

## Award Introduction – Appreciation Award – Danielle Harris

After a position on the ABVTA Board of Directors opened in 2018, Danielle Harris, or Dani as many of us know her, was appointed to a temporary one-year term after being recommended by an existing Director. Dani said her reason for joining the Board was to be directly involved in advocating, on every level, for her profession.

She was first appointed as the Continuing Education Committee Liaison, where she became an incredible advocate for advanced and continuing education for RVTs. Throughout her time as the liaison, her support and leadership contributed to the success of the committee.

After her first term ended, she was elected to a two-year term and was appointed as the Student Representative Liaison. When you would talk with Dani about the association and profession, you could feel the passion and support she has for not only the student representatives of the Board of Directors she worked with but for all AHT students. She quickly became an advocate for elevating the voice, concerns, and challenges of students by supporting their passion and guiding them to become engaged and empowered in their profession.

In addition to her role as Liaison, Dani was always the first to volunteer to work on special projects, working groups, and task forces. In 2021, she was appointed as Chair of the ABVTA Radiation Safety Task Force. Through her work with this task force, she has become a passionate champion for increasing radiation safety standards for the veterinary profession and ensuring all RVTs and AHT students have safe working conditions and recognize the importance of personal safety.

Please help me in recognizing the important contributions of Danielle Harris and congratulate her on receiving this award.