

May
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SCAN ME



THE LAUGH LAB

*I donated blood today.
Never again. Too many
questions.*

*Who's blood is it? Where
did it come from? Why is
it in a bucket?*

*Did you hear the one
about the germ?*

*Never mind; I don't want
to spread it around.*

YOUR PATH REPORT

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While we celebrate Mother's Day this month, we pause to recognize the mothers, caregivers, and all who nurture and support others—in our homes, our labs, and across our department.

To me, family also includes my work family that spans our clinical, education, and research teams. A supportive family—at home and at work—provides the encouragement, flexibility, and understanding that allow each of us to do our best work and to effectively care for others. Whether caring for patients, mentoring trainees, advancing discovery, or supporting one another through busy and demanding days, our shared purpose and collaboration sustain us.

Thank you to everyone who helps foster this culture of connection. And Happy Mother's Day!!

- Diana Cardona, MD, MBA

FOR YOUR AWARENESS

- Ardmore West SB1 Staff Elevator Lobby Renovation, May 1-4. More information [here](#).
- Blood Bank and Critical Care/Blood Gas moved into Janeway Tower.
- 403(b) Retirement Savings Plan Blackout ([Transamerica](#)): April 23-Week of May 11
- ACL State of the Lab Town Hall [FAQs](#)
- Culture of Safety & Work Environment (COSWE) [Survey](#)
- If anyone has a laptop/workstation that hasn't been migrated to the new domain, in a location IT has already passed through i.e. Watlington, Hanes, Gray, NRC, South, Clarkson, they can contact pathtechahwfb@wfusm.edu for advisement.

INTERESTING OPPORTUNITIES

• Monthly Grand Rounds:

May 6: Dr. Barbara Sampson, MD PhD presents “Using the Molecular Autopsy to Understand Sudden Cardiac Death”

- May 9th: [Volunteers Needed](#): SummerLark Benefit Concert. As a thank you, volunteers receive: A free general admission ticket and a SummerLark volunteer t shirt (provided at check in)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4: 2026 Pathology Culture Commitment Ceremony in Commons 1-2:30pm
- May 7: [Live Meditation with Headspace: Navigating Burnout](#)
- May 7: Best Place to Care; Charlotte Top Golf; Register here: [Greater Charlotte](#)
- May 9: [Register for Heart Transplant Run 5K](#), Greater Charlotte
- May 19: Speed Mentoring Pop-Up: Teaching on the Fly: Simple Wins for Busy Preceptors
11:30AM – 1:00PM, Ardmore Cafeteria
- June 11: Roots to Routes 5k: [Growing and Belonging](#)



Wake Forest University
School of Medicine



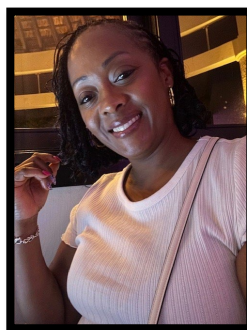
Atrium Health



ADVOCATE HEALTH

FACULTY AND LABORATORY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Michael Gautreaux, MD and Elaine O'Shields** from the HLA/Immunogenetics Laboratory were both teaching faculty at the Histocompatibility Courses (Basic and Specialists) in New Orleans, LA. **Tushita Jain** from the HLA lab won a travel award in order to attend the Basic Course!
- **Valerie Jordan Banks** celebrated her two-year anniversary with the company on April 17. She began her career in 2000 as a Phlebotomist at Lexington Medical Center, advanced to a Medical Laboratory Technician role in 2007, and earned her Clinical Laboratory Scientist degree in 2019. Valerie has served as a phlebotomist, bench technician generalist, and Point of Care Coordinator, and currently works as the Supervisor at Davie Medical Center. Congratulations to Valerie on this great milestone!
- **Jerri McLemore, MD** – The Autopsy Team enjoying some wings during Wellness/Birthday lunch.
- **Michael Ann Priddy-Arrington's** [article](#), *"An Unusual Presentation of Nonpseudomonal Ecthyma Gangrenosum of the Oral Cavity from Oropharyngeal Bacterial Species in an Immunosuppressed Patient: A Case Report"* with **Patrick Lantz, MD** and **Jerri McLemore, MD** as co-authors was accepted for publication in the American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology.
- **Susan Appt, DVM** – "For All Day" celebration on April 2nd "Fun Facts & Shared Snacks"



Remembering Jane Carolyn Propst



October 19, 1950 – April 11, 2026

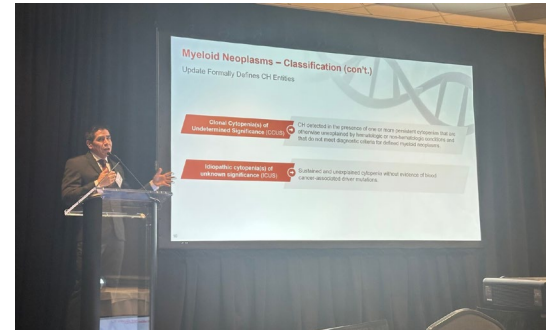
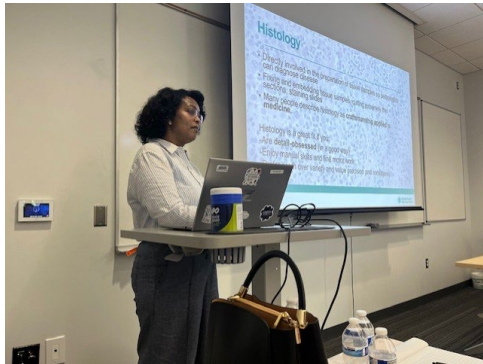
Jane was born on October 19, 1950, in Hickory, North Carolina, and resided in Clemmons, North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Osborne and Charlotte Propst of Hickory, North Carolina.

Jane was a graduate of Hickory High School in Hickory, North Carolina. She then attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio followed by the Medical Technology Program at North Carolina Baptist Hospital/Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Up until her retirement in 2015, Jane worked at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in the chemistry STAT lab and Clinical Hematology. Jane generously shared her knowledge of the labs with countless new students and new hospital employees. Through her years working at the hospital, Jane made many work friends. These friends became like family through the years, supporting each other through the good times and the hard times.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 11am at Frank Vogler & Sons Funeral Home in Clemmons

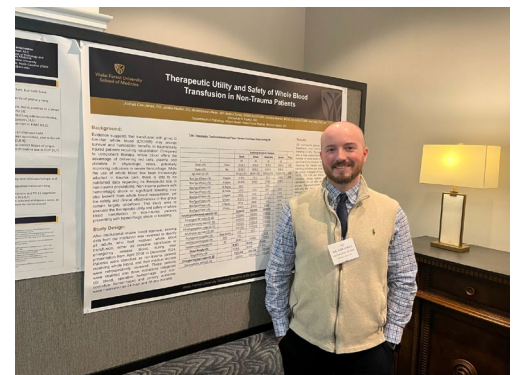
Full Obituary available [here](#).

- As part of The Greatest American Cleanup, a national effort to beautify our communities, Atrium teammates came together to clean up Lockland Park. **Diana Cardona, MD and her family, Mark Giffen, DO and Susan Appt, DVM** volunteered their time to help care for the community
- Giovanni Insuasti, MD** speaking at 2026 NC Society of Pathologists Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC.
- Hamma Mulat, Valerie Jordan-Banks, Kristen Hall** went to Winston Salem State University to share Laboratory and AHWFB organization knowledge to the Clinical Laboratory Science students.



WHAT OUR RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS ARE UP TO

- Kimberly Woodward, MD** worked with Recreation Therapy's Animal Assisted Therapy program to provide a time to "paws and connect" for her teammates! Smiles and laughter were great! Animal Assisted Therapy Dog - "Jeepers" is a Portuguese water dog sporting her lion cut!
- Joshua Cox-Jones, DO, MBA** – presented a poster at 2026 NC Society of Pathologists Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC.
- Courtney S Moore, DVM and Clemer Abad, DVM, MS**, Comparative Medicine Postdoctoral Fellows and Molecular Medicine and Translational Sciences PhD candidates, have had abstracts accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicologic Pathology in San Diego, CA, Jun 21-24.
 - Dr. Moore will present "Analyzing the Genetic Basis and Transcriptional Features of Sarcomas in Irradiated Rhesus Macaques" and has also received a Student Travel Award.
 - Dr. Abad will present "Brain Pathology in Irradiated Non-Human Primates: Vascular Injury is Radiation Dose Dependent"
- Congratulations to **Annie Devorak** and **Courtney Moore** for passing phase I of the ACVP exam. This is a stellar achievement which required many hours of study and is a necessary one for the taking of phase II which they will do in August of 2027.



LAB WEEK 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



“ANDY’S LAB” DIORAMA CONTEST



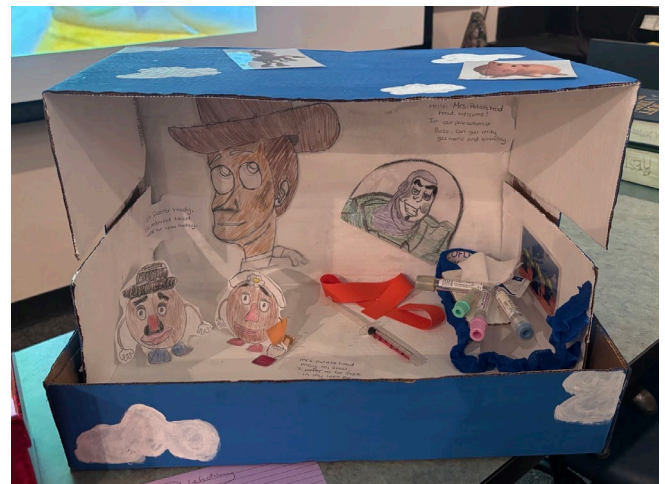
1st Place - Molecular



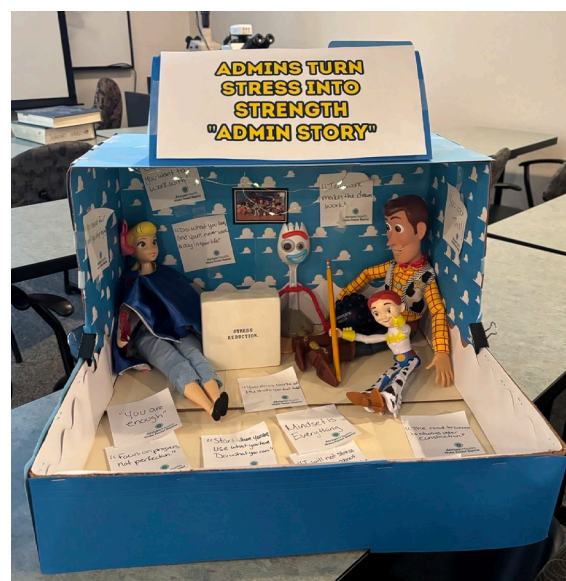
2nd Place – OR Path Lab



Digital Pathology



Inpatient Phlebotomy



Pathology Admins