

Pearl Moore Receives Distinguished Alumni Award



Pearl Moore, RN, MN, FAAN, received a University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award. Moore was acknowledged for her extraordinary professional career as a national and international leader in oncology nursing and for her many contributions through clinical practice and research. Recognizing the need for an organization dedicated to oncology nursing, Moore was a founding member of the Oncology Nursing Society and, as its chief executive officer, helped raise millions of dollars for scholarship and research. In addition, Moore is involved in professional and community organizations that underscore her commitment to making a difference in health care.

The 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented formally on May 3, 2008, in Pittsburgh, PA, during the annual Alumni Day luncheon, where Moore gave an informal presentation highlighting her professional career.

According to the Web site for the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, "Nominees for the Distinguished Alumni Award must be a University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing program graduate and are considered on the basis of leadership, achievement and contribution in areas similar to the following: academia, administration, clinical practice, research, and service (professional and community)."

For more information, visit www.nursing.pitt.edu/index.jsp.

ONS Members Recognized for Their Roles As Nurse Navigators

ONS members Susan J. Stafford, RN, OCN®, and Donna Moore, RN, CMSRN, were highlighted in a recent article in the *Richmond-Times Dispatch* about nurse navigator programs. Stafford and Moore talk about their roles in helping patients diagnosed with cancer find their way through the healthcare system and setting nurse navigator standards. To view the full story, visit www.inrich.com.

Commission on Cancer Offers Two-Day Forum on Legislation and Advocacy in the United States

The Commission on Cancer will be holding a two-day forum from July 14–15, 2008, in Baltimore, MD, on legislative and regulatory issues that will affect the future of cancer patient care. Participants will join national leaders and advocacy experts to find out how they can contribute to the dialogue and influence the outcome of major policy issues. The program aims to raise awareness of legislative and regulatory initiatives taking place in Washington, DC, and around the country that will affect how healthcare professionals care and advocate for patients with cancer. Topics for discussion will include: What new directions are national agencies such as the National Cancer Institute, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Disease Control and Protection, and others taking to improve cancer patient care? How can the healthcare environment be changed to improve quality and eliminate disparities in care? How are leading advocacy organizations having an impact on national policy? Where do the 2008 presidential candidates stand when it comes to the future of cancer care policy?

The Commission on Cancer is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for patients with cancer through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care.

For more information and to register online, visit www.facs.org/cancer/coc/comingtogether2008.html.

Prevent Cancer Foundation Awards \$720,000 in Research Grants

The Prevent Cancer Foundation awarded its latest round of research grants and fellowships. The nine successful projects were selected from a pool of 77 applications nationwide. Each proposal passed rigorous examination by the foundation's Scientific Review Panel before being approved for funding and included topics such as tumor variability among African American patients with breast cancer and biomarkers for the early detection of liver cancer.

Fellowships were awarded to Laura Fejerman, PhD, at the University of California, San Francisco, and Joelle Hillion, PhD, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Grants were awarded to Olga Gorlova, PhD, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX; Courtney Gray-McGuire, PhD, at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH; Zhenhua Liu, PhD, at Tufts University in Bedford, MA; Giovanni Pitari, MD, PhD, at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA; Habtom Ressom, PhD, at Georgetown University in Washington, DC; Daniel Rodriguez, PhD, at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; and Xiaofeng Zhou, PhD, at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

"I am delighted that our organization has chosen to support the research of these highly qualified scientists. Our hope is that our grants and fellowships will open the doors to additional innovative studies and to deeper understanding of cancer prevention and early detection," said Carolyn Aldigé, president and founder of the Prevent Cancer Foundation.

Since 1985, the Prevent Cancer Foundation has awarded peer-reviewed grants to more than 300 early-career scientists from more than 150 of the leading academic medical centers nationwide. Those selected for grants and fellowships will receive \$40,000 a year for two years. The deadline for submitting proposals is September 14, 2008.

For more information, visit www.preventcancer.org.

Cherokee Uniforms Calls for Inspired Comfort Award Nominations



Nominations are being accepted from March 1–May 31, 2008, for this year's Cherokee Inspired Comfort awards.

The program provides a meaningful way for peers, friends, and colleagues to acknowledge healthcare professionals for their significant contributions to patients and medical care.

"The nominations that we have received throughout the years are a true testament to the immense dedication that healthcare

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