

**April 2023 eNews** 

Flying Pig Marathon First Weekend in May!



2023 marks the 25th year of Cincinnati's Flying Pig Marathon, taking place on the weekend of May 5th-May 7th. Sign up soon—the races are filling up fast! For discounts on entry fees, contact Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory at (859) 581-7249. Don't forget to buy tickets for the Piggest Raffle, currently only available online! Each \$5 ticket is a donation to your selected charity (and we hope that will be Wood Hudson Cancer Research Lab), and offers a chance to win! First prize is \$5000 each for you and your favorite charity, second prize is \$2500 each for you and your favorite charity, and third prize is a Cincinnati Experience getaway weekend valued at \$1500.

Good luck to all runners and raffle ticket holders, as the big day approaches next weekend!

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## Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research



The 2023 annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research was held April 14th-19th. The in-person meeting was held in Orlando, Florida, with 21,000 physicians and scientists in attendance, and thousands more attending virtually. The AACR is the oldest and largest cancer research organization in the world, with 54,000 members from 131 countries and territories. A guarter of the annual meeting participants in Orlando were from outside the US. The opening ceremony, held on Sunday, April 16th, included talks from AACR CEO Margaret Foti, PhD, MD, (hc), and AACR President Lisa M. Coussens, PhD, FAACR, and focused on the power of collaboration in cancer research. Dr. Foti stated, "I am extremely excited about the entire continuum of cancer research--from population science, cancer prevention, and early detection to survivorship; from cutting-edge basic science to practice-changing clinical studies." The number of cancer survivors in the US topped 18 million in 2022, thanks to a 32% reduction in the cancer death rate between 1991 and 2019. "The progress that has been made is a testament to the global cancer community working together to reduce the toll of the disease," according to Dr. Margaret Foti. Wood Hudson senior scientists attended the five-day meeting virtually and will continue to review the papers presented at the meeting, offered online until July 19th, 2023.

## **Congratulations Kimberly Holland**

My name is Kimberly Holland, and I won this year's Experiential Education Student of the Year Award at Mount St Joseph University, and I owe it largely to Wood Hudson. The award was for a student who puts classroom learning into practice and contributes to the community. In 2021, I was part of the Wood Hudson UREP, and in 2022 I came back to Wood Hudson to help with a research project. We studied the prognostic significance of EGFR in bladder cancer. I turned this project into my senior research, and have made a poster, presentation, and paper. My time at Wood Hudson has been great, and I am very happy to have my efforts recognized by an award. I will be graduating this May, and everything I learned at Wood Hudson will follow me.

## **Grant Received from the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Greater Cincinnati**



We are pleased to announce a grant from the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Greater Cincinnati to study a potential prognostic biomarker and target for therapy for ovarian cancer. Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths in women, and more than 150,000 deaths worldwide are expected to be caused by ovarian cancer this year. A woman's risk

of developing invasive ovarian cancer is 1 in 71. The mission of the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Greater Cincinnati is to create public awareness of the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer, to provide support, resources, and education to ovarian cancer survivors and caregivers, and to fund research focused on early detection and a cure. Their major fundraiser, the <u>Jeans and Jewels Gala</u>, will be held at the Receptions in Fairfield this weekend on April 29th; and their <u>Teal Power 5K Run & Walk</u> fundraising event will be held <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 16</u>, 2023.



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