

21st Cancer Biology Annual Retreat

Sunday-Monday-Tuesday, October 26-27-28, 2025

Omni Hotel, downtown Richmond, Virginia



AT-A-GLANCE SCHEDULE updated 10-26-25

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

3p

Hotel Check-in Time

3p-7p

Welcome/Registration Desk Open

Rappahannock Room

4:15p-4:30p

Trainee Welcome Session

Shenandoah Room

4:30p-6:30p

Welcome Cocktail Reception & CRTEC Poster Presentations

Potomac Room & Foyer

6:30p-8:30p

Keynote Dinner featuring

James River Ballroom

Welcome by Dr. Robert A. Winn and Dr. Amy Bouton

Keynote Address by Dr. Mariano Garcia-Blanco

Science: A good walk, enjoyed, mostly random, but never alone

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

7a-8:20a

Networking Breakfast

Potomac & Rappahannock Rooms

8:30a

General session begins, morning announcements

James River Ballroom

8:40a-9:50a

Giving and Receiving Effective Feedback

James River Ballroom

9:50a-10a

BREAK – move to breakout sessions

10a-11:05a

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS Round One:

CRTEC- Site visits and issues to consider moving forward

James River Ballroom

R25 Workshop

Shenandoah Room H

- Spilt to R25 YES

Potomac Room

Trainee BO: Practical Skills for Difficult Conversations and 'Mentoring Up'

Shenandoah Room J

11:05a-11:15a

BREAK

11:15a-12:20p

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS Round Two:

T32 Workshop

James River Ballroom

Connecting Cancer Centers: Faculty Development Through the Emerging Cancer Scholars Exchange

Shenandoah Room H

Trainee BO: AI for Cancer Research Careers

Shenandoah Room J

12:20p-1:30p

LUNCH BREAK – Lunch Buffet

Potomac Foyer

Lunch Seating

Potomac & Rappahannock Rooms

:30p-235p

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS Round Three:

F & K Workshop

James River Ballroom

- split to F Workshop

Shenandoah Room J

Building a Collaborative Environment: Administrators

Shenandoah Room H

Networking Mixer

2:35p

FREE TIME BEGINS or BREAK for Speed Mentoring participants

2:45p-4p

Speed Mentoring

Roanoke-Balcony-Shenandoah J Rooms

Shuttle Times: 4:15p to The Park RVA 4:30p to The Park RVA 5p to The Park RVA 5:30p to The Park RVA

4:30p-6p

Free Time - Fun & Games at The Park RVA (offsite: 1407 Cummings Dr, Richmond)

6p-7p

Buffet Dinner at [The Park RVA](#)

6p-9p

Trainee Poster Session at [The Park RVA](#)

Even #s 7-8pm Odd #s 8-9pm

Shuttle Times: 7:30p to Omni 8p to Omni 9:15p to Omni 9:15p to Omni

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

7a-8:20a

Networking Breakfast

Potomac & Rappahannock Rooms

8:30a	General session begins, morning announcements	James River Ballroom
8:35a-9:35a	Why We Do Science: Tales and Methods to Inspire, with Lynn Matrisian and Oliver Bogler	James River Ballroom
9:40a-10:40a	Foundations of AI for Cancer Training: Building Knowledge, Ensuring Integrity, and Navigating Policy	James River Ballroom
<i>10am</i>	<i>Boxed lunch for first shuttle to airport</i> <i>Bus loads from 10-10:15a; departs at 10:15am</i>	<i>James River Foyer</i>
10:45a-11:45a <i>11:45a</i>	Achieving Career Success during Times of Uncertainty <i>Boxed lunches for second shuttle to airport</i> <i>Bus loads from 12-12:15p; departs at 12:15pm</i>	James River Ballroom <i>James River Foyer</i>
11:45a	Raffle	James River Ballroom
11:50a <i>12p</i>	Everyone else BREAK – pick up boxed lunch <i>Hotel Check-out Time</i>	James River Foyer
12:15p-12:25p	2026 Retreat	James River Ballroom
12:25p-12:30p	Board Recognition Awards	James River Ballroom
12:30-12:35p	Trainee Poster Awards	James River Ballroom
12:35p-1:05p	The Trainee Perspective	James River Ballroom
1:05p-1:15p	Final thoughts by President-Elect Janet Cross	James River Ballroom
1:15p	MEETING ADJOURNS <i>Bus loads 1:15p-1:30p; departs at 1:30p</i>	