



Leaders' Update

A message from Michelle Lin, chief administrative officer

Dear colleagues,

I have only been part of Massey a short time, but I am excited by the progress and potential I see all around me. Joining on the heels of the most successful Cancer Center Support Grant renewal in Massey's history, I am honored to be part of this talented and dedicated group working toward Comprehensive designation at the next CCSG renewal.

What excites me most about achieving this goal isn't adding "Comprehensive" to Massey's name, but rather it's the impact that fulfilling our mission to our greatest potential will have in our community and beyond over the next four years. We live in one of the most challenging yet exciting times in the history of cancer research, and we have the potential to contribute great advances toward eradicating these diseases.

This region's significant disparities, both in the Richmond area and in the rural areas of the state, provide a unique opportunity for cancer research. I am looking forward to working with the leadership at Massey in fostering inter-programmatic collaborations that tie our research efforts to the unique needs of our region, continuing to promote community partnerships that expand access to clinical trials across the state and supporting our community health educators and other staff as they work to increase access to healthcare resources and promote cancer prevention through a healthy lifestyle.

I understand that matrix centers can be difficult to navigate from an administrative perspective, and I am still getting up to speed as I learn about Massey's resources and needs. However, one constant need in the world of cancer research is effective data management. Our information is currently housed in different platforms across the University and Health System, and I hope to advance a centralized data structure that will serve all of our needs more efficiently.

I was originally attracted to Massey because of its rich history as part of the first group of cancer centers designated by the NCI in the 1970s, the unique makeup of its catchment area and the vision set forth by leadership. Now that I am here, I can see how Massey's history as Virginia's cancer resource is reflected in our strategic planning, and I am encouraged to see this vision shared throughout all facets of our organization and in our great community of donors, volunteers and advocates.

There are still many at Massey whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting, but I am humbled to be a part of this great organization's leadership and look forward to working with all of you as we strive to create a world without cancer.

Sincerely,

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