Brittany Baldock has always had an interest in helping animals. With the goal of having a career focused in marine mammal research, she attended the University of Alberta, majoring in Biology and specializing in Physiology and Developmental Biology. However, it was during her time volunteering with WildNorth that she discovered her passion for a more "hands'-on" approach to helping animals.

Following the completion of her degree, Brittany pursued her diploma in Animal Health Technology at N.A.I.T. During her time at NAIT Brittany joined the ABVTA board of directors as a a student rep. Her smiling face and eagerness to help was much appreciated at events such as our 40th anniversary and Canwest. In between her first and second year, Brittany was a summer student at OceanWise's Marine Mammal Rescue Center (MMRC) in Vancouver, B.C.. During her schooling at N.A.I.T., she also developed a passion and curiosity for emergency medicine. Upon completion of her diploma, Brittany accepted a contract position as an R.V.T. at MMRC but Edmonton was calling her name.

Brittany is currently employed as an ER Tech at VCA Guardian Veterinary Center where she is either triaging patients or monitoring Post-Op patients. She started training for "3rd Board" patients this week which are

slightly more critical patients. Although Brittany will always have a passion and curiosity for marine mammal rescue and care, she is constantly inspired by her fellow amazing ER techs and emergency veterinary medicine.

There is no hesitation that Brittany Baldock is a rising star. Please join me in congratulating Brittany as she receives the 2019 Lucille Landals Emerging Leader Award.