



Newsletter

**MISSION:
PREVENT AND
CURE SKIN
CANCER**

SCI DURING COVID-19

During this time of social distancing, the Skin Cancer Institute (SCI) had to change how we think about continuing our mission to prevent and cure skin cancer.

Here are some of the things we've been doing to stay active in the community:

- Our SASS students developed online resources to be disseminated to other departments and on social media.



- We continue to educate at events via Zoom, as well as attend webinars to further our virtual presence.
- Within the dermatology clinics, we are reducing time in the waiting room, providing masks to both patients and staff, screening for signs of illness at the door, and offering tele-dermatology to those who prefer this option.



Due to the challenges of COVID-19, we had to cancel this year's spring Skin cancer Prevention Friends (SPF) Luncheon. We wanted to do something in its place, so on May 1st, to kick off Skin Cancer Awareness Month, we hosted a Virtual Tea. The SCI's Co-Directors, Dr. Robin Harris and Dr. Clara Curiel gave an overview of what the SCI has been doing to maintain momentum in this time of social distancing. Our guest speaker, Dr. Kelly Nelson from MD Anderson in Houston, Texas spoke about Project ECHO, a tele-medicine program. Over 50 people attended the SPF Virtual Tea, and the feedback has been very positive. We hope to return to an in-person event next year. We miss our friends and supporters!

LOOKING BACK

Almost every semester, the SCI mentors one or more undergraduate interns from the College of Public Health. These students gain practical hands on experience in health education and promotion as well as event management. They help with Project SASS and community events such as our annual Melanoma Walk. They add so much to what we are able to do! To date, the SCI has mentored over 35 of these students. Many have gone on to become nurses, doctors, pharmacists, teachers, and public health professionals. Thanks to all our our wonderful interns over the years!



Thank you to Uvida for your amazing generosity!

In May, we received a huge donation of sun safe clothing from a company started by one of Tucson's valued dermatologists, Dr. Michael Huether. We will put much of it to good use at the SCI, and will donate the rest to local charities in need.

SAVE THE DATE

With concerns about COVID-19 still looming, we will NOT be hosting our traditional Melanoma Walk in November. We will instead opt for a more virtual format.

The event will still be held in the fall, so be on the look out for more information from us soon!

Welcome to our newest member

KATHLEEN MOLINAR



Kathleen received her Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration from Grand Canyon University in 2017. She received her Master's degree in Human Resource Management

and Organizational Leadership from Colorado State University – Global in 2019. Kathleen has experience working directly with skin cancer patients and brings a great deal of organizational and people skills that will positively impact projects. Her diverse perspective and unique ability to focus on the bigger picture through leadership is essential.