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Report

Winter 2021



Merry Christmas!

Thank you to all Donors and Partners as we “carry on” through the pandemic with your help!!

As we enter the 21st month of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are overwhelmed by the support and generosity of our community of friends and supporters (see pages 4-7). With your help we were able to complete ovarian cancer and bladder cancer projects, give three research reports (on breast, colon, and ovarian cancers) at the Virtual International Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research attended by over 100,000 scientists and physicians, and give 21 undergraduate students some real-life research experience (albeit with some help from Zoom meetings, on-line textbooks & videos and lectures by experienced scientists). One student gave a report on her research proposal at the Virtual Kentucky Academy of Sciences meeting last month. Wood Hudson also hosted a Virtual Panel Discussion for the Kentucky Academy of Sciences on Dr. Jim Allison, who won the Nobel Prize for his discoveries leading to development of immunotherapies for cancer.

All these accomplishments would not have been possible without your financial support and the partnership of our Trustees, Staff, Students, Collaborators and Volunteers. As we end 2021 and look forward to a healthier 2022, we send each of you our deepest thanks and best wishes for a Blessed Christmas, Holiday Season and New Year.

Sincerely,
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President
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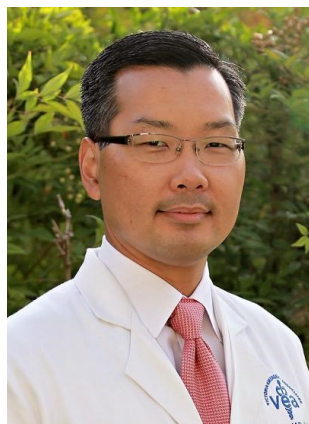
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Some Thoughts from Past UREP Student Dr. Eric Baden



It's been more than 25 years since my Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory experience so the details aren't fresh, but what I can attest to with absolute clarity is how I felt during my time there, and the impact it had on my life moving forward.

My memories are of Dr. Julia Carter's mentorship, Dr. Ron Snyder's pragmatism, and Janice Pullman's technical expertise. The environment was one of intellectual curiosity. I was immersed in the scientific method, using experiments to collect data, and then drawing conclusions based on these data. I was even fortunate enough to take a project from hypothesis to presentation and present at the Joint Meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science and the Tennessee Academy of Science.

My UREP experience reinforced my love of science that ultimately led to my current career in medicine. I will always be appreciative and indebted to WHCRL and will do what I can to support its and UREP's missions.

Eric Baden, MD
Xavier University class of 1997

UREP Student Presents Wood Hudson Proposal at Kentucky Academy of Science Annual Meeting

Sarisha Lohano, a summer UREP student at Wood Hudson from Gatton Academy/Western Kentucky University, presented her Wood Hudson Research Proposal at the Kentucky Academy of Sciences (KAS) Annual Meeting in the division of Health Sciences. Sarisha's project was entitled, "How Obesity Alters Metabolism and Impairs Immune Function, Contributing to Initiation of Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer." Sarisha proposed a study to follow the eating habits of five BMI categories each in six ethnic groups. Her proposal suggests that diets resembling a 'Western Diet' will lead to higher weight and BMI, resulting in lower resting metabolic rate and metabolic syndrome (altering metabolism), and an abnormal amount of immunoglobulin (impairing immune function). Overall, this is expected to lead to a higher risk for early-onset CRC.



The 2021 KAS Annual Meeting was held virtually on Friday & Saturday, November 5-6. Eastern Kentucky University was the virtual host this year.



Another 2021 summer UREP student Olivia Jenkins, from Xavier University, writes: "I found the UREP to be an extremely insightful and rewarding program that not only taught me so much about cancer, but also made me rethink my future career. I wanted to go into orthopedics prior to this program, but I am now strongly considering a career focused on research instead. This program really was incredibly educational, from the guest speakers, to the journal club presentations, to Professor Glib, Dr. Carter, Dr. Douglass, and Dr. Snyder. I'm very grateful to have been a part of it. It is amazing to be able to have the freedom to research whatever it is that you want with cancer. Rather than acting as superiors, I felt that the mentors treated us as equal collaborators and offered a helping hand when it was needed. They encouraged us every step of the way and were very helpful and enthusiastic about teaching us. This was definitely an experience I'm thankful for, especially given the modifications made because of COVID-19."

Another Reason the Undergraduate Research Education Program is Important

The shortage of physicians in the Tri-State has been documented by several studies of both Greater Cincinnati and Kentucky. Kentucky leads the nation in cancer incidence and cancer death. A study by the University of Kentucky College of Medicine entitled "Kentucky's Primary Care Workforce Shortages 2016-2025 and Recommendations for Increasing the Production of Primary Care Physicians for Kentucky" states: "The growth and aging of the US population, implementation of the Affordable Care Act and advances in medical technology, combined with caps in federal funding for residency training have led to critical shortages of physicians in the US." Kentucky ranks 36th among all states for physicians per 100,000 population. The study recommends establishment of two enhanced and outcomes oriented Pre-Medical Enrichment Programs. The Wood Hudson Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP) is such an enhanced enrichment pre-medical program. This is evidenced by the fact that 43% of past UREP participants have later earned a doctoral degree (MD, DDS, DPM, PhD, among others), and 10% of the first year class at the recently established UK Medical School in Northern Kentucky are former UREP participants.

20th Annual Ft. Thomas Corvette Club Car Show Raises \$17,500!

The 20th Annual Ft. Thomas Corvette Club Car Show on August 14, 2021 in Newport, Kentucky was a huge success! Thank you to all who organized and worked at the event. Thank you especially to the officers of the Ft. Thomas Corvette Club: Jack Buecker (President), Bill McBrayer (Vice President), Charlotte McBrayer (Treasurer), and Robin Bohn (Secretary). Thank you to Hofbrauhaus for offering their parking lot as the venue. Thank you to the 170 Corvette/classic car owners who brought their brilliant cars to the show. The weather was lovely, and it was certainly a pleasure to browse around. We very much appreciate all who sponsored the 114 trophies that were presented (see contributor list,



p. 6-7). In all, nearly \$18,000 was raised, and all was generously donated to Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory. This money will be used to fund our Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP) which continues to thrive here at Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory. Thanks to all for making our work possible.

Thank you so very much
Ft. Thomas Corvette Club!



Flying Pig Marathon and Raffle Success



Thank you to all who made donations to Wood Hudson Cancer Research Lab in connection with the Flying Pig Marathon and the Piggest Raffle Ever. \$6,495 was raised from this event: \$5,595 in sponsorships and registration fees, and \$900 from raffle ticket sales. Although Wood Hudson didn't sell the winning tickets, \$900 is something to celebrate! All of these donations will go directly to our cancer research and education programs here at Wood Hudson. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraising event this year, including the sponsors, the runners/walkers, and those who purchased raffle tickets. We can't thank you enough!

Congratulations to Franciscan Ministries who won the first and third place drawings, and PSU, Inc. who won second place. Both of these are Cincinnati area nonprofits doing important work in our community.

Bernadette Hurst Hartman writes Running for a Cause

When I describe Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory and Dr. Carter, I describe them as **"A Force for Good."**

I started my connection to Wood Hudson as an Undergraduate Research Student. I was a biology major at the University of Cincinnati and gained invaluable hands-on cancer research experience at the lab. Upon graduation I was fortunate to be hired on as Research Associate/ Histotechnologist. In that role I participated in groundbreaking cancer research with phenomenal colleagues. While at Wood Hudson, I earned my histotechnologist (HTL) certification through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). I became quite proficient at developing immunohistochemical protocols to detect cancer biomarkers. Some of this research went on to support the development of cancer treatment therapies and diagnostic markers. I also worked on studies of environmental causes of cancer, particularly drinking water chemicals, sparking my passion for conservation and protecting our environment.

My experience at Wood Hudson allowed me to work with a knowledgeable, dedicated, driven, trained, and conscientious team. That team makes a difference in cancer research and training. Wood Hudson produces solid peer-reviewed research evident in their many publications and presentations available to the scientific community.

Wood Hudson set a good foundation for me. I went on to work in the clinical trial industry and earn a Master's in Business Administration with a specialization in Information Systems from Northern Kentucky University and a Master's in Public Health with a concentration in Health Care Policy and Administration from Case Western Reserve University.

After earning my MPH, I have helped with grants and have successfully submitted IRB protocols for the Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory Biospecimen Repository Center.

On October 30 and 31 I ran for Wood Hudson in the Cincinnati Flying Pig Skyline 3-way challenge. The challenge included the Toyota 10K, Tri-State Running Company 5K, and the Paycor Half Marathon. I also supported Wood Hudson through purchasing raffle tickets for the piggest raffle ever.



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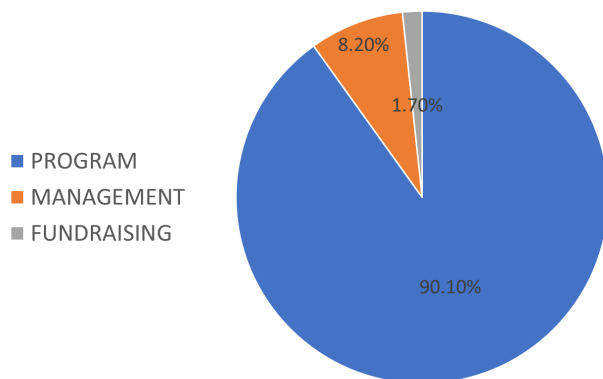
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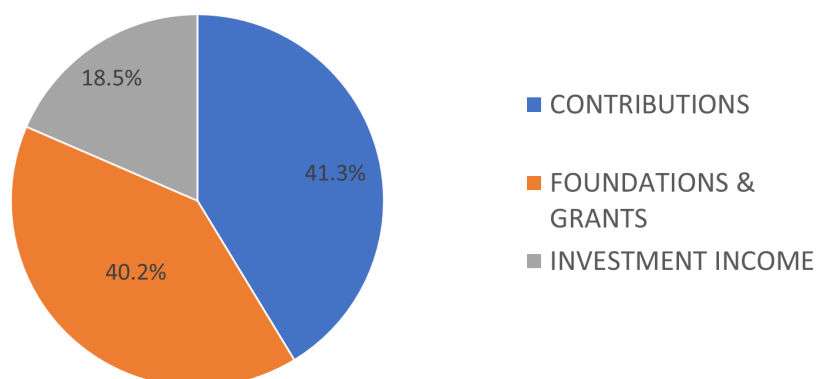
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- 1) ***study of clinical cases*** and experimental models of cancer to learn new methods of cancer prevention, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment
- 2) ***study of environmental causes*** of cancer, particularly food and drinking water chemicals, and
- 3) ***provision of training and "hands-on" research experience*** for tomorrow's scientists and physicians through its Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP).

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- 1) Our **Annual Fund Drive** has started — our goal this year is to raise funds for our research of human breast, ovarian, lung, colon and bladder cancers as well as sponsorships for students working and learning in the Undergraduate Research Education Program. Donations from individuals, groups of individuals, businesses and organizations are appreciated and needed. Grants from Foundations, Corporations and Government entities are also being sought in this highly competitive environment. Thank you for whatever support you can give to our Annual Fund Drive.
- 2) Need to take your IRA's Required Minimum Distribution (**RMD**)? For those who qualify (over 70 1/2 years of age), any time before December of each year you can contact your banker or IRA administrator to donate directly to Wood Hudson, and save the tax burden while helping our good cause.
- 3) Donating appreciated stock to Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory is an efficient way to avoid capital gains tax and potentially obtain a charitable donation deduction.

For more information on these or other philanthropy options, please contact Wood Hudson Treasurer, Robert Layton, C.P.A., C.F.P., at rlaytoncpa1@gmail.com or 813-575-9199, or call Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory at 859-581-7249.