

PVARF NEWS

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A Message From The Executive Director

It has been awhile since PVARF's last newsletter. We have been busy with many changes and our hope is to communicate with you on a quarterly basis. However our doors are always open.

What another exciting year for PVARF! 2016 was another year of success.

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few of our positive events with you.

- PVARF just completed our annual audit, and our revenues continue to grow. We administered over 7.5 million in direct costs in research and education programs.
- We have had a very positive year for new grants and contracts being awarded to PVARF...see in this newsletter for some highlights.
- We supported over 35 Principal Investigators to attend conferences to present their scientific results.
- We supported 10 Summer Students over the summer providing them funds that allowed college students to work in VA labs under a VA mentor.
- We sponsored 3 Visiting Scientists to visit the VA Portland Health Care System for the purpose of delivering a seminar & meeting with VA scientists to discuss research and education.
- We have introduced 3 new Foundation programs to support our investigators with communication and services.

Through our Board of Directors, our strong Researchers and dedicated staff, we are in an excellent position to continue to support our mission; enhancing the health of veterans of all generations through medical research by facilitating research and education activities conducted at the VAPORHCS.

Shelley Cobb, PVARF Executive Director



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Ideas, News, Suggestions for the PVARF Newsletter? Please email Amanda: Amanda.Kanter@va.gov. Thank you!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

OUTREACH FOR DONATIONS

You can help the Portland VA Research Foundation Earn Donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to PVARF (NPO #91903). Then, every time you shop & use your Rewards Card, you are helping PVARF earn a donation. You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, just as you do today! For more information, please visit:



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- Manager Training Program-We are offering training workshops for PVARF supervisors and managers on Tuesday May 9th. More information to follow!
- There is still time to complete your Health Insurance Survey in Paycom -Please review your Paycom notifications. Your opinion matters!
- Open Enrollment for health insurance is during the month of May 2017. This is your time to make changes to your plan. Keep an eye out for announcements.
- Thank you to project mentors and congratulations to the 11 undergraduate students selected to participate in our 2017 Summer Fellowship Program!

At PVARF we always are open for suggestions If there are specific issues that you would like to see addressed please contact either Mary Hatt @53236 or Shelley Cobb @54659.

Your feedback and input is very much appreciated.

NEW HIRES

Erin McConnell
Joy Gallagher
Katelyn West
Amanda Kanter
Stephen Boyd
Ballan Campeau
Nicole Martin

Ginnifer Mastarone
Joy Usih
Diobel Lynne Castner
Jennifer Gilbert
Jessica Tran
Patrick Helt
Francesca Moulton

Rebekah Webb
Sara Wright
Steven Helms
Ruth Leibowitz
Celia Fiordalisi
Bonnie Becker

REMINDERS & NOTICES

GRANT RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

PVARF is pleased to offer principle investigators and study coordinators online access to both the **Foundation Directory Online** and The **CenterWatch Monthly** through the National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF) website. This access also will include links to private grant foundations, and other sources of research funds for clinical trials. These resources can support VA-approved research and education. Please contact our office for login information.

PROJECT AND GRANT SUBMISSION UPDATES

PVARF has hired a new administrative employee. Amanda Kanter will be processing all new grant submissions and subawards. Her contact information is Amanda.Kanter@va.gov or x 55411. We want to provide you with timely, high-quality and coordinated research administrative services.

PI WEBSITES PROJECTS

PVARF is happy to roll out our new PI website project. Built with Wordpress, these websites will feature a standard template that spotlights the PI research teams and their work, news, publications, etc. Amanda Kanter, our new PVARF Grants Specialist, worked with our web developer to customize an approved template for the PI Websites.

If you have any questions or would like to join this project, please contact Amanda Kanter @ 55411 or Amanda.Kanter@va.gov. Thank you!

WWW.PVARF.ORG

We are excited to present the updated PVARF website in May 2017. Watch for exciting changes and updates.

NEW PROJECTS

PI Name description	Project description	Sponsor description
Barrett, Thomas	MARINER	Janssen Research & Development, LLC
Chou, Sunwen	Cytomegalovirus Susceptibility to Polymerase Inhibitors	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp
Chou, Sunwen	Phenotypic Characterization of Cytomegalovirus Mutations	Shire Human Genetic Therapies, Inc.
Denneson, Lauren	Health Coaching	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
Garzotto, Mark	PREDICT	Dendreon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Garzotto, Mark	Viventia Bio Inc.	Viventia Biotech, Inc
Garzotto, Mark	SWOG VA Integration Support	The Hope Foundation
Kopp, Ryan	GU 123	Genentech, Inc.
Lim, Miranda	Investigating a Developmental Role for Sleep Neuropathy	Collins Trust
Lim, Miranda	Mapping the Neural Circuitry of Trauma-Asso. Sleep Disturb	MRF Foundation
Luoh, Shih-Wen	Molecular Changes Associated with Breast Cancer Metastasis	DOD- Department of Defense
Pfeiffer, Christopher	Preventing Spread of CRE Among Veterans	CDC- Center for Disease Control
Saunders, Gabrielle	Interactive Technology for Hearing Aid Education/Acceptance	Healthcare Technologies and Methods, LLC

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Save the Date - Research Day - May 23: 10:00 - 11:30 AM



Julie Graff, M.D.

Medical Service and DHSM; Assistant Professor, Knight Cancer Institute. OHSU

Advances in immunotherapy for prostate cancer



Naomi Bramhall, Ph.D.

Audiology & Speech Pathology Service and NCRAR; Assistant Professor, Dept. of Otolaryngology, OHSU Institute, OHSU

Hidden hearing loss following noise exposure



Darren Malinoski, M.D.

Anesthesiology Service, OCD; Professor, Department of Surgery, OHSU

Therapeutic hypothermia in deceased organ donors improves kidney



Jennifer Loftis, Ph.D.

VA Research Scientists; Professor, Department of Psychiatry, OHSU

Alcohol intake causes persistent viral infections and altered immune responses



Eric Schnell, M.D.

Anesthesiology Service, OCD; Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, OHSU

Adult-born neurons after traumatic brain injury

Research Day for this year at the VAPORHCS will be on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, in the auditorium from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM.

We hope you and your research team can attend!