



CANCER RESEARCH TRAINING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Committee Members,

Welcome to the first quarterly newsletter from the Cancer Research Training and Education Core. We have a new name, new committee to guide us, and a fantastic core featuring Mrs. Brandi Dawson who executes most functions and Sandy Moore who organizes the Cancer Institute Forum seminar series. We are off to a great start! Recent accomplishments include: awarding the inaugural Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute awards for best cancer research projects by high school students at the Arkansas Science and Engineering Fair; funding a junior faculty in cancer research by partnering with the KL2 scholar program; getting a cancer research component into Dr. Kevin Phelan's NIH funded health education program for high school students. Much more is in the works!

Regards, Tom

Vision Statement

The cancer research training and education core of the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute (WPRCI) will integrate cancer training and education of biomedical researchers and community health care professionals into programmatic efforts to enhance the scientific mission and potential of the WPRCI while enriching the careers of its members and working with the community to foster future scientific leaders.

Award:

April 2021 – The inaugural WPRCI award for outstanding cancer research or related field was presented to two Little Rock High School Students.

[WPRCI Science Fair Award 2021](#)

Upcoming:

September 2021 – The first ever meeting of the Cancer Research Training & Education Committee will be held. Be on the lookout for emails from Brandi Dawson to schedule a meeting.

News Release:

Kelly Named Associate Director for Cancer Research Training & Education at UAMS WPRCI

[UAMS News Release: Kelly New AD](#)

Committee Member Spotlight

Dr. Thomas J. Kelly Jr., PhD.



Dr. Thomas J. Kelly, PhD. is an associate professor of pathology in the UAMS College of Medicine Department of Pathology. He will become a full professor in July of 2021. He is the director of the graduate program in pathobiology in the UAMS Graduate School, is an advanced practice professional at Arkansas Children's Hospital and serves as a liaison to primarily undergraduate institutions with the Arkansas Idea Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence.

Kelly has now been named Associate Director for Cancer Research Training and Education at the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute.

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