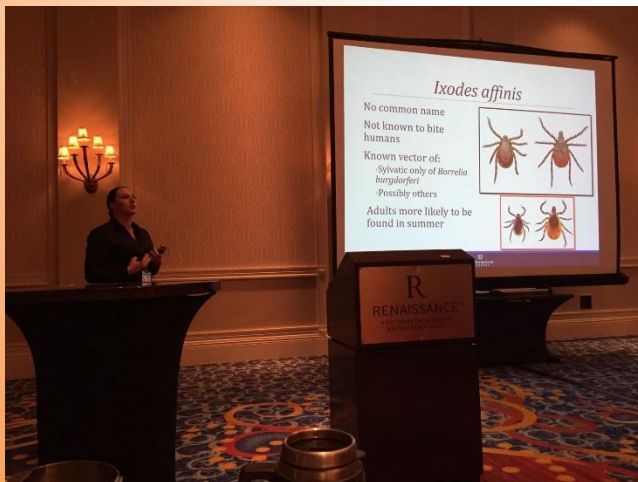


# Student Poster Competition



## Several events taking place tomorrow

- **Poster Session- Q&A**
  - During the 10-10:30 morning break
  - Meet the poster authors and ask them questions
- **Presentation** from our poster winner
  - 10:50 am Amanda DeVleeschower (First Place Winner)  
Tracking Potential Hosts of *Amblyomma maculatum* Through Wildlife Cameras



# Student Poster Competition

## Additional events taking place tomorrow

### – Awards Ceremony

- Lunch Banquet
- Amanda DeVleeschower will receive the **Dr. Jorge Arias Student Competition Award** and \$500

### – Silent Auction Final Bidding

- 5:00-6:00 pm in the Vendor Room.
  - There will be a cash bar and free appetizers in the Vendor Room
- Make your final bids at 6pm to win

# 50-50 Raffle

- Purchase raffle tickets throughout the meeting

- From Francis Valera



- and Karen Akaratovic



- \$1 for 1 ticket

- \$5 for 6 tickets

- Winner's drawing takes place

**Wednesday after last presentation ≈ 4:55 PM**

- ½ \$\$\$ goes to Student Competition Committee

- ½ \$\$\$ goes to **1 lucky winner**

- Winning ticket must be present to win



# VMCA Student Competition

## Money Raised and Being Spent

- Money Raised
  - During the 2018 VMCA meeting
    - We raised a total of **\$1,387.65**
    - \$924.65 from the silent auction
    - \$463.00 from the 50:50 Raffle (Thank You George Wojcik)
  - Ann Herring conducted 50:50 raffles during 2 TMVCC meetings
    - Collected a total of **\$117.00**
  - **SCC funds as of 1/1/2019 was \$1,822.05**
- Annual Costs
  - 2019 VMCA meeting
    - SCC paid \$500 to 1<sup>st</sup> place poster award
    - SCC paid \$300 for 2019 meeting registrations for top 5 students



# New Questions on Your Surveys

- 8. What student competition activities did you participate in during the meeting? (check all that apply):

50:50 raffle \_\_\_\_\_ Silent auction \_\_\_\_\_

Participated in poster session Q&A \_\_\_\_\_

- 9. What are your opinions of these events and should we continue having them in future meetings?

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# Huge Thank You!!!

- **Committee Members**

- Ann Herring
- Wes Robertson
- Karen Akaratovic
- Francis Valera
- Charles Abadam
- Dennis Salmen
- Ashley Byers
- John Orr

- **Poster Judges**

- Wes Robertson
- Nate Nagle
- Ryan Levering

- VMCA
- City of Hampton
- Amber Jackson
- Michael Bowry
- City of Suffolk
- All of you that Donated items to the Silent Auction
- Silent Auction Bidders
- 50:50 Raffle ticket buyers