

Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory

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Welcome Dr. Joseph Bruns



We are super excited to welcome Dr. Joseph Bruns as our new Staff Scientist. Dr. Bruns brings a wealth of expertise in cell culture and advanced microscopy techniques, as well as experience in laboratory management. A native of Cincinnati and a proud St. Xavier High School graduate, Joseph received his PhD in Biomedical Engineering from St Louis

University in 2022, after receiving his BS and MS there. He brings industry experience working on cellular therapy treatments for cancer at Wugen (St. Louis, MO). He has mentored students at various academic levels and has contributed to the development of innovative scientific projects. His dedication to both discovery and student training makes him a valuable addition to our team.

In his role at Wood Hudson, Dr. Bruns will take a leading position in our Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP), guiding students through project-based learning in cancer research. His extensive experience mentoring students, combined with his scientific knowledge, will ensure that UREP participants receive high-quality training in laboratory techniques and research methodologies. Under his leadership, the program will continue to provide students with

opportunities to gain real-world experience that prepares them for careers in biomedical research and healthcare. In addition, Dr. Bruns is launching an independent research project that brings a fresh approach to cancer research at Wood Hudson. His work will expand our scientific capabilities and open new avenues for discovery, further strengthening our mission. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Bruns to the Wood Hudson community!

Happy Birthday Wood Hudson

The end of January marked a significant milestone for Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory as we celebrate 44 years of advancing cancer research and education. Since 1981, Wood Hudson has been dedicated to expanding knowledge and driving progress in cancer research. Education also remains a cornerstone of our mission, highlighted by UREP. This summer, we look forward to welcoming another group of talented undergraduate students who will gain hands-on research experience and contribute to our ongoing studies.

Thank you! Our work would not be possible without the support of our donors, collaborators, and community. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to our mission.

Join Team Wood Hudson in the Flying Pig Marathon



Are you planning to run in the Flying Pig Marathon? You can make your miles matter by supporting cancer research at Wood Hudson. As an official charity partner, Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory offers runners a special discount on race registration for the marathon or any of the other races while raising funds for

groundbreaking cancer research.

Email <u>denisebyrum@woodhudson.org</u> to get the discount code. Register now and run for a cause.

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Want to support Wood Hudson without breaking a sweat? Enter the Piggest



Raffle Ever for a chance to win \$5,000 in cash for both you and Wood Hudson. Each ticket is just \$5, and 100% of the proceeds go directly to supporting our cancer research efforts.

Purchase a ticket for \$5 by using this link <u>Piggest Raffle Ever</u> or the QR code shown here, select Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory as your charity. If your ticket is drawn, you win \$5,000, and Wood Hudson receives an additional \$5,000! If you prefer the paper tickets, a limited number will be available at the lab. In the end, cancer research wins with every ticket because every dollar goes directly to us. Get your tickets today to help us continue the fight against cancer!

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- 2. Go to the Community Rewards section under "My Account."
- 3. Search for Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory or enter GP851.
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