



JUNE e-News

Summer UREP is Underway

Wood Hudson's 2025 Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP) is off to an exciting start. This summer, seven outstanding undergraduate students have joined us for a 9-week experience running from June 2 through August 1. Students are already hands-on in the lab culturing cells, pouring gels, and learning new techniques. In addition to the lab work, students have been leading discussions on current scientific journal articles and drafting their own grant proposals to gain both technical and professional skills important for their future scientific careers.

Dr. Joseph Bruns, Staff Scientist, and Dr. Zac Taylor, Professor at Thomas More University, are serving as this year's instructors. The students have also benefited from guest presentations, including Dr. Larry Douglass sharing the history of cancer and Dr. Percy Carter delivering an encore presentation about a clinical trial with Blueprint Medicines, where he serves as the Chief Scientific Officer. The summer is shaping up to prove inspiring for the next generation of cancer researchers. In next month's e-News, we will introduce our students and ask all of them to share their experiences.



Student Spotlight—Meet Molly Eide



For Molly Eide, cancer research goes beyond something to list on her resume. It is personal. A senior at Northern Kentucky University, Molly is majoring in biology and is now attending UREP this summer. A few years ago, Molly lost her mother to a devastating and aggressive form of brain cancer. That experience shaped her and is part of the reason why she joined the program.

At Wood Hudson, Molly embraces the challenges of lab work with enthusiasm. She thrives at mastering new laboratory techniques that go beyond the classroom. Molly is still exploring her future career path and credits Wood Hudson for continuing to spark her interest in laboratory research.

Help Support UREP

We are excited to continue UREP for the second year following the passing of our founder. This has been directly enabled by your financial support.

Wood Hudson is able to educate our UREP students cost effectively. Students immerse themselves fully in cancer research, learning directly from scientists and building their laboratory skills. For many, this opportunity serves as a critical step toward careers in medicine, science, and public health.

With your help, we can continue offering this life-changing experience to the next generation of scientists. Please consider investing into the future of scientific education and research—Give to Wood Hudson this summer!

