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**A Letter From the President:**

Happy July INAALAS!

Welcome to summer everyone! I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. We only have about a month left before the kids need to start thinking about returning to school. I am not sure where the time has gone, but I hope you all get to have some time off to enjoy the sunshine!

I wanted to let you all know that we will be having our elections coming up a little later this year. We will have a few board and council seats open for nominations. The positions that will have open nominations will be President-Elect, Secretary, and 4 council seats. If you are interested in putting your name into the running, please feel free to reach out with questions. Some of our current board members will be running to retain their seat, but we do have a few people stepping down and offering open positions. We will make sure to send out communications closer to time asking for nominations.

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Please keep in mind that we will have our annual meeting on October 2nd at the Greenfield Labcorp site. If you would like to speak at the meeting or have questions about being a vendor, please reach out! We are currently looking for two more speakers and we still have room in our vendor hall.

July will be a quiet month for the branch activities wise, but behind the scenes we will be working on the annual meeting and D5. Please let us know if you would like to help out with planning.

Have a great July!

Arlene
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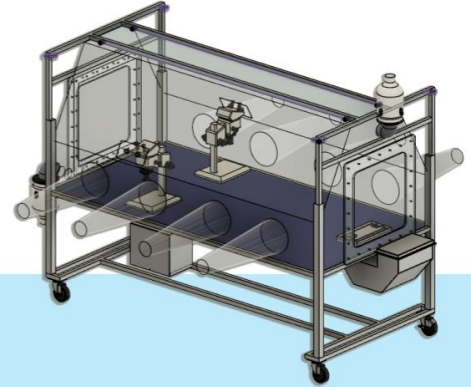


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Cody Robinette:

Where do you work and what is your position?

I currently work for Indiana University's School of Medicine's Laboratory Animal Resource Center (IUSM LARC).

What is your favorite lab animal to work with?

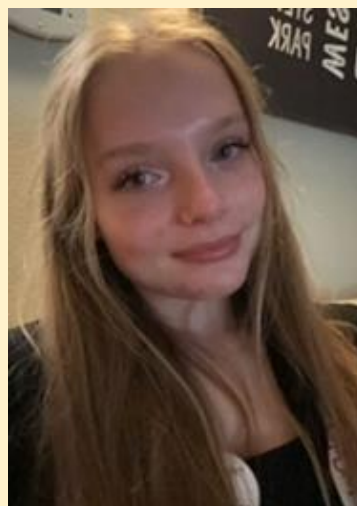
My favorite lab animal to work with are mice as they remind me of ornery irritable cats that need a gentle hand.

Why did you join the INAALAS board?

I joined the INAALAS board to take the next step in my career by applying my knowledge, leadership, and passion for animal care and welfare into a role where I can have an even greater impact on research excellence and program development.

Fun Fact:

I am a Connecticut transplant and have lived in Indiana for about 6 years. Before working within the laboratory animal field, I specialized in anesthesia working under 4 boarded surgeons at a small animal referral and specialty hospital where I met my now husband.



Samantha Stanley:

Where do you work and what is your position?

I have worked at Labcorp since 2021 and am currently a senior study technician on the large animal toxicology team

What is your favorite lab animal to work with?

Monkeys are my favorite lab animals to work with because I get to learn each of their own unique personalities!

Why did you join the INAALAS board?

I look forward to being apart of INAALAS to collaborate with others and expand my knowledge

Fun Fact:

Last year I did a project using broths during canine oral gavage dosing and took my poster to the National AALAS Conference.

Certification Corner:

Want to Obtain an AALAS Certification? Here's How:

Technician Certification



The AALAS Technician Certification Program sets professional standards for the advancement of laboratory animal science. This program was developed to recognize professional achievement and provide an authoritative endorsement of a technician's level of knowledge in laboratory animal technology.

AALAS certifies technicians at three levels:

- Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician (ALAT)
- Laboratory Animal Technician (LAT)
- Laboratory Animal Technologist (LATG)

The technician certification designations of ALAT, LAT, and LATG are well known and widely used throughout the varied fields of laboratory animal care. In fact, these certifications have come to be a common requirement for a lab animal care position.

		Education level				Lab animal work experience (years)
		Current cert. level	HS/GED or higher	AA/AS or higher	BA/BS or higher	
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* Work experience must be acquired after attaining the specified certification.

** Option for those without documentation of education level.

	ALAT	LAT	LATG
Number of questions	120	155	180
Time limit	2 hrs	2.5 hrs	3 hrs
Anim Hus, Health, Welfare	66–92%	65–91%	50%
Facility Admin & Mgmt	8–34%	9–35%	50%

Steps to take the Exam:

1. Fill out an application here: <https://www.aalas.org/certification/technician-certification>
2. Submit your application with everything filled out and all required documents.
3. You will receive an email containing your authorization to test letter and instructions to set up a Prometric testing date and time. This must be done within 90 days of receiving the email.
4. Study up and prepare for the level you are trying to attain. Materials to study can be found at: <https://www.aalas.org/certification/technician-certification/technician-certification-resources>
5. You will know if you Pass/Fail as soon as you finish the exam and will be given a printout of proof and an email confirmation to give your workplace.
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Requirements to take the exam can be seen on the left.



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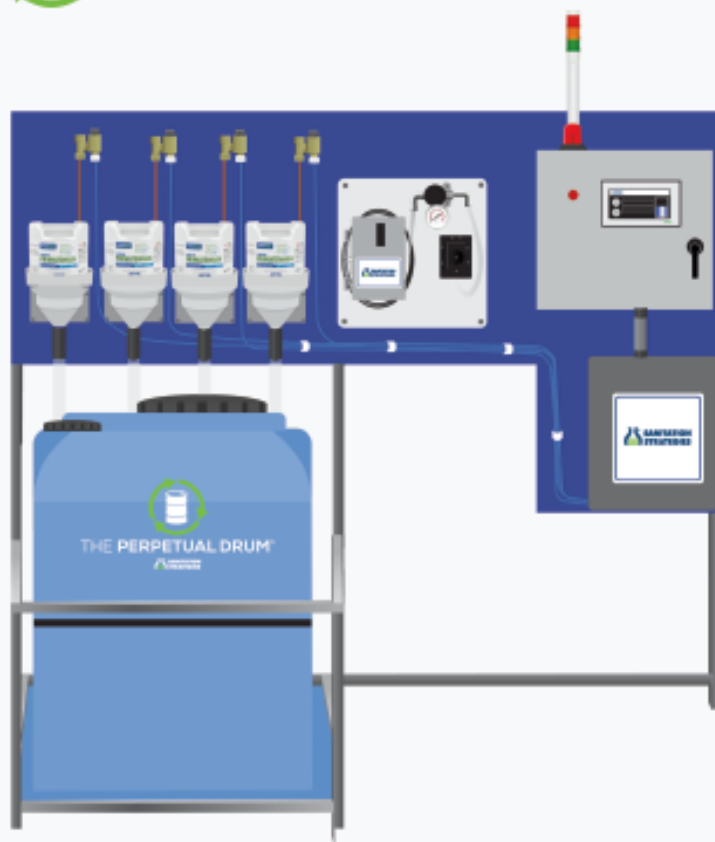
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Institutional Memberships: \$30 per member



0-10 members / No discount

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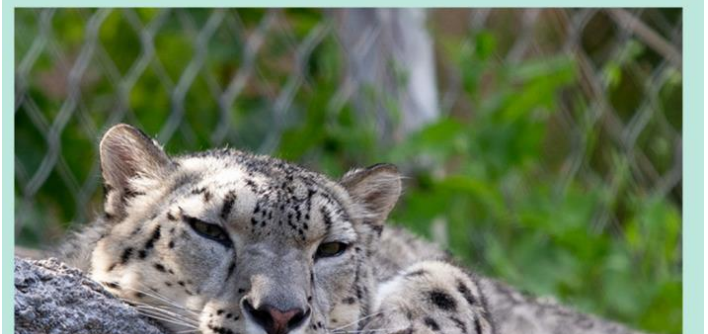
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