Mahlmann receives 2015 TVMDL Director’s Excellence Award

Annually, the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) honors staff that has gone above and beyond their duty to ensure that one of the nation’s busiest laboratories runs smoothly. This year, Clinical Pathology Technician II David Mahlmann receives a 2015 TVMDL Director’s Excellence Award for the Technical category.

As the senior technician in the College Station Clinical Pathology Section, Mahlmann is responsible for performing blood chemistry analysis, microscopic review of hematology samples, and quality control and quality assurance of lab results. Mahlmann not only performs these duties, but pitches in to ensure all responsibilities in the section are covered.

Sarah Eide, MLS, Clinical Pathology assistant section head, nominated Mahlmann for the Director’s Excellence Award because of his diligent work ethic and the knowledge he has contributed to the section in the 5 years Mahlmann and Eide have worked together.

“David came to TVMDL with a degree in marine biology and several years of experience working in aquariums such as The Florida Aquarium,” said Eide. “He has been invaluable in teaching our technicians the intricacies of clinical pathology work from how to tell abnormal from normal cells in hematology and urinalysis, to maintaining delicate instruments. Because of his tutelage, our technicians are some of the best I have had the pleasure of working with.”

Mahlmann’s knowledge of section equipment has helped the lab save thousands of dollars in service maintenance and fees because he is able to troubleshoot issues. His careful attention to detail extends to communication with clients and other laboratory coworkers. Mahlmann’s can-do attitude is one of the reasons Clinical Pathology Section Head Julie Piccione, MS, DVM, recommended him.

“David offers more to the laboratory than just his medical knowledge and diligent work ethic,” she said. “David maintains a positive attitude and truly makes the clinical pathology laboratory a more enjoyable environment. His positive outlook is contagious and helps all employees work more efficiently and enjoyably.”

With attention to detail and outstanding performance and professionalism, Mahlmann exhibits the characteristics of an outstanding TVMDL technical employee. TVMDL employs more than 150 professionals that work diligently to uphold the agency’s mission to protect animal and human health through diagnostics. We congratulate all of the 2015 Director's Excellence Award winners.

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