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**Fwd: November Ray of Hope: News from VCU Massey Cancer**

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## Researcher pursues social justice through a career in science

As part of Global Diversity Awareness Month, Massey researcher Katherine Y. Tossas, Ph.D., shares her perspective on a career in science, the importance of diversity in health care and how public health can dismantle social inequities.

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## Unique palliative care study wins international arts award

In 2019, 12 patients in the Supportive Care Clinic at VCU Massey Cancer Center stepped into a conference room, donned motion sensors and engaged in a facilitated life review, acting out parts of their lives through a virtual avatar displayed on a projection screen. The unique collaboration between researchers at VCUarts and Massey's Palliative Care program has been recognized with a tie for first place in the second annual Hamilton International Arts in Health Awards from the National Organization for Arts in Health.

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## Massey and Riverside Health System expand access to cancer clinical trials

Cancer patients living in coastal Virginia have greater access to cutting-edge clinical trials since Riverside Health System has joined Massey's Clinical Research Affiliate Network in October. The collaboration will bring National Cancer Institute-sponsored clinical trials testing promising new cancer treatments to seven Riverside locations: Peninsula Cancer Institute locations in Newport News, Williamsburg and Gloucester; Cancer Specialists of Tidewater locations in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Suffolk; and Riverside Shore Cancer Center in Onancock.

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## Clinical trials offer promising new cervical cancer treatment options

Cervical cancer is the most common cancer in women globally. Finding effective therapies requires clinical trials, which can offer new options when other treatments have failed. Massey physician-scientist Leslie Randall, M.D., discusses cervical cancer treatment, advances and clinical trials underway at Massey.

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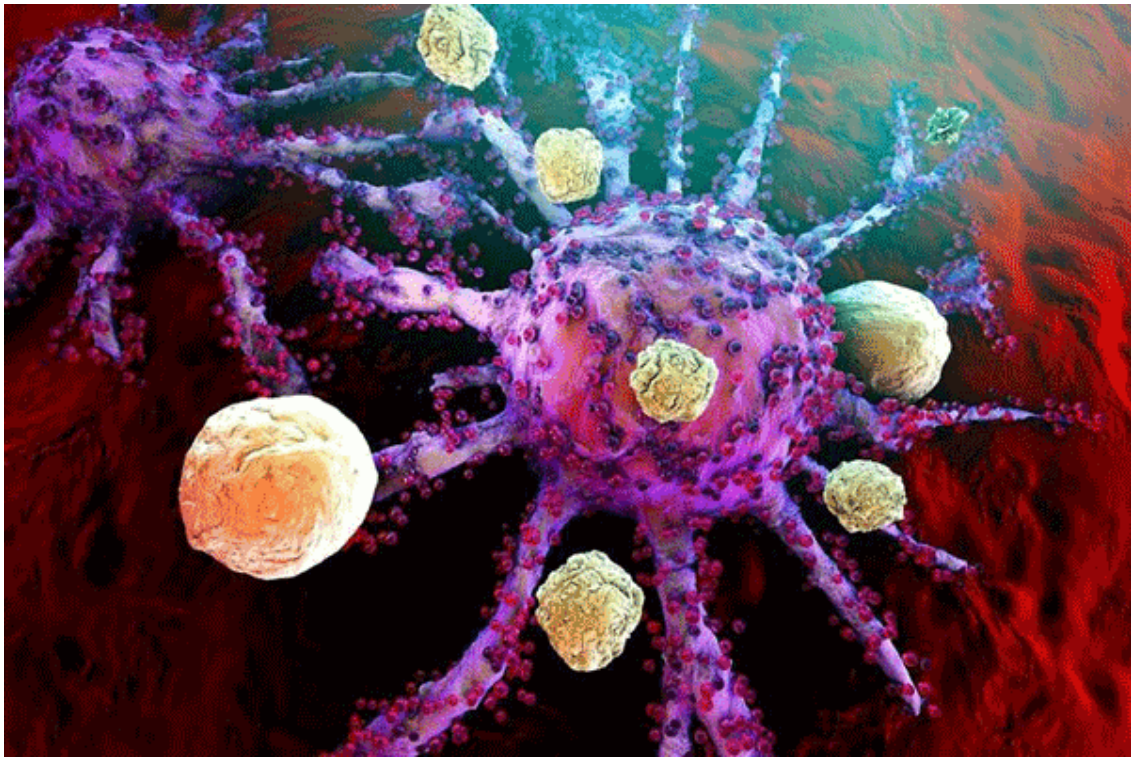
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## 25 for 25 campaign raises awareness and funds to support health equity

For 25 days in October, Massey's education and fundraising campaign helped raise awareness about cancer health disparities in the Richmond, Virginia, community and Massey's initiatives to address these disparities. The 25 for 25: Health, Equity & Justice campaign, presented by Apex Systems Inc., held enlightening conversations on social media and shared fact-filled daily emails with registrants and donors; the emails have been compiled into a **25 for 25 Health Equity and Justice Resource Guide**. A special thank you to fact sponsors Buckingham Greenery, FASTSIGNS and Owens & Minor, who made this possible. Health equity efforts continue at Massey's Office of Cancer Health Equity and Disparities Research.

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## Immuno-oncology program gets a boost

Thanks to philanthropic leadership, Massey's immunotherapy research program has received more than \$6.6 million going to immuno-oncology efforts. The funds will support research, clinical trials and recruitment and retention of talented physician-scientists working to advance treatment options.

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## Community-engaged cancer centers could change the future of care

Robert Winn, M.D., director of VCU Massey Cancer Center, has been working hard to broaden access to cancer care through a community-engaged cancer center approach. He is committed to reducing cancer disparities and seeks to harness the power of the community to refine the questions posed by research studies.

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