

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

Interim Director of Cancer Prevention Program Named

Celette Sugg Skinner, PhD, has been appointed interim director of the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center's Prevention, Detection, and Control Research Program. Skinner is a behavioral scientist who joined the Cancer Prevention, Detection, and Control Research Program in 1998. She received a master in communications research from the Wheaton Graduate School in 1982 and a doctorate in health behavior and education from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health in 1991. Dr. Skinner specializes in developing and evaluating individually tailored cancer communications. Her intervention research has targeted early detection of cancer among minority populations and facilitating decision-making about screening, genetic counseling, and genetic testing for individuals at elevated risk for developing breast, ovarian, and colon cancer.



Yan Receives 2005 Peter A. Steck Memorial Award

Hai Yan, MD, PhD, assistant professor in the Duke University School of Medicine Department of Pathology and principle investigator of the molecular oncogenomic lab at the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center, has received the 2005 Peter A. Steck Memorial Award sponsored by The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

The award recognizes scientific excellence by a young investigator in the field of neuro-oncology. Yan was the one recipient chosen from investigators nationwide this year. He was awarded for his research in characterizing the molecular genetic basis of medulloblastoma, which has led to the identification of a critical neuro-developmental gene involved in tumor progression.



The award has been given yearly to honor the late Peter A. Steck, PhD, who discovered the MMAC1/PTEN gene in 1997, and to support young neuro-oncology researchers.

Febbo Receives Damon Runyon Foundation Grant

Phillip Febbo, MD, assistant professor in the Duke Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy and Department of Medicine, has received a Clinical Investigator Award from the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation.

The grant provides \$750,000 over five years to support Febbo's work on resistance to chemotherapy in metastatic cancer with a specific focus on prostate cancer. Joe Nevins, PhD, and H. Kim Lyster, MD, are Febbo's mentors for this award.

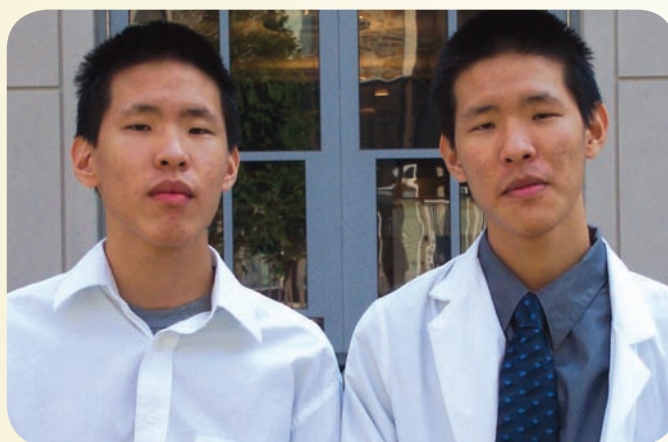


The Damon Runyon-Lilly Clinical Investigator Award provides support for the development and training of young physicians conducting patient-oriented research.

TWINS SHARE DREAM OF STUDYING MEDICINE, CURING CANCER

Each morning this summer, Waynekid and Wayneho Kam commuted together from Cary, N.C., to the Duke University Medical Center to spend their day studying the biological composition of the body and investigating possible treatments for cancer. They donned their lab coats and headed to their respective laboratories in Independence Park and in Duke's Morris Cancer Clinic. Waynekid and Wayneho Kam are 16 years old and identical twins. They were among 14 North Carolina high school students chosen to participate in a six-week internship program, Summer on the Edge, sponsored by the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Each year, high school students from across North Carolina compete among more than 100 others to win the opportunity to work side by side with accomplished biomedical research scientists at Duke. The interns work in labs and also go on rounds with Duke physicians and attend lectures given by Duke faculty members.



The Summer on the Edge program has been fostering excitement of biomedical science in students like Waynekid and Wayneho since 1989.

Rising juniors at Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School, Waynekid and Wayneho applied to the Duke program after being encouraged by their medical science teacher. At Southeast, the brothers are both ranked number one in their class. They have the exact same grades and grade point average.

"I was interested in Summer on the Edge because it offers more than textbooks can. It is real world experience," Waynekid said. "In high

school, we do experiments for fun and we already know the outcome. At Duke, we don't know what will happen. You get frustrated, but you have to keep working. If successful, our research could save people's lives."

"I've seen what cancer can do," said Wayneho. "My fourth grade teacher had cancer. My Algebra II teacher had cancer, too, and she survived. I hope to help find a cure. Through this experience, I see now that I can definitely make a difference for people with cancer."

Wayneho worked with Lawrence Marks, MD, professor of radiation oncology, and Robert Prosnitz, MD, an associate in Department of Radiation Oncology.

Waynekid worked in Zhen Yan's lab on research which seeks to understand human molecular changes during exercise. Yan is an assistant research professor of cardiology.

The twins plan to pursue an education and careers in the medical field and would like to attend Duke or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. *