



Jena West, LVMT, VTS (Cardiology)

Candidate for AIMVT Member at Large (MAL)

Jena came to Tennessee on a cheerleading and an academic scholarship from Michigan. She attended Lincoln Memorial University where she graduated cum laude with her AS in Veterinary Technology and then went on to the University of Tennessee. She graduated magna cum laude from UT Knoxville with a bachelor's degree in psychology, as well as summa cum laude with her Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in veterinary medicine.

Jena currently works for the UT College of Veterinary Medicine where she has been for over 18 years. In 2019 she became the first and only VTS in cardiology in Tennessee. Her past professional leadership experience includes President of the Tennessee Veterinary Technicians Association (TVTA) (2011-2013); treasurer of the TVTA (2010-2011); current member of the UT CVM Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee; current member of the UTK Master of Public Health Academic Program Committee; and Class of 2022 inductee of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

When asked why she wanted to serve AIMVT/run for office, her response was, "Being an AIMVT member is an honor and a privilege. As the Member at Large, I feel I can give back to the organization that has done so much for all of us in veterinary technology; it's the best of both worlds – helping the AIMVT officers AND helping be a voice for the members." Her definition of success? "I consider myself a success if 1. I am happy in what I am doing (no matter what that may be); and 2. I am making an impact in the lives of others. As a VTS in cardiology at a veterinary college, I feel I am accomplishing both things. Helping shape the future of veterinary medicine by working one-on-one with 3rd and 4th year veterinary students is BEYOND rewarding!"