



## 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.