

Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory

Report

Winter 2024



Thank You For Your Continued Support

Dear Friends:

We are grateful for your tremendous outpouring of support during this year of profound transition for Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory. The unexpected passing of Dr. Julia E. H. Carter, who was Wood Hudson's visionary founder, President and Board Chair, compelled the Board of Trustees to carefully consider the next steps for the Laboratory. As detailed in our October e-News, the Board has declared its intention to continue the organization's operations and outlined a set of priorities for the next two years. As part of this strategy, we have welcomed Denise Byrum as our Senior Director of Operations and Organizational Development, whose comments immediately follow in this Newsletter. Denise will lead our dedicated and skilled staff – Carole, Elyse, and Sharon – as we continue with the operations of the institution. For 2025, we will prioritize support for the highly impactful Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP), alongside our work with the Biospecimen Repository (in collaboration with St. Elizabeth's Medical Center). These ongoing efforts will serve as the foundation for the future broadening and enhancement of both our education and research programs.

The ability of Wood Hudson to navigate the changes of 2024 speaks to the resilience of the people who support its work. We thank Drs. Erik Bey, Daisy Grove, and Larry Douglass for continuing summer UREP despite Dr. Carter's sudden illness. Likewise, we thank the staff and volunteers for maintaining the operational and financial integrity of the organization during this time of transition. Finally, we thank our many donors for continuing their financial support of the organization. We highlight these generous individuals and institutions later in this newsletter.

We look forward with hope and expectation to the New Year, and again thank all of you for your support and interest. We wish you a joyous and restorative holiday season!

-Percy, on behalf of the Wood Hudson Board of Trustees

Welcoming Our New Director



I am so thrilled to officially join the Wood Hudson team as the Senior Director of Operations and Organizational Development. From the moment I stepped through the front doors, I have been deeply moved by the warm welcome I have received and the passion that fuels this incredible organization. Learning about the lab's remarkable 40+ year history has been both humbling and inspiring. The groundbreaking work done here, combined with the dedication of the staff, board, and supporters, is a testament to what can be achieved through our shared mission to tackle cancer research and train the next generation of scientists and clinicians.

I am honored to contribute to this legacy and to support Wood Hudson in advancing its vision for the future. Together, we will continue to build on the lab's strong foundation, charting an exciting course into 2025 and beyond. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly—I look forward to working together to achieve even greater milestones! *Denise Byrum, MS, MBA*

Honoring Dr. Julia E. H. Carter and continuing Wood Hudson's Legacy



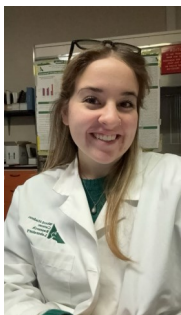
We mourn the passing of Dr. Julia E. H. Carter, the lab's visionary founder and President since its inception in 1981. Her legacy will continue under the leadership of her sons, Dr. Sidney W. Carter, a continuing board member, and Dr. Percy H. Carter, who rejoined the board as Chairman. A ceremony honoring her life was held this earlier year, where family, friends, and colleagues gathered to pay tribute to the remarkable contributions she made through her dedication to cancer research and education, as well as enriching the lives of many. While honoring her extraordinary achievements, the Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory Board remains dedicated to enhancing Wood Hudson's mission through a focused strategic plan.

Thank You to Our UREP Mentors

Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory extends gratitude to our dedicated colleagues who generously gave their time and expertise to support our Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP) students. Your guidance and expertise is invaluable to their growth and development. Special thanks to Erik Bey, Ph.D.; Daisy Grove, Ph.D.; Doug Hartman, M.D.; Jeremy Graff, Ph.D.; James Deddens, Ph.D.; Percy H. Carter, Ph.D.; Larry Douglass, M.D.; Zachary Taylor, PhD.; Susan Sterling; and the late Julia Carter, Ph.D. Your contributions honor the spirit of collaboration and education that is central to our mission.

UREP Student Experience: Spring

We highlight our recent spring and summer students to celebrate the accomplishments of these talented individuals who participated in Wood Hudson's Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP). By sharing their journeys, we honor their dedication and the impact of UREP in fostering the next generation of professionals in the scientific and medical fields.



Hello, my name is Isabella Roll. I am a Junior at Thomas More University, and I am a Biology Pre-medical major with a minor in music. My plans after college are to go to medical school and become either an Emergency Physician or a Gastroenterologist. I have a passion for research as well as the fundamentals of the human body, especially the complications that can arise. One being cancer, which I had an immense experience during my time at Wood Hudson. I was able to facilitate and develop my learning through working in a lab environment, and ran experiments such as western blots and manipulating A549 (Lung Cancer cells) through tissue cultures, drug treatments, and staining. I learned many things in a short amount of time.

My name is Kailynn Hans, and I am a junior Biology: Pre-Med major with minors in Spanish and Psychology at Thomas More University. I have an ever-growing passion for working with children, often spending my summers on various mission trips running bible-based youth sports camp. This passion and my love of science has led me to a career in the healthcare field. Wanting to gain experience outside of a clinical setting, the opportunity to work at Wood Hudson this semester doing research was presented to me. These past few weeks in lab have been filled with endless learning and the development of new skills. In just a short time period, I learned techniques of western blotting, tissue cultures, drug treatments, staining and more. I am very excited to continue my work in the future.



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UREP Student Experience, continued: Summer



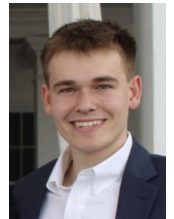
My name is Grant Schwiebert and this fall I will be in my second year of Biomedical Engineering at Ohio State University. I had an excellent experience at Wood Hudson this summer. I learned so much more about laboratory techniques and processes in a real-world environment, compared to my previous chemistry and biology classes. I focused on mRNA translation in breast cancer cells this summer, and more specifically on the expression of eIF2A in cells undergoing stress. Throughout the summer I have become significantly more knowledgeable of cancer research as a whole and what working within a research lab is like, and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to learn what UREP has provided for me. In the future I hope to work on my own research focusing on injury biomechanics and prosthetic design and I will undoubtedly use what I learned from UREP in my future career.

Zack Watson: This summer has been an amazing educational experience. I learned a lot of skills and information that will directly apply to my classes in school and hopefully to a future in medicine. Getting to step into the world of cancer research has even shown me a new approach to a career in medicine. I am very grateful for the time I was fortunate enough to spend at Wood Hudson.



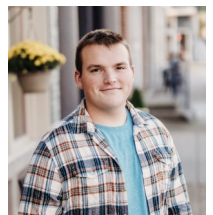
My name is Emma Winland, and I am an upcoming senior at Mount St. Joseph University studying biomedical science. This summer, I had the opportunity to work in Dr. Grove's lab studying eIF2A and its role in breast cancer through cell culture and immunohistochemistry. UREP has provided me with valuable knowledge and skills that I will continue to utilize throughout my future career in research. Thank you to Dr. Grove, Dr. Bey, and everyone at Wood Hudson for a great summer!

My name is Jack Grayson, and I am an upcoming sophomore at the University of Kentucky, majoring in Biology on the Pre-Medical Track. The personalized nature of the Wood Hudson Undergraduate Research Education Program has made it an invaluable experience for me, especially as my first experience in research. I gained a wealth of knowledge not only from Drs. Bey and Grove but also from the many other experts who have shared their insights with us through the seminar program. I highly recommend this program to anyone looking to ignite or further their passion for cancer research.



My name is Katrin Vilinsky, a sophomore studying Chemical and Biomedical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, and this past summer I worked in Dr. Bey's lab at Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory. Not only have I learned an incredible amount about cancer and the specific pathways we as researchers are exploring to prevent it, but I also learned a lot about how to do important laboratory techniques, such as Western blots, tissue culture and PCR. It has been an extraordinary experience working alongside such bright minds and I can truly say this experience has enriched my passion for science.

Terrin Jackson: This summer has been a great experience exploring the world of cancer research. I refined my laboratory techniques and learned about different proteins and biomarkers involved in cancer initiation, proliferation, and DNA repair. Drs. Bey and Grove were amazing in mentoring every one of us and I am forever grateful for the time! As I head back to school in the fall at Mount St. Joseph University, I will be able to use many of my lab skills in my courses as I begin wrapping up my undergraduate career in Biomedical Science and Biochemistry!



Cameron Decker: I will be a senior in the fall at Mount St. Joseph University, majoring in Biochemistry with a pre-med concentration. Wood Hudson's UREP prepared me for a career in medicine by providing me with excellent mentors. The institute's collaborative environment fostered my growth as a scientist, allowing me to contribute meaningfully to ongoing projects while gaining invaluable insights into the complexities of cancer research. The program educated the students and gave me the chance to meet like-minded individuals pursuing similar goals, resulting in a transformative experience.



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In March, Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory was awarded a generous \$36,000 grant from The PNC Charitable Trust Grant Review Committee. This funding will support the Undergraduate Research Education Program, enhancing research opportunities for students and fostering the next generation of cancer researchers. The PNC Charitable Trusts support projects that address community needs, deliver measurable outcomes, and promote collaboration for lasting impact. This grant aligns with Wood Hudson's commitment to providing hands-on research opportunities for undergraduates while advancing cancer research.



We are deeply grateful for this investment in our mission and look forward to the continued success and sustainability of our educational programs. Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and publicly supported charity, and relies on donations from foundations, corporations, businesses, and individuals to continue our research. We appreciate generous donations and grants like this one.

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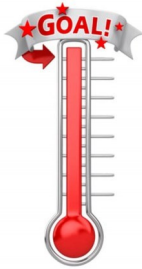
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DON'T FORGET! Thanks to the generous commitment of an anonymous donor, we are also in the midst of a **\$25,000 challenge grant** for all donations through Jan 31. You can help us meet—and exceed—this challenge. Once we meet the \$25,000 challenge, the donor will contribute \$25,000 and then match every additional dollar donated, up to \$25,000 more, potentially bringing in **\$50,000** to support Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory's mission. Your generosity can help us make a difference today!

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We are excited to keep you informed and engaged with all the incredible work happening at Wood Hudson. Be sure to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date with the latest news, research highlights, and events. Big things are on the horizon—our website and social media platforms, including Facebook and LinkedIn, are undergoing exciting transformations. In the coming months, you will see a fresh look and even more ways to connect with our mission and initiatives. Your support and interaction are vital to our success, so we cannot wait to share these updates with you. Stay tuned and join us as we continue to grow and evolve!





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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
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