



***March E-News***

**Ride Cincinnati Grants In Progress:  
Advancing Research & Education**



Wood Hudson continues to make amazing progress through the support of Ride Cincinnati-funded initiatives. One of the primary projects currently underway is led by Dr. Mary Kate Gehret. By utilizing RNA sequencing and cell culture, this work addresses an urgent need by identifying universal resistance mechanisms for the newest KRAS inhibitors. It has the potential to accelerate the path toward more effective treatment strategies to improve survival outcomes for colorectal cancer patients.

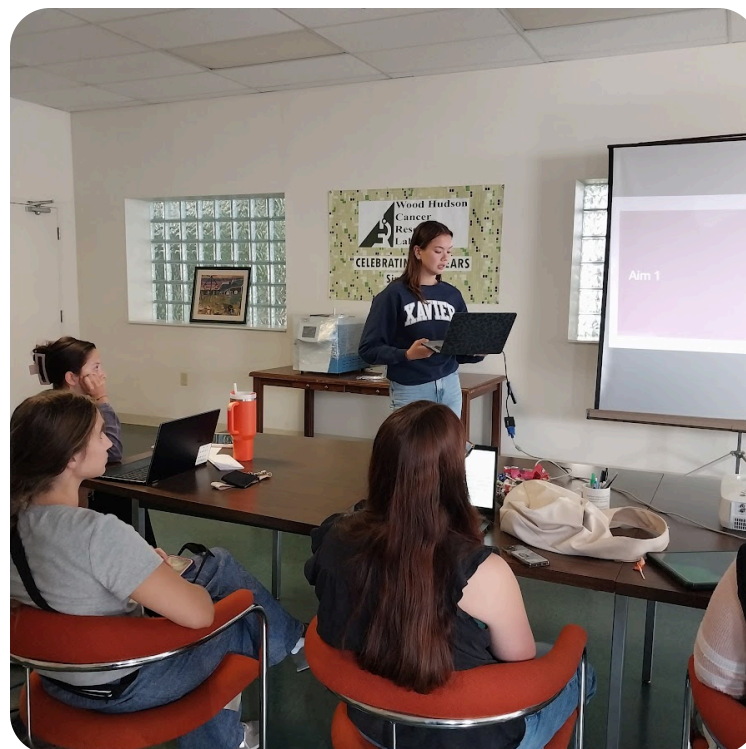
In addition to laboratory research, plans are progressing for the next phase of the Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP). Building on its strong foundation, UREP will introduce a new component centered on advocacy and patient care. This enhanced curriculum is designed to provide students with a broader perspective on cancer, extending beyond the bench to include the real life experiences of patients and families. By incorporating opportunities to engage with the human side of cancer, the program aims to develop more compassionate future professionals in healthcare and research.

While not yet visible to the public, updates to the Wood Hudson website continue. A University of Cincinnati co-op, Daniel Booth, is working diligently to support ongoing development.

Wood Hudson extends sincere appreciation to Ride Cincinnati for its support of all three initiatives. This partnership plays a critical role in advancing cancer research and education within the community.

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## Recruitment Continues for Summer 2026 UREP



We continue to recruit students to our Summer 2026 Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP), running May 18, 2026 through July 31, 2026. Dr. Mary Kate Gehret will serve as the lead instructor with Dr. Zac Taylor, faculty member at Thomas More University, returning as an instructor. Guided by expert researchers, UREP students will learn about cancer biology along with cell culture, western blotting, cell viability assays, clinical trials, and bioinformatics. In addition, this year we are adding a cancer advocacy and support component.

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