



WYOMING STATE VET LAB FEATURED STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JACOB NIEDFELT AUGUST 2025



PARASITOLOGY & BACTERIOLOGY

Worked here for: 7 months

Hometown:

Grand Island, NE but moved to Cheyenne, WY in 2020

Major:

Animal and Veterinary Science with a concentration in Pre-Vet with a minor in Zoology

Expected Graduation:

Spring 2026

What do you like about working here?

My favorite part about working at WSVL is all the learning opportunities that are available. Everyone I have worked with has been very accommodating and patient with me through all the training processes, which has made it easy for me to get the swing of things. I had never worked anything remotely close to a lab job before starting at WSVL, so it was a bit of an adjustment. However, now I feel very comfortable running various tests on many different sample types. It has been a great experience for me to put the knowledge I have been learning at the University of Wyoming into practice.

What are your hobbies or something we don't know about you?

I love doing different outdoor activities in nature, especially fishing. I've started to do more fly fishing since moving to Wyoming and have even started learning to tie my own flies. I also really enjoy creating mini ecosystems in the form of terrariums and aquariums. Something about simulating a natural environment on a small scale has always been fascinating to me, so I've put a lot of time into researching what biological processes and environmental conditions can make different terrarium systems thrive. Other than that, I really like tinkering on different odds-and-ends projects, from woodworking to mechanics.

What are your future plans?

After graduating, I plan on applying to vet school at Midwestern and CSU as my top two choices, along with Oregon State and Washington State. In the meantime, I'll be moving back to Cheyenne to look for a job at a local vet clinic and continuing volunteering at the Cheyenne Animal Shelter.