



Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory eNews

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From the Board of Trustees

Since our last update in mid-July, we have met twice as a board and reached some important and exciting conclusions about the next steps in Wood Hudson's evolution. We look forward to updating you on these topics, as well as our progress with recruitment and fundraising, in the October edition of the e-News.

In this August/September e-News, we want to thank five of our colleagues who are choosing to transition from Wood Hudson to focus on other

activities. The trustees are grateful for their contributions, which have ranged in time from a few months to several decades. Please see our brief commentary below, which includes quotes from our colleagues about their time with Dr. Carter and Wood Hudson.

Board Members Robert E. Sanders, Esq. and Kathy M. Mueller, RN

Two of our long-standing Board Members, Bob Sanders and Kathy Mueller, have resigned after several decades of service. Both will be missed! At our board meeting this Saturday, the trustees unanimously voted to designate them as Emeritus Trustees and they will be designated as such in our materials going forward.

Kathleen M. Mueller, RN



Kathy has played an active role on the board of trustees for twenty-four years. She was particularly helpful in Wood Hudson's public relations and advocated for the institutions in multiple different venues in order to help advance its mission.

Robert E. Sanders, Esq.



Bob Sanders has served on the board of trustees for more than three decades and has for the majority of that time been the Corporate Secretary. He is continuing to stay active in charitable activities, and indeed is increasing his work with the Covington Education Foundation. He offered the following reflection on his time at Wood Hudson:

"I was very pleased to support the work of the scientists and physicians at the Wood-Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory (WHCRL) by serving as a member of the lab's Board of Trustees for over three decades. During that time, WHCRL made important contributions to advancing medical science's understanding of the causes, methods of prevention, and eventual cures for the host of diseases that, collectively, we refer to as cancer. What attracted me most to WHCRL was that it was not operated to generate profits, but entirely for the purpose of eradicating cancer. Whenever possible, WHCRL put its discoveries into the public domain so that all other researchers could access and freely use the data and resources developed by WHCRL to accomplish the only objectives of importance: preventing and curing cancer."

Dr. Erik Bey



After over two years with Wood Hudson, Erik A. Bey, Ph. D. moved on to a new role at University of Cincinnati. Dr. Bey contributed to both the research at Wood Hudson and to our efforts in student education, such as the Summer Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP). Dr. Bey has accepted the board's appointment as an Adjunct Sr. Scientist and will continue to work with us on scientific publications and other scientific matters. He offered the following comments:

"As I reflect upon the past two years working with Dr. Carter, I appreciate the time I spent with the students in the undergraduate research education program at Wood Hudson. Training these young scientists is important in the laboratory or classroom setting. The students recruited to Wood Hudson were highly motivated and I wish them nothing but success in their career choices!

Currently, I am working in the Division of Hematology Oncology at the University of Cincinnati. My role in the laboratory is to assist the young up-and-coming assistant professors with their various research projects and help mentor graduate students rotating in the laboratory."

Dr. Daisy Grove



Daisy Grove, Ph. D. joined in the months before Dr. Carter fell ill and graciously stayed through to complete her initial work with Wood Hudson, making tremendous contributions to the 2024 Summer UREP. Luckily, she was able to take advantage of an exciting opportunity to conduct post-doctoral work at Northern Kentucky University, and moved on to this after UREP concluded. We look forward to staying in touch as her career develops. She offered the following comments:

"Although my time at Wood Hudson Cancer Research Laboratory was brief, it was a wonderful opportunity to work with undergraduate research students in cancer biology. I am currently a postdoctoral researcher at NKU in Dr. Erin Strome's lab, where I continue to work closely with undergraduate students. Our research focuses on the function of two proteins, homologs of which have been linked to multiple cancer types in human cells, specifically examining how altered expression or function of these proteins can lead to adverse effects on genome stability."

Georgia Kinman



Finally, long-time colleague Georgia Kinman has retired from her role as Director of Development. Thankfully, she will continue to help from time-to-time as a volunteer. The Board is deeply grateful to Georgia for her many

contributions to Wood Hudson as both a staff member and volunteer over many years. Georgia offered the following comments:

"I never imagined I would be a part of Wood Hudson for so many years. I so admired Dr. Julia Carter not only for her dedication to cancer research and the Undergraduate Research Education Program (UREP), but also as a person. Our relationship started with her being my boss. It ended with her being one of my dearest friends. You do not walk away from someone so special. You support them. I will forever miss her.

I wish the Lab the best going forward, and I know God will lead it in the right direction. It is a new chapter for both Wood Hudson and myself."

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