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The V Foundation for Cancer Research Awards 2008 Grants

The V Foundation for Cancer Research announced today that they have awarded the 2008 V Scholar grants and Translational grants to elite researchers across the United States. The V Scholars are the cornerstone of The V Foundation's grant program, funding young investigators as they initiate their research. Translational grants transform basic scientific discoveries into clinical applications such as new diagnostics and treatments. The contribution of funding to these research initiatives continuously brings science steps closer to eradicating this horrible disease.

Each V Scholar is selected through a competitive process by The V Foundation's Scientific Advisory Board. The V Scholar grants are designed to identify, retain and further the careers of young investigators. This unique funding process provides the essential funds to the facility, earmarked for the individual doctor, allowing the V Scholar to decide how best to use these funds in his or her research project.

Fifteen scientists from nine different states were awarded the \$100,000, two-year grants. This year, the 2008 Martin D. Abeloff Scholar Award, which is given to the highest rated V Scholar, was awarded to Dr. Jennifer R. Cochran of Stanford University Comprehensive Cancer Center in Palo Alto, CA.

"Each of the more than 50 National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Centers nominates their most outstanding new faculty member as a candidate and the V Foundation Advisory Committee then selects the most promising 15 young investigators as V Scholars," said Robert C. Bast, Jr., M.D., Vice President for Translational Research at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board. "This is an extraordinary group who will have a major impact on cancer over the next decades."

Translational research serves as a bridge between the lab bench discoveries and the patient bedside. Information collected at the patient bedside can circle back to the laboratory to fuel additional discoveries. These grants are \$600,000, three-year commitments. This year's seven recipients range in concentration from breast and prostate cancers to melanoma and lymphoma.

"It is an honor to work with such distinguished professionals," said Nick Valvano, CEO of The V Foundation for Cancer Research. "We are proud to support the mission of those seeking a breakthrough and commend these researchers for their continued efforts."

To learn more about The V Foundation and to find out how you can get involved, call 1-800-4JimmyV or log onto www.jimmyv.org.

About The V Foundation for Cancer Research The V Foundation for Cancer Research was founded in 1993 by ESPN and the late Jim Valvano, legendary North Carolina State basketball coach and ESPN commentator. Since 1993, The Foundation has raised more than \$80 million to fund cancer research grants nationwide. It awards 100 percent of all new direct cash donations and net proceeds of events directly to cancer research and related programs. The Foundation, which has received six consecutive top 4-star ratings from Charity Navigator, awards grants through a competitive awards process strictly supervised by a Scientific Review Committee. For more information on The V Foundation or to make a donation, please visit www.jimmyv.org.

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