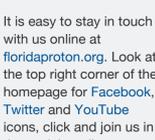


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### Community Calendar

Mark your calendar and join us when we are in a town near you.

**March 26, 12 - 4 p.m.**  
 Prostate Cancer Follow-Up Event  
 Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel – Main Ballroom  
 1201 Riverplace Blvd.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32207  
*Speakers: Dr. Randal Henderson and Dr. Curtis Bryant*

**April 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
 Minority Cancer Awareness Week  
 Our Community Health Services  
 Titusville, FL  
*Speaker: Dr. Curtis Bryant*

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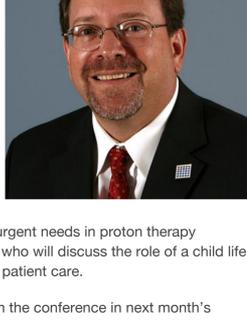
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## Message from Stuart Klein, Executive Director

Later this month the proton therapy community will gather in Washington, D.C., for the *2015 National Proton Conference*. The event will highlight the promise of proton therapy to improve cancer patient care and share the latest research, advances in technology, and the best practices for day-to-day operations. Among the presenters is medical director Nancy P. Mendenhall, M.D.,



who will speak about the most urgent needs in proton therapy research and Kim Ely, C.C.L.S., who will discuss the role of a child life specialist in improving pediatric patient care.

We hope to bring you news from the conference in next month's *Precision* newsletter.

Stuart Klein

## National Doctor's Day

March 30 is designated as National Doctor's Day. We appreciate our radiation oncologists for their dedication to our patients. One way to show appreciation is to help spread the word about your proton therapy experience. A simple way to do this is through [healthgrades.com](http://healthgrades.com). On this website, you can anonymously rate your personal experience with your physician. A brief nine-question survey is all it takes. A click on the physician name below will launch the survey.

- [Julie A. Bradley, MD](#)
- [Curtis M. Bryant, MD, MPH](#)
- [Roi Dagan, MD, MS](#)
- [Randal H. Henderson, MD, MBA](#)
- [Bradford S. Hoppe, MD, MPH](#)
- [Daniel J. Indelicato, MD](#)
- [Nancy Price Mendenhall, MD](#)
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## Survivor Spotlight: Katie Sanders



In a few short months, Katie Sanders will graduate from high school in Monroe County, Georgia at the top of her class as either valedictorian or salutatorian. She has been accepted to the University of Georgia and plans to major in biology and math on her path to a medical degree to be a pediatrician.

Katie has accomplished her academic goals despite a serious health setback in her freshman year of high school when she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. In October of 2011, she had surgery in Atlanta to remove the tumor. Following physical and occupational therapy to regain her ability to walk, talk and eat, Katie came to UF Health Proton Therapy Institute in December 2011. She had 32 treatments and finished her proton therapy on February 1, 2012.

She credits her team at UF Health Proton Therapy Institute for her success. "Because of proton therapy and all the treatments, I was able to go to school." Even while she was on treatment she could focus on her studies because she did not experience common side effects from radiation such as fatigue.

"God had a hand in that," said Katie's mother Marcy Sanders. "She just never really had the side effects. I think the medical team really enjoyed seeing her because she was such a positive kid and nothing negative happened while she was being treated."

Marcy went on to say, "I firmly believe Dr. Danny [Indelicato] saved her life. We believe in the proton treatment."

Katie is willing to share her story and lend her support to raise money for the pediatric program at the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute. In fact, next month, her photo will grace the posters and signage in participating Subway Restaurants located in and near Macon and Savannah, Georgia, to encourage donations to the program.

Katie said, "Proton therapy, and specifically the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute, they work to save lives. I think if you value human life, I think you should donate to the program. They don't just care about your health they also care about patient morale and your psychological well-being."

## Meet the Play Golf. Fight Cancer.® chairman Michael McPhillips



"Chief Encourager" is the title Michael McPhillips gives when asked about his volunteer role as chairman of the *11th Annual Play Golf. Fight Cancer.® Classic*. But given his steady advocacy of UF Health Proton Therapy Institute since 2009 following his treatment for prostate cancer, it's a title he could apply to his many volunteer activities on our behalf.

He served on our External Advisory Board from 2010-2012 in a volunteer communications role and was instrumental in bringing media attention to proton therapy through several patient stories. More recently he is involved as a patient stakeholder for a grant proposal to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, a multi-institutional patient-centric project initiated by UF Health Proton Therapy Institute medical director Nancy P. Mendenhall, M.D.

Michael says his advocacy stems from his experience as a patient. "It may be a cliché, but truly there's nothing like a first impression. It all started with my first visit," he said. "The patient-centric focus by the staff is phenomenal. From where you park (right out front) or whether you're dealing with the patient intake specialists, your oncologist, the nurses, the therapists or the receptionist who greets you daily with a smile, you have a distinct feeling that 'It's all about me.' All about me is not desirable in most social and business situations, but when it comes to your personal medical treatment it's exactly what you want."

A retired public relations and marketing professional, Michael is steeped in all things communications and all things golf. He retired in 2010 as director of communications for the PGA TOUR's Champions Tour and his distinguished career includes working as the vice president of marketing and communications at the World Golf Hall of Fame and Museum at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Fla., as advertising manager at Walt Disney World and as chairman of the Walt Disney World Golf Classic, a PGA TOUR sanctioned event.

The *11th Annual Play Golf. Fight Cancer.® Classic* will take place on October 11-12, 2015, at the World Golf Village. It is the main fundraiser for UF Health Proton Therapy Institute to benefit the research conducted by the medical team. Michael said the planning committee, which includes Dr. Nancy Mendenhall and executive director Stuart Klein, is fortunate that thanks to the 10-year legacy established by the previous organizers, Larry Shertz and MerryMac Watson, the event is positioned well for the next 10 years. "We're privileged to provide our sponsors and guests opportunities to both honor the game and *Play Golf. Fight Cancer.®* while sharing the joy of golf and fellowship. We're even planning a few surprises and definitely some fun along the fairway," he said.

The event will include a dinner and silent auction on Sunday, October 11, in the World Golf Hall of Fame and Museum. This special venue provides our sponsors, guests and especially non-golfers a memorable evening in a unique setting. The tournament will take place on Monday, October 12, at both championship caliber courses at the World Golf Village: King & Bear and Slammer & Squire.

As "Chief Encourager," Michael invites everyone to participate. "There are lots of worthwhile charitable golf events on the First Coast and many terrific medical facilities in the area. The UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is an incredible resource right in our backyard that's accomplishing medical milestones on a daily basis. Naturally I'm biased from my successful outcome, but I bet you'd get that same type of response from the majority of patients, especially the parents of pediatric cancer patients such as those from England and Australia who uproot their families for two to three months to come to Northeast Florida for treatment," he said. "It's not just about the golf, it's about our community."

For more information about the tournament, sponsorship availability and registration, please visit [www.playgolffightcancer.org](http://www.playgolffightcancer.org).

## UF MBA Association Hosts 2nd Annual MBA 5K Run/Walk

The University of Florida MBA Association, the governing student organization of the MBA program at the Hough Graduate School of Business, is hosting its 2nd Annual Gator MBA 5K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 21. The event is open to the public and all proceeds will benefit the University of Florida Health Proton Therapy Institute. The race will begin at Boulware Springs Park, 3400 Southeast 15th Street, Gainesville, Fla., and will continue along the Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail.

Participants can register for the race at [ufmbaa.com](http://ufmbaa.com).