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Announcements

- **Cindy LeBron, Ph.D.** has accepted a postdoctoral position with Dr. David Sidransky at Johns Hopkins University. Cindy also received offers from Georgetown and Yale!

Congratulations, Cindy!!!!



Dr. Cynthia LeBron and **Neha Kabra**, third year Cancer Biology student at Graduation, May 2007.

- **Jose Rodriguez** defended his dissertation thesis in June; **Jose** has been accepted into the Ponce School of Medicine in his home country of Puerto Rico. As his Major Professor, Dr. Doug Cress likes to say, Jose will be a paradox (pair of docs)!

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CONGRATULACIONES, JOSE!

Faculty

- 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 2007 incoming class:
 - **Michael Emmons** – FSU
 - **Geoff Gordon** – UF (B.S.)/USF(Masters)
 - **Lori Griner** – Wayne State (B.S. & Masters)
 - **Jackie Johnson** – Ohio State
 - **David Quiceno** – University of Antioquia,
Colombia, South America
 - **Shaan Spence** – Lincoln University
 - **Michelle Smith** – FSU
 - **Jason Dubovsky** – University of Wisconsin

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- First year students who have selected their mentor:
 - Brittany Doupnik – Jiandong Chen, Ph.D.
 - Nicole Gjertsen – William Kerr, Ph.D.
 - Cindy Timme – Timothy Yeatman, M.D.
 - Je-In Youn – Dmitry Gabrilovich, M.D., Ph.D.
- First year students currently in lab rotations:
 - Steve Field – Beg lab

Publications

Gilkes, D. M., and Chen, J. (2007). *Distinct roles of MDMX in the regulation of p53 response to ribosomal stress.* Cell Cycle 6, 151-155.

Gilkes, D. M., Chen, L., and Chen, J. (2006). *MDMX regulation of p53 response to ribosomal stress.* Embo J 25, 5614-5625.

Hu, B., **Gilkes, D. M.**, Farooqi, B., Sebti, S. M., and Chen, J. (2006). *MDMX overexpression prevents p53 activation by the MDM2 inhibitor Nutlin.* J Biol Chem 281, 33030-33035.

Rebecca Kinkade, Piyali Dasgupta, Adam Carie, Daniele Pernazza, Melanie Carless, Smitha Pillai, Nicholas Lawrence, Said Sebti, Srikumar Chellappan. *A small molecule disruptor of Rb-Raf-1 interaction inhibits cell proliferation, angiogenesis and growth of human tumor xenografts in nude mice.* Submitted and in review – Science.

Grants Submitted

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



Travel Awards

- **Nick Woods** attended the Keystone Symposium, “Molecular Targets for Cancer” in Whistler, Canada on March 18-23, 2007.
- **Joe Wahle** traveled to Cambridge, England to attend the 10th Meeting of the Society for Natural Immunity, NK Workshop 2007 on April 10-14, 2007.
- **Becky Kinkade, Adam Carie, Dr. Alvaro Monteiro and Dr. Doug Cress** attended the AACR annual meeting held April 14-19, 2007 in Los Angeles, California.
- **Amy Hazen** traveled to Cairns, Australia for the 5th ISSCR Annual Meeting held June 17–20, 2007.

✦ *A new form, Travel Award Request Form, can be found on the Cancer Biology website by clicking on “Students”, then the link “Information and forms for current students click here”. This will enable the program to better track the numerous meetings students attend throughout the year.*