

Newsletter

Join us for the 2nd annual Fight Melanoma Golf Tournament!



Recognizing Excellence



Dr. Clara Curiel, co-director of the Skin Cancer Institute, was awarded the "Most Impactful Research for Clinical Science" on September 4th.

To win this award, you must be nominated by a fellow peer who works with you and is grateful for your work.

Dr. Curiel has been researching new ways to treat and prevent skin cancer for much of her career.

We're so happy she is being recognized for her hard work in preventing, treating, and ultimately curing skin cancer.

Congratulation Dr. Curiel!

Join us for a day of fun and fundraising to help us continue our mission to prevent and cure skin cancer! Skin cancer is a serious health epidemic, and rates are still rising. Most skin cancer can be avoided through sun safety, and most complications from skin cancer can be avoided through early detection. The vision of the SCI is to reduce skin cancer incidence through increasing public awareness of sun safety and skin cancer detection.

The 2nd annual Fight Melanoma Golf Tournament on November 9th at Sewailo Golf Course in Tucson, will raise funds to help us continue our efforts in skin cancer research, prevention, education, patient support, and community outreach. You can register for a 1-hour beginner group golf lesson from 11am-12pm instead of the tournament if you prefer. After golf, there will be a luncheon with presentations, raffle prizes, a poster session, and lots of fun and games. **Visit fightmelanomatoday.org for more information.**



SCI Receives National Award

The SCI has done a lot of important work in the community, and the Prevent Cancer Foundation recognized our achievements during their 31st Annual Action for Cancer Awareness Awards Luncheon on September 19th with an "Excellence in Cancer Awareness" award.

The Excellence in Cancer Awareness Award honors athletes, corporate leaders, and other citizens who demonstrate an indisputable commitment to cancer prevention through education, outreach and awareness. The SCI was recognized for its commitment to increasing sun safety awareness and skin cancer prevention among Arizona youth through classes led by trained community volunteers. Project SASS (Students Are Sun Safe) has been teaching youth about the dangers of too much sun for over a decade, and thanks to a recent grant from the Prevent Cancer Foundation, we have expanded our reach into the community with the Ambassadors for Skin Cancer Prevention program.



Dylan Miller, Program Coordinator for the SCI, accepting the award from Rep. Ruben Gallego's wife, Sydney Gallego

SEED GRANT NEWS

SCI seed grants are designed to help researchers test novel ideas for prevention, detection and/or treatment of melanoma and other skin cancers. They help new ideas grow into larger proposals that can be competitive for national funding, which is exactly what happened with Dr. Mark Nelson's research. He received our award in 2023 for his work in "Molecular Detection of Indeterminate Melanocytic Lesions" and has gone on to use his findings from that research to apply for larger grants. His research, partially funded by the SCI seed grant, led to successfully developing a new test to more accurately diagnose ambiguous melanoma cases. Congratulations on this ground-breaking research Dr. Nelson and team! We are excited to see what this year's seed grant awardees will achieve.

MEET THE 2024 SEED GRANT RECIPIENTS



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