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NOTABLE GIFTS AND GRANTS

The Albert Einstein Cancer Center gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following individuals and organizations whose support is critical to advancing its mission.

Einstein Overseer **Linda Altman** and her husband, **Earle Altman**, have made a commitment of \$1,250,000 to support the laboratory of Steven Libutti, M.D., professor in the departments of surgery and of genetics and associate director for clinical services at the AECC. Dr. Libutti is studying how substances produced by tumors encourage angiogenesis (blood vessel growth)—which allows tumors to thrive and spread—and how it can be blocked.

Einstein Overseer **Arthur Hershaft** and his wife, **Janet Hershaft**, have pledged

\$500,000 to establish an shRNA functional genomics facility at Einstein. ShRNA stands for “small hairpin RNA,” a sequence of RNA that makes a tight hairpin turn that can be used to turn off the expression of specific genes. The new facility will enable Einstein researchers to identify the genes responsible for cancer and other potentially life-threatening diseases.

Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation for Cancer Research has donated \$225,000 to support the research of Ulrich Steidl, M.D., Ph.D., the Diane and Arthur B.

Belfer Faculty Scholar in Cancer Research, on acute myeloid leukemia, with a particular focus on leukemia stem cells. (See page 3.)

The Kimmel Foundation for Cancer Research has awarded a \$200,000 Kimmel Scholar Award to Matthew Gamble, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmacology. Dr. Gamble is one of 15 young U.S. scientists selected this year by the prestigious Kimmel Scholar Program. He is studying two families of proteins that interact abnormally in cancer—research that may lead to more targeted drug treatments.

EVENTS

Einstein’s Cancer Research Advisory Board hosts events during the year that bring together people interested in supporting the work of the Albert Einstein Cancer Center with distinguished Einstein faculty members who share the latest developments in cancer research.

Friends and supporters of the Albert Einstein Cancer Center attended a cocktail reception hosted by **Zina and Andy Klang** on June 17 at the Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor, NY.

Following introductory remarks by Allen M. Spiegel, M.D., Einstein’s Marilyn and Stanley M. Katz Dean, Dr. I. David Goldman, the AECC director and Susan Resnick Fisher Professor, gave an overview of new center initiatives. John S. Condeelis, Ph.D., codirector of Einstein’s Gruss Lipper Biophotonics Center and the Judith and Burton P. Resnick Chair in Translational



From left: Dean Allen M. Spiegel, M.D., Andy Klang, Zina Klang, Marilyn Katz, I. David Goldman, M.D., and John S. Condeelis, Ph.D.

Research, then discussed his pioneering research into the problem of tumor cell invasion and metastasis. His presentation was followed by a thoughtful question-and-answer session.

“It was inspiring to hear about the progress Dr. Condeelis and his colleagues are making in gaining new insights into how cancer spreads,” said Ms. Klang.

“There is exciting research going on at our cancer center. It’s so important for us to spread the word about the advances being made in AECC laboratories,” said Einstein Overseer Marilyn Katz, chair of the Cancer Research Advisory Board. “We are extremely grateful to Zina and Andy for making tonight’s enlightening and informative program possible.”

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