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SPREAD NED ROUNDTABLE

Shelton State Community College
Martin Campus Gymnasium
10:30 a.m.

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WELCOME
CARA CROSSLIN
SSCC ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

SSCC ATHLETICS & FRIENDS OF JACLYN
DR. JONATHAN KOH
SSCC PRESIDENT

HISTORY OF FRIENDS OF JACLYN
DENIS MUPRHY
FOJ AND NED FOUNDER

PANELIST INTRODUCTIONS
RICK KARLE
MODERATOR

PANEL DISCUSSION

CLOSING REMARKS
CARA CROSSLIN
DENIS MURPHY

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ABOUT

FRIENDS OF JACLYN (FOJ)

Denis Murphy, founder and president of the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation, created the organization in 2005 to improve the quality of life for children battling pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers while raising awareness through their Adopt-A-Child, Safe on the Sidelines and Guardian Angel Programs. FOJ does this by pairing children afflicted with cancer and their siblings with local sports teams, campus clubs, and arts programs in their community; these groups provide love, support and friendship to the child and their family throughout all stages of their journey.

Friends of Jaclyn Foundation was created after his daughter at age 9, Jaclyn Murphy was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. Through chance events Jaclyn became connected to and later adopted by a collegiate lacrosse team as an honorary team member. Jaclyn's strength, courage, relentless spirit, and joy for life inspired the players. The team went on to a perfect season, winning their first NCAA national championship in 64 years and seven in eight years following.

Today, The Friends of Jaclyn Foundation has helped over 1000 families with brain tumors and other childhood cancers in over 45 states, Canada and globally by pairing them with men's and women's Division 1,2,3 Jr. College, and semi-pro teams. While this insidious disease has taken over 188 children to date, the opportunity to give a child a better quality of life is the driving force behind Denis. Denis has taken Jaclyn's dream of helping all the sick children in the hospital and have created a nationwide organization that has changed thousands of children, siblings', player's and parent's lives.

FOJ and Jaclyn's story has been featured on the HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbal in 2009 and again in 2013. The New York Yankees honored Friends of Jaclyn during HOPE Week 2014. Other notable national media and awards include; CNN-Young People who Rock, Yes Network, Big Ten Network, Do Something Awards, Barron Prize Winner, Race For Hope Recipient, Stay Classy Award Winner, ABC-Above and Beyond Award, Obama Community Service Award, Sports Illustrated MLB, Alex and Ani Charity by Design, NYSPHSSA Arlington HS, Massachusetts General Hospital-The 100 Award 2013, American Cancer Society Good Spirit Award and Albany Alumni Award.

WHAT IS NED?

NED or No Evidence of Disease is an all inclusive program rooted in HOPE. Everyone battling a disease or cancer lives, breathes, hopes and prays they have No Evidence of Disease with each doctor's visit. Until there is a cure for the beast we and thousands of other families battling a cancer diagnosis will live for these 3 words. FOJ is adding our next organic program that is inclusive of all cancers, affecting all ages, races, demographics and beyond. Our vision for the NEDvocate program will help to unify everyone affected by disease and form one community dedicated to inspiring and supporting one another.

MEET THE FOUNDER



DENIS MURPHY

FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF JACLYN FOUNDATION

Denis Murphy is the founder and president of the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation. Denis received a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree from the University at Albany, NY '85. After graduating from Albany, following his tenure on Wall Street, he became National Sales Manager for Vax Appliances, a Senior Account Manager for Philip Morris and then Division Director at Common Wealth Brands.

A captain of the University at Albany, NY 1985 ECAC Championship football team was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2015. Lynda, his wife also graduated University of Albany with a B.S. and M.S. in Education. Jaclyn, graduated from Marist College 2016 with a B.S. in communication, while sister Taryn is a graduate of UNCW majoring in psychology. Denis keeps increasing his cardio level chasing his first beautiful granddaughter Taytum Rayne and lives by the foundation's motto: Live in the Moment...Play in the Moment.

MEET OUR MODERATOR



RICK KARLE

TV SPORTS & NEWS ANCHOR

Rick Karle is a 25-time Emmy Award winner with the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Atlanta Chapter. He has won Emmys for everything from "Sports Anchor" to "Sports Performer" to "Sports Host" to "Sports Feature", with his most recent win coming in 2015 for "Best Daily Sportscast". Rick has garnered more than 50 Emmy nominations, and has won more than 60 Associated Press awards, including the 2009 Alabama AP "Best Sports Anchor" award, the 2010 & 2013 "Best Sports Anchor" award from ABBY, and the AP "Best Sports Program" for "Sideline".
Rick also has won six Edward R. Murrow Regional Awards for sports reporting, along with one Edward R. Murrow National Award (Dateline NBC being the other sports winner that year).

Born and raised in Syracuse, N.Y., Rick received his B.A. degree in journalism from the University of New Hampshire. A cancer survivor, Rick has served as a board member for the American Cancer Society. He has also done volunteer work with the Big Oak Ranches, United Cerebral Palsy, Children's Village, and the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.
Rick has also served on the selection boards for the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the International Motorsports Hall of Fame, and the Blue-Gray Hall of Fame. For years, Rick has been a voter for the annual Heisman Trophy and serves as a guest speaker and emcee at numerous charitable events.

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MEET OUR PANELISTS

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KRISTEN BOBO

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES, SSCC

Kristen Bobo is the Associate Dean of Workforce Development and Strategic Initiatives at Shelton State Community College. She oversees the Adult Education Department, First Class Pre-K Program, Correctional Education, and Education and Training Resources for Non-Traditional Students. She has held several positions at the college since she started in 2003. Prior to her role as Associate Dean, she served as the Director of Adult Education, Adult Education Site Coordinator, Adult Education Instructor, Desktop Support Specialist, Business Office Clerk, and a work-study.

Kristen is married to Patrick Bobo, who also works at Shelton State (where they met as young work studies), and they have two beautiful girls (14 and 10 years old). Kristen has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Alabama and a Master's Degree from Troy University.

Kristen entered the doors of Shelton State as a kid from Trussville, Alabama, on a journey to find her purpose in the world, and that is exactly what she did. Kristen can find purpose in all walks of life and give them the tools to be successful in their own unique way, no matter their past, financial standing, or ability. All you have to do is want a new day.

To cancer:
Cancer may have taken her ability to have more biological children, BUT her purpose gives her 2000+ more every school year who call her Mama Bobo. Beat that, Cancer!

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KRYSTAL BOMAN

ADVOCATE FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS & FAMILY SUPPORT

Krystal Boman is a wife and mother of two, including a 13-year-old daughter who is currently battling brain cancer. Through her family's journey of treatments, hospital stays, and the emotional and financial weight that accompanies pediatric cancer, she has witnessed firsthand the strength of children, the resilience of families, and the critical role of community support.

These experiences have deepened her commitment to advocacy, particularly in promoting access to care and resources for families facing serious medical challenges. Krystal is passionate about ensuring that the voices of children and their families are heard and that their needs are not overlooked.

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DR. BLAKE BOOTH

NURSING FACULTY, SSCC

Dr. Blake Booth is a dedicated nursing educator and experienced critical care nurse with over 16 years of clinical nursing experience. He currently serves as nursing faculty at Shelton State Community College, where he teaches both Practical Nursing (PN) and Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students. His clinical background is primarily rooted in cardiovascular and critical care nursing, bringing a strong real-world perspective to the classroom.

Dr. Booth is known for his highly structured, student-centered teaching approach that emphasizes clinical reasoning, patient safety, and NCLEX readiness. He integrates the NCLEX Clinical Judgment Model (NCJMM), QSEN competencies, and NLN standards throughout his curriculum to help prepare future nurses for the complexities of modern healthcare practice. His courses frequently incorporate innovative and interactive learning strategies such as case-based learning, simulation, and NCLEX-style assessments to strengthen students' clinical judgment and decision-making skills.

Professionally, Dr. Booth holds specialty certifications as a Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN) and Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), reflecting his commitment to leadership, quality improvement, and excellence in patient care. In addition to teaching, he actively develops comprehensive educational materials, assessments, and clinical learning experiences designed to support nursing student success in both didactic and clinical settings. Dr. Booth remains passionate about mentoring the next generation of nurses, fostering accountability, curiosity, and professional growth while preparing students to deliver safe, quality, and evidence-based patient care.

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JOE EATMON

HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, SSCC | COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT 1

Joseph Eatmon is a son of Tuscaloosa. Born and raised on the city's west side, he graduated from Tuscaloosa's Central High School in 2001 as a basketball star. He continued his basketball career at Jones Community College in Ellis, Mississippi, and at Bevill State in Jasper, Alabama, where he graduated with a degree in physical education. He continued playing basketball while earning a master's in teaching from the University of West Alabama. Joe is a member of the Delta Phi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. He is currently working on his doctorate in higher education.

As the Head Basketball Coach at Shelton State Community College, he recently led the team to the ACCC Championship and clinched his 200th win during the 2025-2026 regular season.

Beyond his professional achievements, Joe is a dedicated leader in our community. His service as a board member for the Blackburn Institute at the University of Alabama, Temporary Emergency Services, West Alabama Unity Foundation, City of Tuscaloosa Zoning Board of Adjustments, Head Coach of the Why Not Win Institute, and the Benjamin Barnes YMCA proves that dedication. His work with the Re-enter and Re-claim nonprofit program exemplifies his commitment to creating opportunities for others. His efforts have even helped the first detention center child earn his GED while incarcerated. He also serves as Councilman for District 1.

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DAVID GAY

CEO, WHATLEY HEALTH SERVICES | SENIOR PASTOR, BEULAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

David E. Gay is a lifetime resident of Tuscaloosa. He graduated from Druid High School in 1974 and received his master's degree in social work from The University of Alabama in 1982. He is currently the CEO of Whatley Health Services, whose 12 sites in seven counties throughout West Alabama serve the most vulnerable in our community.

Gay's career led him to become the first African American director of Bryce Hospital as well as the director for the Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility. His contribution in the field of Mental Health has earned him numerous awards, including a Governor's proclamation recognizing his contribution in mental health. In addition to mental health, Gay has worked extensively with Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Veterans Affairs Hospital's homeless program.

Gay is a retired military officer after serving 27 years in the Alabama National Guard, retiring at the rank of Major. He has taught at The University of Alabama, Shelton State Community College and Stillman College.

Gay is dedicated in supporting the Tuscaloosa community. He has served on the United Way Board of Directors, Red Cross, Temporary Emergency Service and the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama Board. He currently serves on the Boards of Department of Human Resources (DHR), PARA Foundation Board, Elevate Tuscaloosa Advisory Council, Mayor's Alliance for Opportunity and Advancement for Project Unity, Tuscaloosa VA Credit Union and the Board of Directors at DCH Hospital.

In addition to his community involvement, Gay is the senior pastor at Beulah Missionary Baptist Church. His community contributions have been noted in newspapers and magazines including Jet magazine and National syndicated radio shows.

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JUSTIN GRIMBALL

RESTAURANT OWNER | ENTREPRENEUR | TEQUILA BRAND PARTNER

Justin Grimball is a restaurant owner, entrepreneur, and tequila brand partner known for building community-driven hospitality concepts in the Southeast. He operates multiple restaurant locations and is an early investor and strategic growth partner in Asesinato Tequila, helping expand the brand through distribution, events, and industry partnerships. Grimball focuses on creating memorable experiences that bring people together around food, spirits, and culture.

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JHEOVANNY GOMEZ

JALOPEÑOS, FOUNDER & OWNER

A native of Colombia, South America, Jheovanny Gomez moved to Tuscaloosa in May 1999 to study English at the ELI (English Language Institute) at the University of Alabama. He has an Associates Degree in Business Administration from Shelton State Community College. In 2001, He helped open the first Jalapeños Mexican Grill in Downtown Tuscaloosa, and subsequently, he was offered the opportunity to become a Co-owner. Jalapeños presently have 5 locations in Tuscaloosa and Northport.
Jheovanny has served in leadership roles in various organizations, including the Diverse Business Council of West Alabama, Chairman of The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, ViceChair of Membership and Investor Relations, past president Druid City Business League, Past chairman of Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama.
He is the past Chairman of United Way of West Alabama and Campaign Chair, where He helped raise more than $4.5 million for the community of West Alabama.

Presently He servers on Synovus Bank Boar of Advisors, University of Alabama college of continuing Studies Board of Visitors and Shelton State Foundation Board, Department of Human Resources of Tuscaloosa County, DCH foundation Board, Hospice of West Alabama and PARA foundation Board

Appointed by the Governor to The Small Business Commission for the State of Alabama. Also, appointed and currently serving in Tuscaloosa County Economic Development board and Northport Redevelopment Authority.

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LANCE HOLLOWAY

VIDEOGRAPHER | PHOTOGRAPHER

Lance Holloway has been professionally shooting video and photography for over 23 years. He spent a decade working on the television series Discovering Alabama, where he earned three Emmy Awards during his tenure.

Since January 2018, he has worked exclusively as an independent photographer, videographer, director of photography, director, and producer. Known for being exceptionally easy to work with, Lance takes pride in building strong client relationships, with many collaborators readily vouching for his professionalism and collaborative spirit. His ultimate goal is to create outstanding content for his clients while ensuring the process is both seamless and enjoyable.

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DR. MALLARY MYERS

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, DCH HEALTH SYSTEM

Mallary Myers, DNP, joined DCH Health System as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in 2022. Since then, her focus has been growing the system's outpatient and ancillary services as well as supporting efforts in partnering with the communities DCH serves through outreach and innovation.

She was previously Vice President of Ancillary Operations and Chief Innovation Officer at Augusta University Health, where she was recently named one of the top Chief Innovation Officers in the United States by Becker's Healthcare. While in Augusta, she helped lead COVID-19 response efforts, including operationalizing a statewide testing strategy and a mass vaccination plan. Myers was instrumental in securing nearly $6 million in grants and federal appropriations funding. Additionally, she oversaw operational process improvement plans that resulted $6 million in annual cost savings. Myers had executive responsibility for informatics and data analytics, as well as an array of ancillary departments including radiology, pathology, therapy services, respiratory care and oncology services.

Prior to her time in Augusta, Myers led similar initiatives at Baptist Health System in Montgomery where she served the VP of Operational Improvement and Innovation and previously as the Chief Nursing Information Officer.

Myers started her career as an oncology nurse. She earned a master's degree from Aspen University and then a doctorate from Vanderbilt University, both in nursing and health system leadership.

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SARAH PATTERSON

FORMER HEAD COACH, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA GYMNASTICS | FOUNDER, POWER OF PINK INITIATIVE

Sarah Patterson led the University of Alabama women's gymnastics program for 36 years, building it into a national powerhouse. Coaching alongside her husband, David, she guided the Crimson Tide to six NCAA Championships, eight SEC titles, 29 regional championships, and more than 1,000 victories. She was the first coach in SEC history to win NCAA titles in four different decades.

Her athletes earned 289 All-America honors, 24 individual NCAA championships, and a nation-leading 21 NCAA postgraduate scholarships. A four-time National Coach of the Year and four-time SEC Coach of the Year, she was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

In addition to her coaching career, Sarah Patterson founded the Power of Pink initiative in 2004. Partnering with Alabama Gymnastics, the effort raises breast cancer awareness and has contributed $2.1 million to the DCH Breast Cancer Fund to support prevention, detection, and treatment for women in need.

Since her retirement in 2004, she has remained active in community leadership and was named to the Alabama Academy of Honor in 2023.

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DR. LYNN SEXTON

NURSE PRACTITIONER | FORMER NURSING INSTRUCTOR, SSCC

Lynn J. Sexton is a nurse practitioner and former nursing instructor based in Tuscaloosa, Alabama with a career dedicated to patient-centered care, clinical education, and compassionate communication in healthcare. Throughout her career, she has worked to mentor future nurses while providing thoughtful, evidence-based care to patients and families navigating complex medical conditions.

Lynn's professional perspective has been profoundly shaped by her own experience with pancreatic cancer and major surgery. This journey deepened her commitment to advocacy, honest conversations about serious illness, and supporting patients and families through difficult medical decisions.

Drawing from both clinical expertise and personal experience, Lynn is passionate about promoting dignity, clarity, and compassion in healthcare.

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All Cancers
Lavender



Appendix Cancer
Amber



Brain Cancer
Grey



Breast Cancer
Pink



Bladder Cancer
Marigold/Blue/Purple



Carcinoid Cancer
Zebra Stripe



Cervical Cancer
Teal/White



Childhood Cancer
Gold



Colon Cancer
Dark Blue



Esophageal Cancer
Periwinkle



Gallbladder/Bile
Duct Cancer
Kelly Green



Head & Neck Cancer
Burgendy/Ivory



Kidney Cancer
Orange



Leiomyosarcoma
Cancer - Purple



Leukemia Cancer
Orange



Liver Cancer
Emerald Green

Lung Cancer
White



Lymphoma Cancer
Lime



Melanoma Cancer
Black



Multiple Myeloma
Cancer - Burgundy



Ovarian Cancer
Teal



Pancreatic Cancer
Purple



Prostate Cancer
Light Blue

Sarcoma/Bone
Cancer - Yellow



Stomach Cancer
Periwinkle



Testicular Cancer
Orchid



Thyroid Cancer
Teal/Pink/Blue



Uterine Cancer
Peach



Honors Caregivers
Cancer - Plum

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