



Summer 2006

USF HSC

Announcements



Cindy LeBron (far left) accepting her award for ***BEST OVERALL GRADUATE STUDENT PRESENTATION*** at USF HSC Research Day 2006

Faculty

- New Cancer Biology faculty members approved Spring 2006:
 - Esteban Celis, 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.

Students

- Fall 2006 incoming class:
 - **Brittany Doupnik** – Denison University/USF
 - **Steve Field** – UCF
 - **Nicole Fortenbery Gjertsen** – FAU
 - **Cindy Timme** – Rutgers
 - **Je-In Youn** – Pohang University, S. Korea
- First year students who have selected their mentor:
 - Emily Goll – Beg lab.
- Michelle Collazo Ruiz will rotate with the Sotomayor lab over the summer.

Publications

Wahle JA, Paraiso KHT, Costello AL, Goll EL, Sentman CL, Kerr WG. *Cutting Edge: Dominance by an MHC-Independent Inhibitory Receptor Compromises NK Killing of Complex Targets.* Journal of Immunology. In Press.

Rodriguez JM, Michele A, Glozak MA, Ma Y, Cress WD. *Bok, Bcl-2 related ovarian killer, is cell cycle regulated and sensitizes to stress induced apoptosis.* Journal of Biological Chemistry. In Press.

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Zhou H, Wang D, Baldini L, Ennis E, Jain R, **Carie A**, Sebti SM, Hamilton A. *Structure-activity studies on a library of potent calyx[4]arene-based antagonists that inhibit PDGF-stimulated PDGFR tyrosine phosphorylation.* Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry 2006. In Press.

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Grants Awarded

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- **Rebecca Kinkade** has received an American Heart Association predoctoral award for her proposal entitled "The role of Raf-1 and RB in vascular smooth muscle cell proliferation and migration." Congratulations, Becky!
- Congratulations also to **Alyson Fay** who has received funding from the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation for her proposal, "The DNA Damage Response in Breast Cancer: A Functional Analysis of the Interaction Between CHK2 and a Regulatory Subunit of Protein Phosphatase 2A."

If there are additional grant submissions or awards, please let me know!



Travel Awards

- **Jose Rodriguez** and **Danielle Yarde** attended the AACR annual meeting held April 1-5, 2006 in Washington, DC.
- **Cindy LeBron** and **Daniele Gilkes** attended the 13th annual International p53 Conference May 20-24, 2006 held on the Columbia University campus in New York, NY.
- **Alyson Fay** and **Cheryl Meyerkord** will attend "Mechanisms & Models of Cancer" at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, August 16–20, 2006.
- **Joe Wahle** will attend the First Joint Meeting of European National Societies of Immunology (16th European Congress of Immunology) in Paris, France, September 6-9, 2006.