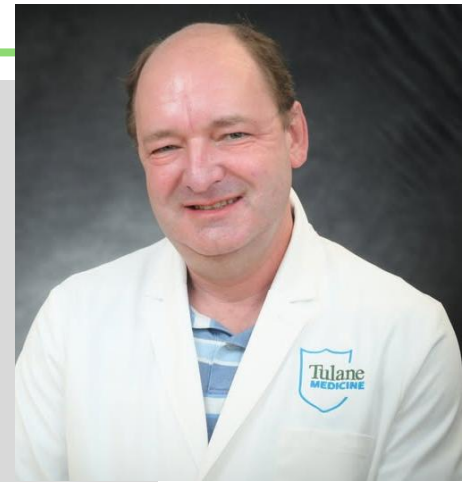


Matthew E Burow, PhD, has been named Associate Director for Translational Research at Tulane Cancer Center. In this role, Dr. Burow will lead efforts to accelerate the translation of groundbreaking discoveries across the lab, clinic, public health sciences, and community. Dr. Burow will also continue his National Cancer Institute- and U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded breast cancer research and spearhead the launch of a new Patient-Derived Organoids Core at Tulane Cancer Center and the Louisiana Cancer Research Center. This cutting-edge resource will grow lab-based tumor models from patient samples, advancing our understanding of cancer and treatment development.



Jessica Shank, MD, Section Chief of Gynecologic Oncology and Maxwell E. Lapham Chair in Obstetrics & Gynecology, has been named Associate Director for Clinical Affairs at Tulane Cancer Center. A board-certified gynecologic oncologist, Dr. Shank specializes in minimally invasive surgery for female pelvic cancers and is deeply committed to cancer survivorship. Her research has optimized ovarian cancer surgery recovery, advanced genetic screening for hereditary cancer, and explored new therapies for chemo-resistant ovarian cancer. With her expertise in clinical care and research, Dr. Shank will lead efforts to integrate research into practice, enhance patient-centered programs, and elevate clinical standards to improve outcomes.

Associate Professor of Biochemistry Zachary Pursell, PhD, has been named Leader of the Genes X Environment Research Program at Tulane Cancer Center and Co-Leader of the program at the Louisiana Cancer Research Center (LCRC). This program investigates how genetics and environmental factors—such as infections, chemicals, diet, and healthcare access—shape cancer risk, diagnosis, and treatment. Dr. Pursell, alongside LSU’s John T. West, PhD, will foster collaboration, mentor researchers, and advance team science across Tulane and the LCRC partner institutions. Dr. Pursell’s research explores how genetic mutations drive cancer, focusing on DNA polymerases—key enzymes in DNA replication and repair—and their role in colon and endometrial cancers.



Student athletes from Cabrini High School, Mount Carmel Academy, St. Mary’s Dominican High School, and St. Scholastica Academy came together at Tulane University’s Yulman Stadium to present a \$34,000 donation—funds raised through their annual Pink Games volleyball events. Now in its 10th year, the Pink Games have raised an impressive

\$318,000 to support Tulane Cancer Center’s Breast Cancer Patient Relief Program, which provides critical financial assistance to local breast cancer patients in need. These inspiring young women have demonstrated the power of teamwork, compassion, and community spirit in the fight against breast cancer.