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North St. Louis County Town Halls



A Community Town Hall will be held on June 10 by PECaD and Siteman Cancer Center to help address community questions about the Siteman facility under construction at Christian Hospital's Northwest HealthCare campus, slated to open in December 2019. Town halls, leading up to our Smart Health event on June 29 at Christian Hospital's main campus, are designed to give community members the opportunity to discuss their hopes, concerns, and questions with Siteman physicians and researchers regarding the next phase of cancer care in north St. Louis County. [READ MORE.](#)

Save the Date
Join PECaD at our next **Smart Health Community Education Day** at Christian Northwest Hospital on **June 29** from 10 am to 2 pm. Visit [our eventbrite.com page](#) for more info and to register.

In the News
Dr. Graham Colditz wrote a blog on ways to reduce colon cancer for the [Gateway Region YMCA](#).

April's Gateway Region YMCA blog from Dr. Bettina Drake covers [community solutions to health disparities](#).

Dr. Bettina Drake [received funding from the Department of Defense](#) to study treatment options for prostate cancer patients.

Dr. Graham Colditz wrote his syndicated For Your Health column on [key steps to lower cancer risk](#). This month's article is on the risks of indoor tanning.

Dr. Jean Wang spoke with [KSDK Channel 5 News](#) about colon cancer screening and the rise in numbers of colon cancer cases among young people.

Dr. Aimee James was interviewed on [STL Live](#). She talked about cancer screening and the upcoming Community Women Against Hardship Walk and Health Fair.

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Helpful Links

- [Learn more about PECaD](#)
- [Learn more about health disparities](#)
- [Cancer prevention tips](#)

29th Annual Spring Pow Wow A Success



The 29th Annual Washington University in St. Louis Pow Wow took place on Saturday, April 20. This year's event, hosted by the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies, was themed "Keep Them Sacred: Honoring Generations of Indigenous Women." [READ MORE.](#)

5th Community Research Fellows Training Program Cohort Begins in May



The fifth cohort of the [Community Research Fellows Training \(CRFT\) program](#), a community training program offered through the [Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities \(PECaD\)](#), begins in May. This 17-week program, based on a Master of Public

Health curriculum, provides community members interested in reducing health and cancer disparities with education and hands-on experience to take back to their own communities. Ideally, the CRFT alumni are able to address health disparities in their own neighborhoods to work towards PECaD's goal of eliminating health disparities in the St. Louis region.. [READ MORE.](#)

Congratulation to BCaP Community Partner Valeda Keys



PECaD would like to congratulate our BCaP community partner Valeda Keys on receiving the Woman of Achievement award in Health Advocacy. She will receive the award in a ceremony on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Ritz Carlton along with nine other women. She is being honored for her volunteer work as executive director for Valeda's Hope, a nonprofit organization she started in 2013 to help navigate and support women with breast cancer. [READ MORE.](#)

PECaD at 2019 Susan G. Komen Advocacy Summit



Marilyn Wilson, Sr. Program Coordinator & Amy Ayala, Public Health Research Coordinator represented the Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities (PECaD) at 2019 Susan G. Komen Advocacy Summit, May 1-3 in Washington DC. They met lawmakers to advocate for access to breast health services, NIH funding for cancer treatment research, and reduced insurance barriers to treatment.



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