



14TH ANNUAL
TAILGATING AGAINST CANCER
GOLF TOURNAMENT

EGWANI FARMS GOLF COURSE

Friday, May 16th

RECEPTION-BLUE TICK TAVERN

Thursday, May 15th



In 2011, Stephen York Coleman, lost his courageous three year battle against brain cancer. He was only 37 years old. Tailgating Against Cancer finds inspiration in supporting other cancer patients, their families and physicians who take on the battle against cancer. We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds for a fellowship in medical oncology at The University of Tennessee Medical Center and the UT Graduate School of Medicine. Stephen fought his illness with perseverance, courage, determination, and dignity. His legacy will continue as the family raises funds in his memory.



Our hearts are deeply touched by the support and love that we continue to receive from family, friends, sponsors, and donors.

With your amazing help, the 2024 donation to the Stephen Y. Coleman Fellowship in Medical Oncology at the University of Tennessee was \$75,000. Dr. Jared Reed and Dr. Warner Thomas joined previously named fellows Dr. James Davidson, Dr. Heidi Worth, Dr. Omar Alsharif and Dr. Lindsay Rumberger Rivera. These are truly amazing, dedicated physicians! Your unwavering generosity has made this possible.

God is Good!!

\$1,000,000

\$900,000

\$800,000

\$700,000

\$600,000

\$500,000

**SYC Fellowship Goal Met
We Rang the Bell!!**

\$400,000

\$300,000

\$200,000

\$100,000





DR. JARED REED

Dr. Reed is a native of Morristown, Tennessee, where he graduated from Morristown-Hamblen High School West. He went on to complete his undergraduate degree in biochemistry and Spanish at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee. He earned his medical degree from East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine in Johnson City, Tennessee. He completed his internal medicine residency at Marshall University, Joan C Edwards School of Medicine in Huntington, West Virginia, where he also served as a chief resident during his third year. He then returned to Tennessee in 2024 to begin his fellowship in hematology and oncology at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. He is married to his wife Emily, and in his free time he enjoys exercising, reading, fishing, and playing the guitar.



DR. WARNER THOMAS

Dr. Thomas is a current first year Hematology/Oncology fellow at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. He was born and raised in Jackson, TN. He completed his BS at the University of Tennessee at Martin in cell and molecular biology graduating with honors. He then moved to Memphis, TN to complete his MS in pharmacology and his MD at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Dr. Thomas moved to Knoxville in 2019 while completing his clinical rotations for medical school. He enjoyed Knoxville so much that he stayed to complete his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. His current research interest involves early identification of side effects attributed to immunotherapy in hospitalized patients. He is married to his wife (Ashley) and they have one daughter (Charlotte).





DR. JAMES DAVIDSON

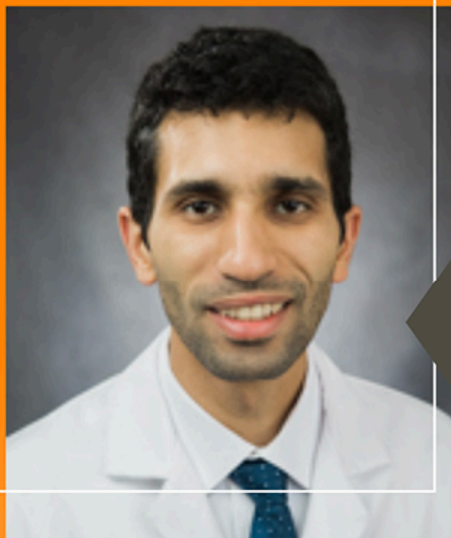
Dr. Davidson an inaugural Hematology and Oncology Fellow at the University of Tennessee Medical Center and Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville, TN. Originally from Jackson, TN, where he played football for Jackson Central-Merry, James eventually moved to Birmingham to attend Samford University, earning his BS in Biology. After a brief stint working in pathology, Dr. Davidson went on to earn his medical degree from the University of South Alabama, College of Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine training at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta University Medical Center, and most recently accepted the Hematology and Oncology fellowship here at UT Medical Center. Through his rotations, Dr. Davidson has found a special interest in Solid Tumor Oncology as well as Benign Hematology and plans to explore these areas further. He is currently partnered with Dr. Tim Panella and Survivor Fitness to study health impact benefits in cancer survivorship. He is married to his wife Kelsey and has two children: Merritt and Lang.



DR. HEIDI WORTH

Dr. Worth is an inaugural Hematology and Oncology Fellow at the University of Tennessee Medical Center and Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville, TN. A native of Jacksonville, FL, that is where she studied and earned a degree in Biology. After earning her medical degree from the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine, Dr. Worth chose Knoxville to complete her Internal Medicine residency. Following her residency, Dr. Worth went on to be a Hematology/Oncology hospitalist at the Medical College of Wisconsin where she also served as faculty. After completing a bone marrow transplant rotation at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and through her time at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Dr. Worth developed an interest in bone marrow transplant and cellular therapy. She has plans to become a transplanter in the future. Dr. Worth is currently working on two prospective research projects, one involving breast cancer and another evaluating ways to improve the efficacy of immune checkpoint inhibitors.





DR. OMAR ALSHARIF

Dr. Alsharif is a first year Hematology and Oncology Fellow at the University of Tennessee Medical Center and Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville, TN. He is originally from Knoxville and attended Knoxville public schools graduating from Bearden High School in 2009. He went on to attend University of Tennessee Knoxville where he graduated from the Chancellors Honors Program with a degree in BCMB. Thereafter, he worked in cancer research at St Jude Children's Research hospital. He graduated medical school from UTHSC Memphis and then returned to Knoxville for Internal Medicine residency. He spent two years as a hospitalist at UTMCK before joining fellowship. He has an interest in solid tumor as well as benign and malignant hematology. He is currently working on a study investigating DCIS with Dr. Panella. He is married to his wife Safiyah, and they enjoy hiking and visiting national parks.



DR. LINDSAY RUMBERGER RIVERA

Lindsay Rumberger Rivera is a first year Hematology and Oncology fellow at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville. She is originally from Vero Beach, Florida and attended the University of Central Florida where she completed her BS in Microbiology and Molecular Biology. She went on to earn her medical doctorate at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida and subsequently attended the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine for her internal medicine residency. After internal medicine residency, Lindsay, her husband and two cats drove across the country to Alaska where she practiced as a hospitalist for several years. She recently accepted the Hematology and Oncology fellowship position at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine. Her specific interests include Solid Tumor Oncology and sarcomas as well as cancer survivorship. She is married to her husband, Ernest and has two rambunctious boys, Eli and Felix. They enjoy the outdoors, biking and sailing.



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EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 15th – Bluetick Tavern

6:00 Reception

6:45 Special Guest Speaker, Ron Slay



Former VFL, Ron Slay played for the University of Tennessee men's basketball team from 1999–2003. In 2000, Slay helped lead his team to the Sweet 16, the Vols first appearance since 1981. He continued his career overseas with the Turkish Basketball League. He currently resides in Nashville as a radio co-host for the popular 3HL afternoon drive show on WGFX-FM and serves as a well-known basketball analyst with the SEC Network. This year, Slay has been named an inductee in the Tennessee Basketball Hall of Fame.

Friday, May 16th – Egwani Farms GC

6:30 Morning Round Registration

8:00 Morning Shot-gun Start

11:30 Afternoon Registration and Lunch

12:30 Morning Round Awards

1:30 Afternoon Shot-gun Start

6:00 Afternoon Round Awards

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