



DR. NICCOLE BRUNO

TOGETHER FOR PETS AWARD

Congratulations to this visionary veterinarian who founded blendVET™, which was created to help advance diversity, equity and inclusion within the veterinary community. She has received a \$10,000 grant from Blue Buffalo.

WHERE DO YOU WORK?

I am the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of blendVET™, an educational training program in diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. I am also a small animal veterinarian.

WHY DID YOU BECOME A VETERINARIAN?

At 12, my parents let us “sneak” a Siamese cat into our apartment which didn’t allow pets. Caring for that cat solidified my love for pets and medicine.

WHAT’S YOUR PASSION?

I want people of all backgrounds, identities, and socioeconomic backgrounds to be able to see themselves and feel a sense of belongingness in veterinary medicine.

HOBBIES?

A few of my favorite things are binge-watching shows, watching football, scrapbooking, traveling, taking long walks, and using my Peloton.

HOW DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

blendVET™ has launched educational modules and training to create diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplaces in vet med and hosts student pathway programs for underrepresented students.

WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT THE FUTURE?

I am excited to see how veterinary medicine continues to progress. We are ready for a change and eager to do our part to advocate for what’s important to us.

Blue Buffalo salutes the veterinarians who go above and beyond to advance the profession and improve the lives of our pets.