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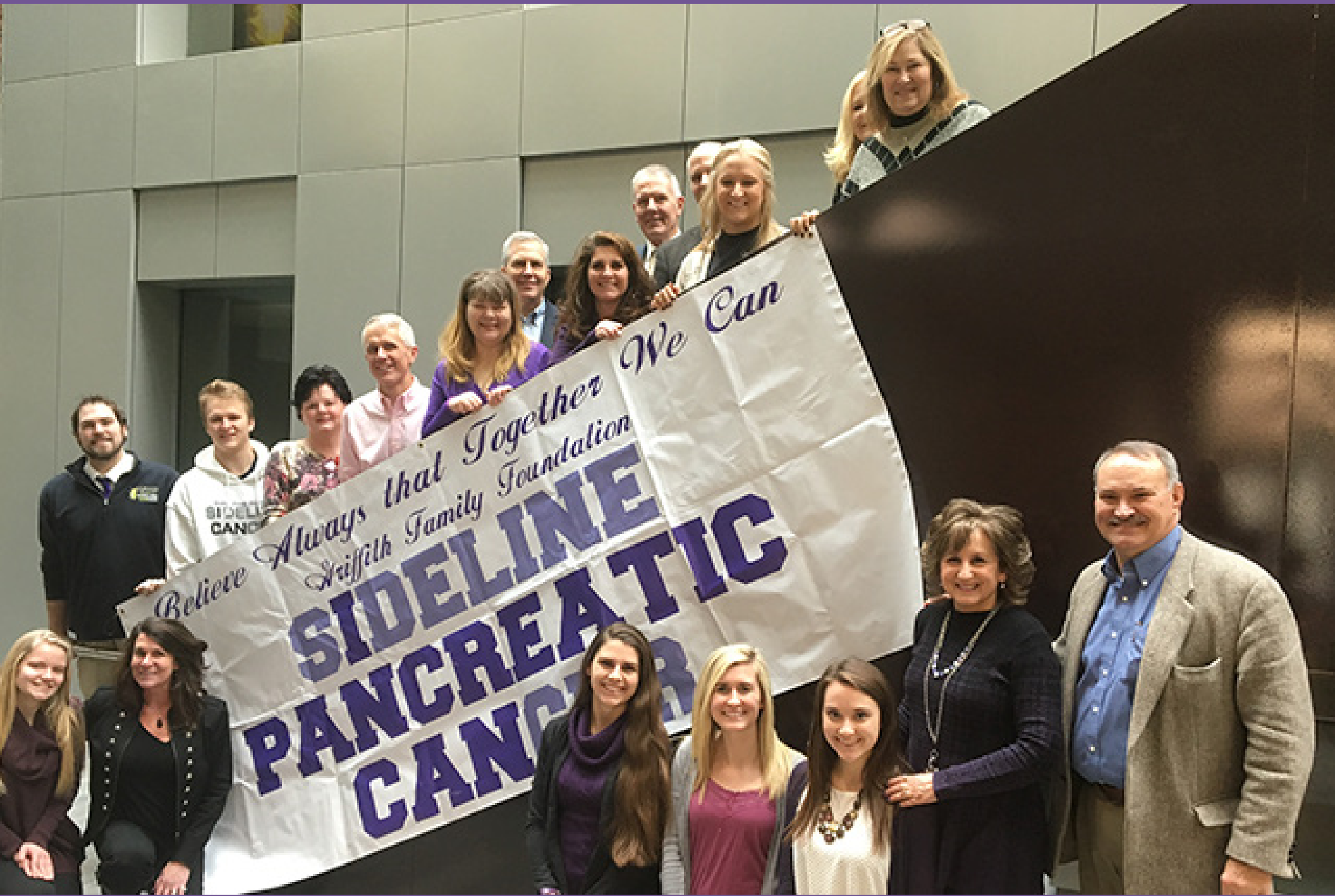
**PennState**



**"I CAN SIDELINE PANCREATIC CANCER" SYMPOSIUM**

**APRIL 5, 2019**





# INTRODUCTION

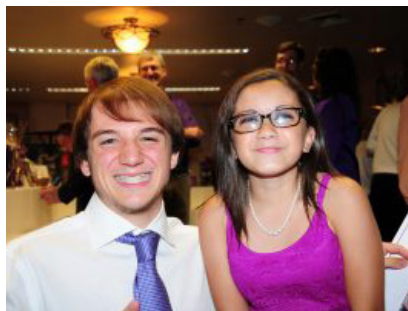
Penn State and The Griffith Family Foundation's "I CAN Sideline Pancreatic Cancer" Youth Initiative are teaming up in the big game to sideline and cure Pancreatic Cancer.

Today, six years to the day of our first symposium/forum, Jack Andraka (currently at Stanford University), returns to Penn State Altoona's Devorris Downtown Center along with Penn State's 2018 "Inventor of the Year" Dr. James Adair and Dr. A. James Moser, co-director of both the Pancreas and Liver Institute and the Pancreatic Cancer Research Program at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and professor at Harvard Medical School.

Based on the efforts we've seen between our first and fourth forum, we are very hopeful and excited about the future of Pancreatic Cancer research. We are also encouraged by the recurring support from Dr. Lori J. Bechtel-Wherry, Penn State Altoona's chancellor and dean, who played a vital role in helping us conduct

our first symposium/forum and is also lending her time and energy for our fourth symposium/forum.

Our first Pancreatic Cancer symposium/Forum was on April 5, 2013. At that symposium, Penn State Altoona and the Griffith Family Foundation hosted the 2012 Intel Science and Engineer Fair winner Jack Andraka. Jack, who was only 16 years old at the time, used that platform to encourage students to be active



*A special "Thank You" goes to the Sheetz Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence for hosting Jack Andraka in 2013 and giving area students the opportunity to collaborate and inspire one another to create our Griffith Family Foundation Youth Initiative I CAN Sideline Cancer!*

participants in transforming the outcome of Pancreatic Cancer.

Jack would later become an official Sideline Cancer Ambassador, and he and fellow future Ambassador, Kiera Chiridon, were the joint inspiration behind the creation of our Griffith Family Foundation "I CAN Sideline Pancreatic Cancer" Youth Initiative. This program was, and still is, the only youth initiative in the world that engages students to use their entrepreneurial and philanthropic ideas to raise awareness and be advocates for transformational change in conjunction with the global Pancreatic Cancer community.

Another important contributor to the effort to raise awareness has been Lisa Georgiana, Saint Francis University Center for Service & Learning Director. She was instrumental in taking the steps to create the first official Sideline Cancer Chapter in 2016. Her work done on behalf of the Griffith Family Foundation and Sideline Cancer provides a superb example of Sideline Cancer's rallying phrase: "Where Wisdom Meets Energy."

On March 1, 2018, the Sideline Cancer community entered yet another important phase by becoming an official student club at Penn State. University Park students Sierra Collier and Caitlyn Edgell, along with Griffith Family Foundation liaison Marissa Lombardi, conducted the necessary research, submitted the appropriate paperwork, and made essential connections that allowed us to reach this new benchmark. One significant step made during that process was the selection of Dr. James Adair as club advisor.



Dr. Adair is Professor of Materials Science and Engineering and Biomedical Engineering at University Park. He is also the 2018 recipient of the Invent Penn State "Inventor of the Year" for his outstanding work and collaboration in cancer research and use of nanotechnology. The key principle at the core of his research is: "Kill the cancer. Do no harm to the patient."

Similar to the goals of the first Sideline Cancer Chapter established at Saint Francis University, the goal of this newly established Penn State Sideline Cancer Club is to raise awareness for Pancreatic Cancer research by participating in our trademarked Sideline Cancer t-shirt campaign and by hosting collaborative Pancreatic Cancer Symposiums such as the one this evening.

# THIS EVENING

## INVOCATION

Brother Shamas McGenra  
*Cancer Survivor*  
Lisa Georgiana

*Director, Center for Service & Learning at Saint Francis University*

## OPENING REMARKS

Lori J. Bechtel-Wherry, Ph. D.  
*Chancellor and Dean*  
*Penn State Altoona*

## WELCOME

Cathy Griffith  
*President and Founder*  
*The Griffith Family Foundation*  
Mrs. Bonnie Waltz  
*Co Founder of Sideline Cancer*  
Sierra Cobler  
*President of Sideline Cancer at Penn State*  
Caitlyn Edgell  
*Vice President of Sideline Cancer at Penn State*  
Marissa Lombardi  
*GFF Outreach Liaison*

## VIDEO PRESENTATION

*History of Sideline Cancer (10 min.)*

## INTRODUCTION OF JACK ANDRAKA

*2012 Intel Science and Engineer Fair Winner/Stanford University*

## INTRODUCTION OF THE PANELISTS

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## QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

## SPECIAL APPEARANCE

Erin Willett  
*The Voice Semi-Finalist*  
*Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Ambassador of Hope*  
*Performing:*  
*"Hope's Alive" & "Don't Stop Believing"*  
*(Audience participation is encouraged!)*

A Special "Thank You" to the Courage for Kiera Foundation  
& United We Can of Blair County



# THE PANEL

Tonight, students and community members will have the opportunity to ask questions to our panel regarding a marketable early detection test for Pancreatic Cancer. Additionally, we encourage audience members to ask questions regarding the Marshal Plan of Action for Pancreatic Cancer and how it is being coordinated through research, government, and pharma.

With the amount of talent and energy at this Symposium, it's easy to see how collaborative events like these are significant in the global campaign to find a cure for Pancreatic Cancer.



Dr. Stephen Baker



Dr. Ivan Mulligan



Dr. Stephen LoRusso

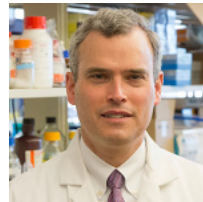
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Jack Andraka  
American inventor,  
Scientist, and  
Cancer Researcher



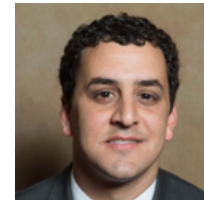
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Research in Castle  
Pines, Colorado



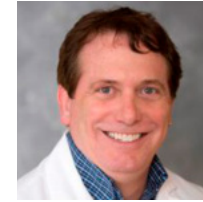
Dr. A James Moser  
Professor of  
Surgery, Harvard  
Medical School



Dr. James Adair  
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Penn State  
University



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Surgical Oncology  
at West Virginia  
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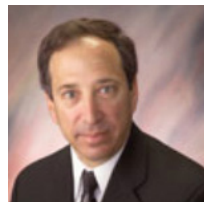
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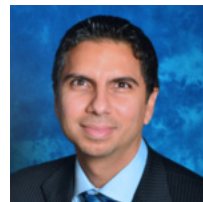
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Director of the  
National Pancreatic  
Cancer Foundation



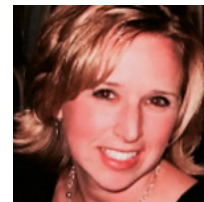
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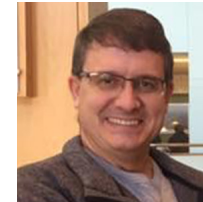
Dr. Shyam Thakkar  
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Mellon University  
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Director for  
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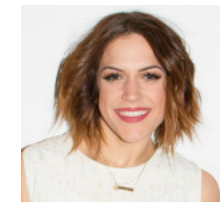
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Cancer Center



Erin Willett -  
Singer/Songwriter  
and an Influencer  
of Hope for The  
Pancreatic Cancer  
Action Network

# SPECIAL THANKS

to the Phil Sky Family & Sky Family Foundation who are our signature sponsors for this evening's Symposium/Forum.



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**JUNE 14, 2019**

## **Tee Off For A Cure to Sideline Pancreatic Cancer 2019**

- Registration starts at 7:30AM and 1:00 PM
- The Double Shotgun starts are at 8:00 AM and 1:30 PM

Location:

- Scotch Valley Country Club  
18 Clubhouse Drive  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648



**JUNE 28 & JUNE 29, 2019**

## **3rd Annual Courage for Kiera Foundation Yard Sale**

The Yard Sale will be held at the U.S. Hotel (Liberty Hall) in Hollidaysburg. All proceeds from this yard sale will fund scholarships to High School Music Students who have overcome adversity.

Location:

- 401 S Juniata St.  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648



**AUGUST 9, 2019**

## **10th Annual Sideline Pancreatic Cancer Dinner**

- Friday, August 9
- Doors open at 5:30 PM (appetizers will be served)
- Dinner at 7:15 PM

Location:

- The Casino at Lakemont,  
300 Lakemont Park Boulevard  
Altoona, PA 16602



**AUGUST 17, 2019**

## **"Fund a Cure" Night at the Altoona Curve**

The Greg & Cathy Griffith Family Foundation is once again teaming up with families from The Good Funeral Home, Alto-Reste Park, and the Altoona Curve for "Fund a Cure to Sideline Pancreatic Cancer" Night!

- Support the cause,
- Offer hope to those in need,
- And believe always!

## **"I CAN SIDELINE PANCREATIC CANCER SYPOSIUM"**

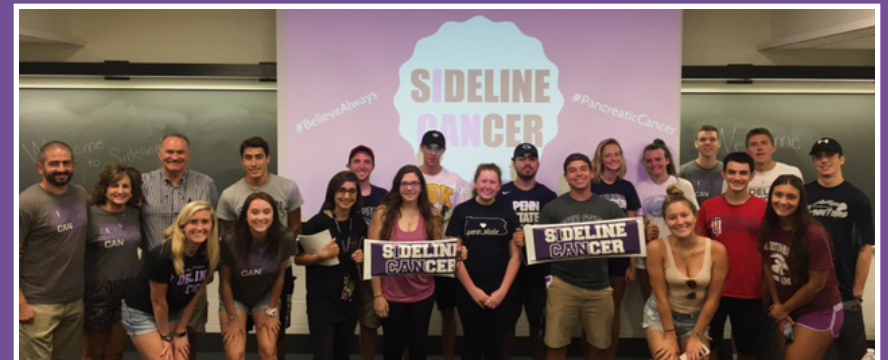
April 16 & 17, 2020 at the Nittany Lion Inn



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Each t-shirt purchased helps transform the outcome of Pancreatic Cancer by supporting the efforts to fund the *next* GFF/PSU collaborative symposium!





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**GRIFFITH FAMILY**  
*Foundation*  
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## OUR MISSION

To FUND a cure for Pancreatic Cancer.  
To offer HOPE for those in need.  
To CONNECT patients, families, and communities.  
To raise AWARENESS of the necessity for  
a new direction of innovative research  
and treatment plans.

You can support the effort to cure Pancreatic  
Cancer by making a donation on our website:

[griffithfamilyfoundation.org/fund-a-cure](http://griffithfamilyfoundation.org/fund-a-cure)



If you would like to mail a donation to us,  
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**P.O. Box 28**  
**Hollidaysburg, PA 16648**

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