

An Abundance of Opportunity

2022 Brings An Abundance of Opportunities to Witness First-Hand the Foundation's Mission of Supporting Cancer Nursing Excellence

The past year has been ripe with opportunities to witness the mission of the Oncology Nursing Foundation at work.



Ceira Boyle Oncology Student Nursing Scholarship recipient Abner Cardona stands at the Oncology Nursing Foundation booth at the 47th Annual ONS Congress.

After the pandemic upended and halted the opportunity for in-person meetings, the Foundation was delighted to be back at the 47th Annual ONS Congress® in Anaheim, CA, this past April.

This was a joyous and rewarding time for the Foundation Board of Trustees and staff members.

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Our booth was bustling with activity and presented the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, friends, and everyone in attendance at ONS Congress. We hope to see you all next year!



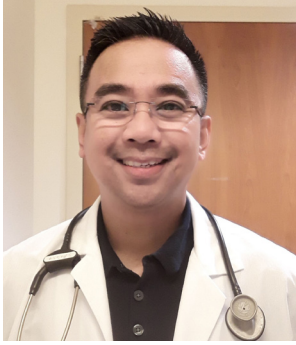
From left to right: Oncology Nursing Foundation Board of Trustees members Cynthia Edlow, MBA, RN, Laura M. Benson, RN, MS, ANP, Ashley Leak Bryant, PhD, RN, OCN®, FAAN, Marilyn J. Dodd, PhD, RN, FAAN, Ryan R. Iwamoto, MN, RN, AOCN® Emeritus, and Tracy K. Gosselin, PhD, RN, AOCN®, NEA-BC, FAAN.

GIVING TUESDAY

Mark your calendars for Giving Tuesday!
November 29, 2022

2022 ONS Congress Scholarship Recipients Share Their Stories

Our 2022 ONS Congress Scholarship recipients can pursue their professional aspirations and ambitions to shape oncology nursing's future by attending the 2022 conference in Anaheim, CA. Each recipient received a scholarship for up to \$1,200 to apply toward their ONS Congress registration and travel.



“ Receiving an ONS Congress Scholarship through the Oncology Nursing Foundation provided me with the knowledge and skill to create nursing tools that can be used in our quality and process improvement projects to provide an excellent patient experience. ”

—Sherwin Balasia, BSN, OCN®, Jersey City, NJ

“ The scholarship through the Oncology Nursing Foundation presented me with the opportunity to understand the latest evidence-based oncology nursing practices, connect with colleagues working in diverse clinical areas, and utilize newfound knowledge to improve our patients' care. ”

—Marco Fajardo, BSN, RN, OCN®, Chapel Hill, NC



“ The Oncology Nursing Foundation Scholarship helped me to directly access evidence-based oncology nursing education. The ever-changing climate of oncology care requires nurses and nursing leaders to gravitate toward learning opportunities such as ONS Congress. As a minority nursing leader, this opportunity is significantly impactful because it supports and encourages my personal oncology nursing growth, which benefits my organization and the patients we serve. ”

—Chanelle Lake, RN, OCN®, McDaniel, MD



Want to Attend the 48th Annual ONS Congress in 2023?

Learn How an ONS Congress Scholarship Can Make That Happen:

- ONS Congress scholarships from the Oncology Nursing Foundation support registered nurses interested in improving cancer care by developing their personal knowledge and sharing this new knowledge with others as a result of attending ONS Congress.
- The scholarship award amount has increased from \$1,200 to \$2,000 for the 48th Annual ONS Congress to cover your registration and travel costs.
- Additional scholarships are available to nurses living in the Cincinnati Tri-State, Sioux City, and Storm Lake areas.



Scan the QR code or **visit this link** to learn how to apply when applications open later this fall.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Oncology Nursing Foundation awarded scholarships for the 47th Annual ONS Congress to recipients in five of the seven continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America.

International Scholarship Recipients at ONS Congress



(Left to right) Amanda Drury, PhD, MSc, BSc and Beatriz Aguiar, RN, MSc, PhD stand at the Foundation's ONS Congress booth.

- Amanda Drury, PhD, MSc, BSc, Dunboyne, Ireland
- Rebecca El-Asmar, MSN, RN, AOCNS®, Jdeideh, Lebanon
- Beatriz Aguiar, RN, MSc, PhD, Recant, Brazil
- Salima Shams, RN, BScN, MScN, Karachi, Pakistan

International ONS Congress scholarship recipient Rebecca El-Asmar graduated from the American University of Beirut in Lebanon with bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing, and she holds one of the first two AOCNS® certifications in Lebanon. El-Asmar has been working with adult patients with cancer since 2004 and is currently an adult oncology clinical nurse specialist at the American University of Beirut Medical Center with a focus on breast cancer. She is also a co-founder of the Lebanese Center for Palliative Care–Balsam, a community-based nongovernmental organization.

2022 ONS Congress Scholarship Rebecca El-Asmar, MSN, RN, AOCNS®, Jdeideh, Lebanon

"I have been a member of the ONS since I started my nursing career, and it was a long-term dream of mine to attend an ONS Congress. It was always far-fetched, since it entailed expensive international travel.

I am very humbled by having been selected, I am very thankful to the Oncology Nursing Foundation, and can't wait to meet and network with colleagues and learn more about oncology nursing."

Rebecca El-Asmar, MSN, RN, AOCNS®, Jdeideh, Lebanon at the Foundation's ONS Congress booth.

Guiding and Inspiring the Next Generation of Nurses

Kathleen Shannon Dorcy Receives 2022 Mentorship Award



Kathleen Shannon Dorcy, PhD, RN, FAAN, members of the Oncology Nursing Foundation Board of Trustees, and Connie Henke Yarbo at the 47th Annual ONS Congress.

ONS member Kathleen Shannon Dorcy, PhD, RN, FAAN, helped many of her students grow into expert oncology clinicians, leaders, and educators during her career spanning more than 30 years. In recognition of her generous contributions to the oncology profession, the Oncology Nursing Foundation named Shannon Dorcy the recipient of the 2022 Connie Henke Yarbro Excellence in Cancer Nursing Mentorship Award.

Kathleen is a nurse scientist and the director of research, scholarships, and program development at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle, WA. She began her career at the very

same research center, working in pediatric bone marrow transplantation, before moving into clinical research and coordinating early-phase monoclonal antibody studies. Earning her master's degree from the University of Washington she began teaching and inspiring students in the School of Nursing at the University of Washington Tacoma in 1991. In 2017, she took her love of teaching abroad and worked with clinical oncology teams in Kampala, Uganda, to build an oncology curriculum for nurses at the Uganda Cancer Institute. Kathleen was also inducted into the National Academy of Nursing in the same year.

When receiving the award, she thanked the colleagues who nominated her, including Terry McDonnell, DNP, ACNP-BC, and mentor Kathleen Mooney, RN, PhD, FAAN.



Kathleen Shannon Dorcy, PhD, RN, FAAN, and others pictured at the Oncology Nursing Foundation booth at the 47th Annual ONS Congress.

“ As an oncology nurse for more than 30 years, I am most honored to be selected for this prestigious award. Connie Henke Yarbro has been an exemplar for me in my career, and one of my first manuscripts was mentored and accepted for publication when she was editor of *Cancer Nursing*. The award is meaningful, as it represents a legacy of mentorship that Connie embodies for oncology nursing. To be held in such kind respect by oncology experts is a most gracious and cherished professional gift to me in my career. ”

—Kathleen Shannon Dorcy, PhD, RN, FAAN

The Connie Henke Yarbro Excellence in Cancer Nursing Mentorship Award, named in honor of Oncology Nursing Society and Foundation founding member Connie Henke Yarbro, was established to recognize and support excellence in oncology nursing mentorship.

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Anonymous ONS Congress Challenge Donor Revealed

Leading up to the 47th Annual ONS Congress, the Oncology Nursing Foundation invited current and past board members and other volunteer leaders to ensure the success of the Foundation's 2022 annual campaign, and they responded with more than \$90,000 in contributions.



Mona Stage, BSN, RN
OCN®-Emeritus

During ONS Congress, an anonymous, longtime ONS member from the Pacific Northwest presented a fundraising challenge to those in attendance. The anonymous donor indicated that if the Foundation could raise \$20,000 or more during ONS Congress, she would contribute an additional \$10,000 to support oncology nurses. Attendees were inspired by her generosity and eager to raise the \$20,000 necessary to unlock an additional contribution.

The anonymous donor is now coming forward publicly, and the Foundation is pleased to announce it was Mona Stage, BSN, RN, OCN®-Emeritus! The excitement around Stage's challenge led to more than \$22,500 in ONS Congress donations, releasing the challenge's \$10,000 contribution. We are grateful for her generosity and the support from all who donated. We are truly stronger together!

A Passport to Explore ONS Congress



The Passport to Care is an annual activity that the Oncology Nursing Foundation holds during ONS Congress. While in the Learning Hall, attendees use passports to track the exhibitor booths they visit and the valuable information they learn. Exhibitors stamp their passport during those visits, and attendees receive a prize for completing the passport and are entered to win another special prize.

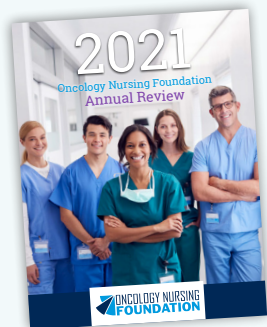
The Foundation thanks those that sponsored the event in 2022 and everyone who participated! In addition to our generous partners, biopharmaceutical company AbbVie donated \$10,000 to the Foundation in connection with ONS Congress. We thank Matthew Farber, director of oncology advocacy and professional relationships, for facilitating AbbVie's contribution.

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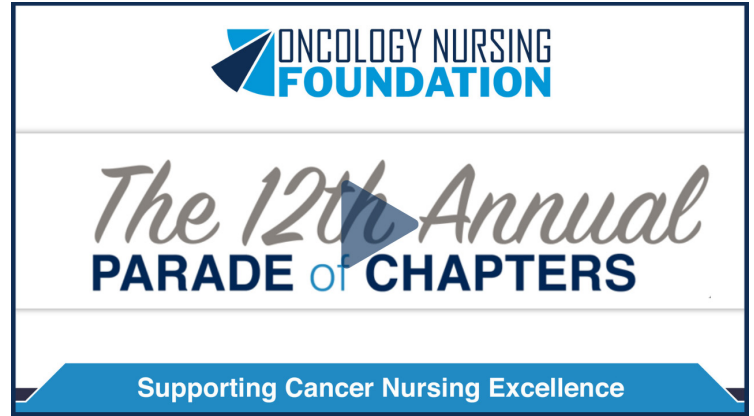
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The Spirit of Chapter Leadership Lives On

The Oncology Nursing Foundation's 12th Annual Parade of Chapters continues its tradition of celebrating ONS chapters' leadership and generosity during the ONS Bridge™ conference this fall.

Of our 205 ONS chapters, more than 70 chapters participated in the virtual parade on September 13 and 15, raising more than \$87,000 to benefit the oncology nursing community. [Watch the recording of this year's virtual Parade of Chapters.](#)



Featured Friend of the Foundation

The Oncology Nursing Foundation is thankful for our many friends in the oncology nursing community who give their time to serve as reviewers of the Foundation's scholarship, awards, and research grants programs. We convey a special thank you to Teresa Hagan Thomas,

PhD, RN, who has volunteered for and supported the Foundation as a volunteer by serving as a member of the Foundation's Academic Scholarship Review Team and a special Academics task force in 2021.

Thomas is an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, where she is leading the charge in promoting self-advocacy for patients with cancer. Thomas has conducted research that evaluates women with advanced cancer's self-advocacy skills, symptom burden, and use of healthcare services. Through her findings, Thomas developed a model to measure how patients with cancer advocate for their needs and priorities during their care. Thomas is also a past recipient of a Foundation research grant

and previously served on the Greater Pittsburgh ONS Chapter board.

"Working with the Oncology Nursing Foundation has helped me understand the depth of the work the Foundation does to ensure oncology nurses are supported through scholarships, grants, and opportunities to advance their careers and patient care. I have had the opportunity to work with passionate, dedicated leaders who are constantly finding ways to improve the impact of oncology nursing," Thomas said.

“ It's invigorating, energizing, and exciting to see leaders in the Foundation push for ways to improve the science and delivery of evidence-based cancer nursing care. I've built collaborations and friendships through my work with the Foundation, and hope to stay involved throughout my career. ”

—Teresa Hagan Thomas, PhD, RN

The Foundation thanks Thomas for her enthusiasm and tireless efforts on behalf of aspiring oncology nurses.

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Investing in Academics

This year, the Oncology Nursing Foundation awarded 89 academic scholarships totaling \$516,000 for oncology nurses pursuing bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

Funding Breakdown

7 Bachelor's Scholarships: \$21,000

48 Master's Scholarships: \$240,000

34 Doctoral Scholarships: \$255,000

“After my many years of experience facing oncologic illnesses in my personal and work life, I have found that caring for such patients is incredibly rewarding. Receiving a master's scholarship from the Oncology Nursing Foundation provided me with the opportunity to further my education to work as an advanced practitioner in oncology—whether continuing to work in pediatrics or expanding my knowledge to the adult gynecology oncology specialty. ”

—Cecilia Igwe-Kalu, RN, BSN, Weymouth, MA



Amber Kurzen, RN, BSN, OCN®

“When I opened the email congratulating me on receiving my Oncology Nursing Foundation scholarship, I was so overwhelmed with happiness and gratefulness, I had tears in my eyes. The scholarship will greatly help me as I continue my endeavor as a DNP student.

Recently, I accepted a position in The James Cancer Hospital's Oncology Fellowship, which begins in October. So as I continue to finish my last year of school, I will also be working full-time as a nurse practitioner fellow. As my school year and fellowship ends, I hope to begin working as a DNP in a clinical role as a nurse practitioner in oncology. After a few years of experience, my future goals are to reduce my practice hours and to start teaching at a college of nursing.

I look forward to learning and growing my knowledge and skills while completing my DNP project and practicing as an oncology nurse practitioner fellow. The Oncology Nursing Foundation scholarship has significantly decreased my financial burden and allowed me to concentrate more on my studies. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for awarding me this generous scholarship! It means so much to me and my family! ”

—Amber Kurzen, RN, BSN, OCN®, Radnor, OH

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Peter M. Labombarde, CFSC and his grandson.

Creating a Legacy for Oncology Nursing

One of the simplest ways to make an impact on the future of oncology nursing and cancer care is through a planned gift designated in your will or living trust. Regardless of your age or wealth, your will is an important

document through which you distribute your assets to family, friends, and charitable institutions about which you care.

The Foundation's Legacy of Care Society recognizes, honors, and celebrates visionary individuals who have included a gift for the Foundation in their wills or estate plans and have made their generous gift intentions known through a legacy commitment.

“ In my years of service on the Oncology Nursing Foundation Board of Trustees, and as its treasurer from 2016–2020, I learned in a very deep and moving way the critical role of oncology nurses in cancer care. The support, both present and future, of the work of oncology nursing became important to me, and it’s my privilege to donate to the Foundation each year. In addition, being a ‘financial guy,’ I have been able to put aside some decent funds for my retirement years. I know that withdrawals from those retirement funds, by me or by my family after I’m gone, will be taxed at a high rate. Thus, it made sense for me to name the Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of my retirement account, to support its mission while reducing the bite of taxes on my estate. That feels good all around! ”

—Peter M. Labombarde, CFSC

Peter M. Labombarde, CFSC, senior director of gift planning at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH, made a legacy commitment to ensure that the Oncology Nursing Foundation has the resources to support the oncology nurses of tomorrow. Prior to starting at Saint Anselm in 2013, he spent 25 years as a personal trust officer with New Hampshire and New England regional banks.

Labombarde served on the Oncology Nursing Foundation’s Board of Trustees as treasurer (2016–2020), and as a trustee for two consecutive terms (2015–2018 and 2019–2020). He is currently a member of the Planned Giving Group of New England, National Association of Charitable Gift Planners, and Queen City Rotary.

Labombarde joined the Foundation’s Legacy of Care Society in 2021 and shared his inspiration for creating a legacy for oncology nursing.



Peter M. Labombarde, CFSC, and his family.

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Investments in Oncology Nursing Research: Addressing Cancer Health Disparities



Karen E. Wickersham, PhD, RN

Orally administered cancer treatments have become increasingly common in recent years because of their convenience and efficacy. Many patients choose oral therapies because they prefer being able to take their treatment at home, rather investing time and travel to go to a facility, but

adherence can be a significant problem that has different implications for patients and their treatment outcomes.

Karen E. Wickersham, PhD, RN, is leading a team of interprofessional researchers at the University of South Carolina College of Nursing in Columbia to examine health disparities in the use of oral targeted therapies for the treatment of lung, colorectal, and breast cancers among adults living in South Carolina. The team's work adds to the body of prior research of interventions targeting individual patient-level factors by focusing on the influence of system-level factors such as insurance and payer-provider issues on oral adherence.

This study is supported by the Oncology Nursing Foundation, made possible by a contribution from Genentech, a member of the Roche Group.

“ We are so grateful to have received a research grant through the Oncology Nursing Foundation. The grant has provided us with the resources to examine disparities in oral targeted therapy utilization and adherence. This information is critical for the development of future multilevel interventions, aimed at ensuring patients with cancer not only receive the most innovative treatments available, but also continue treatment while the therapy benefits them. ”

—Karen E. Wickersham, PhD, RN, University of South Carolina College of Nursing



Sally Maliski, PhD, RN, FAAN

The disparities in outcomes for Black men are well documented and must be addressed: for example, literature has shown the differences in how and when Black men receive androgen deprivation therapy compared to White men.

With that understanding, Sally Maliski, PhD, RN, FAAN, and her team at the University of

Kansas Medical Center Research Institute in Fairway are developing and testing interventions to improve the health and well-being of Black men with prostate cancer.

Maliski and her team received an Oncology Nursing Foundation grant to help them gain a better understanding of the differences in care between Black and White men

and the effect on disparate outcomes for Black men. Thanks to the grant, the team is conducting additional analyses to identify differences based on age, adjuvant or neoadjuvant use with radiation, or metastatic disease.

This study is supported by the Oncology Nursing Foundation, made possible by a contribution from Bristol Myers Squibb.

“ The grant from the Oncology Nursing Foundation has been invaluable in providing the support we needed to start our work on more deeply assessing and developing approaches to ameliorate disparities in Black men's receipt of androgen deprivation therapy. ”

—Sally Maliski, PhD, RN, FAAN, University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute

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APPLY NOW!

Apply for educational scholarships through the Oncology Nursing Foundation. The following opportunities for 2023 funding will open in November 2022.

Academic Scholarship applications for undergraduate, master level, and doctoral studies

Ceira Boyle Oncology Student Nursing Scholarship applications

ONS Congress Scholarship applications

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Make a difference today and save on taxes—it's possible when you support the Oncology Nursing Foundation through your IRA.

If you are aged 70.5 or older, you can give any amount up to a maximum of \$100,000 per person, per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity—such as the Oncology Nursing Foundation—without paying income taxes on your withdrawal for the donation. Gifts of any value \$100,000 or less are eligible for the benefit.



Feel good knowing that you are making a difference through the Oncology Nursing Foundation. This popular gift option is commonly called an IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution or QCD for short.

To qualify as tax free, the funds must be transferred directly to the Foundation. Contact the Foundation about using [our standardized form to easily make your transfer](#) or scan the QR code to access the form. If you have check-writing privileges on your IRA, you may mail your check to the Foundation at 125 Enterprise Drive, Pittsburgh, PA, 15275.



Why Should You Consider Giving This Way?

- Your gift will be used today, allowing you to see the difference that your donation is making.
- Beginning the year you turn 72, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
- The gift doesn't count as income; therefore, you pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer does not generate taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.

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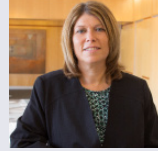


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