

ACCC Welcomes Its Newest Members

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A Reminder from ACCC's Bylaws Committee

Dec. 1 is the deadline for submission of any proposed amendments to the ACCC Bylaws. Recommendations should be sent to bspruill@accc-cancer.org. ACCC's Bylaws are available online at accc-cancer.org/bylaws.

It's a Wrap! The 37th [Virtual] National Oncology Conference

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit full force in the spring, ACCC adapted its conference format to meet the needs of its members, while prioritizing the safety of its staff and speakers. This led the Association to launch its first fully virtual National Oncology Conference that took place Sept. 14-18. With the new format, ACCC members across the nation tuned in from anywhere and everywhere to learn how to lead through adversity and how adversity actually spurs innovation as the oncology and greater healthcare community develop solutions to meet these challenging times.

The conference opened with a keynote address on building resiliency among staff to drive positive change. Greg Hiebert, leadership educator, coach, and consultant at leadership Forward, shared with viewers that building resiliency is a journey shaped by our own circumstances. "We don't see things as they are; we see them as we are," said Hiebert. "Everything we see is filtered through our experience of gender, race, class, and other factors." As individuals move from the Fear Zone into the Learning Zone, they can emerge from a challenge with leadership strategies that will enable them to rise above their self-interests and take into account the needs of the entire community within what he calls the Contribution Zone. This inspiring talk set the stage for the 2020 ACCC Innovator Award Winner presentations.

Four of the eight 2020 ACCC Innovator presentations were released on demand on Sept. 15; the other four were released on-demand on Sept. 16. National Oncology Conference attendees viewed the innovator presentations on their own time and reconvened on Sept. 18 for a live Q&A to learn how each innovator received buy-in from key physician and administrator leaders, as well as the role this champion played in the development and implementation of the innovation.

The ACCC [Virtual] National Oncology Conference closed with a frank conversation between ACCC President-Elect Krista Nelson, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C, BCD, and ACCC Board of Trustees Member Nadine J. Barrett, PhD, MA, MS, about their experiences as a woman and a woman of color in oncology and how these affected their leadership opportunities in their given careers. Both women shared with viewers how blatant sexism and calculated microaggressions played a role in attempting to keep them from reaching their full potential in achieving and fulfilling a leadership role. At the conclusion of this thought-provoking discussion, they introduced the closing keynote on the LIVESTRONG Cancer Institutes' Summer Healthcare Experience (SHE). The SHE program invites juniors and seniors attending Title I high schools who identify as female to participate in a two-week-long immersion program that introduces them to cancer biology, research, and care and promotes the importance of mentorship to these young women. "The lack of women department chairs and deans results in a lack of mentorship and leadership opportunities for female students," said Nick Smith-Stanley, MBA. "SHE strives to provide these opportunities to young women who would not otherwise have them." To learn more about this innovative program, listen to Cancer Buzz Episode 20 (accc-cancer.org/podcast-episode-20) where Kristen E. Wynn, senior administrative program coordinator, Livestrong Cancer Institutes, and Ximena Cruz and Korena Martinez, two SHE participants, share their insights and experiences.

If you missed this innovative and exciting meeting, sessions are available on demand for continuing education credit. Learn more and register today at courses.accc-cancer.org/p/ACCCNOC.

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ACCCeXchange now has a new look! While things may feel a little different, we are pleased to continue to offer a virtual community for ACCC members to share knowledge, address tough questions, and get real-time feedback and solutions from colleagues. When logged in, navigate to "Groups" in the top right-hand corner of the page, then click on ACCCeXchange to share a post or ask a question.



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