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Announcements

- Travel Awards: The Cancer Biology Education Committee unanimously approved a new travel policy providing an award not to exceed \$1,000 per student per year **with no restriction on destination**. The student's faculty mentor would cover any expense overage.
- Second year students will receive a stipend of \$20,720 beginning in 2006-07 to remain on par with Program students who benefited from the 3.6% state mandated salary increase in 2005.

Faculty

- Ken Wright attended a national meeting of Cancer Biology Program Directors in October designed to address issues ranging from funding to student recruitment to building academic standing of Cancer Biology programs. Of the 30 programs represented, Moffitt Cancer Center is one of only two centers actively supporting a degree program with funding.
- New Cancer Biology faculty members approved Fall 2005:
 - Anna R. Giuliano, Ph.D.
 - Mark Alexandrow, Ph.D.
 - Amer Beg, Ph.D.
- A PowerPoint slide highlighting the Cancer Biology Ph.D. and Postdoctoral Training Program is available to faculty for insertion into presentations. If you would like to promote these two worthwhile programs, please contact Cathy Gaffney to receive the slide.

January

Students

- First year students who have selected their mentor:
 - Shruti Desai – Wright lab
 - Danielle Yarde – Dalton lab
 - Aneliya Velkova – Monteiro lab
 - Emily Goll is rotating with the Beg lab.
 - Michelle Collazo Ruiz is rotating with the Munster lab.
- **Cindy LeBron** was the **overall winner** of the **USF Health Research Day** on February 23, 2006! Congrats!!! **Cindy** and **Adam Carie** also received “Superior Presentation” awards for Oncology abstracts.
- Other students were recognized during the **Moffitt Scientific Retreat** held on Saturday, February 25. **Scott Freeman** received second place and **Rebecca Kinkade** took third place in the Graduate Student Poster competition.
- Interviews of potential students for Fall 2006 were held on Friday, February 24, 2006. Applicants also attended the Scientific Retreat where they were introduced by Dr. Jack Pledger.

Publications

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Rodriguez JM, Glozak MA, Ma Y, Cress WD. *Bok, Bcl-2 related ovarian killer, is a direct E2F target that has a role in cell cycle.* Submitted to Journal of Biological Chemistry, Aug 2005.

Kreeger Borysova M, Guadagno T. *B-Raf Localizes to Spindle Structures During Mitosis and is Necessary for Spindle Formation in Somatic Cells.* Submitted to Journal of Cell Biology, Jan 2006.

Grants Submitted

- **Philip Wong** has applied for an American Heart Association fellowship.
- **Meghan Kreeger Borysova** has applied for a National Cancer Institute Predoctoral Fellowship.

Good Luck!

Grants Awarded

- **Cheryl Meyerkord** has received a DoD Breast Cancer Research Predoctoral Traineeship Award for her proposal, "The Role of the Rad9-Rad1-Hus1 Complex in Regulation of DNA Damage-Induced Apoptosis in Human Breast Cancer Cells". **Congratulations, Cheryl!**