### BRASS Scholars Spotlight

**The Poster Presentation In Stockholm**

In June 2018, BRASS scholar Joanne Hsu traveled to Stockholm with funding provided by BRASS to present her award-winning poster to a panel of judges and peers. Upon her return, Joanne wrote to the BRASS Board, "I just returned from the annual European Hematology Association conference in Stockholm. It was an amazing experience. The poster presentation that I gave was very well received, and we met with several excellent researchers who have agreed to meet with us again in the future in order to discuss our findings. Thank you so much again for the support and encouragement to continue working towards a cure for this disease. Back to work in the lab ~ it’s great to be back!"

**Posters Add Scientific Interest To 2018 Tea & Toddies**

The 2018 Tea and Toddies fundraiser, themed “In Pursuit of Excellence in Biomedical Research,” featured posters and presentations. The event showcased our partners in research funding; the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the David & Eula Wintermann Foundation, the Donald E. 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O n April 5, 2018, the 23rd annual BRASS Tea & Toddlies was held on the stunning rooftop garden of The Southmore, a luxury high rise in the Museum District. It was a celebration for the bright future of biomedical research and the groundbreaking research being done by our BRASS Scholars. Hosted and underwritten by The Southmore, more than $25,000 was raised to help support and further the BRASS mission of “providing funding and support for the best and brightest students” through endowed scholarships and research awards.

Dr. Matthew Baker was awarded the Diana Brown Memorial Mentor of the Year Award and Jeanie and Marshall Smith were named as our 2018 Angels of the Year. Both awards were richly deserved by the recipients.

BRASS honored the visionary Don D. Jordan as THE BRASS TRAILBLAZER. Twenty-three years ago Don Jordan learned the mission of BRASS: “Research Is The Answer.” He had faith in the founding members and their conviction that the way to accomplish this mission was by providing funding for scholarships and research. As a respected, skilled, solutions-focused leader in business he reached out to other Houston executives and philanthropists and asked for their support on behalf of BRASS... and they wrote checks. Three endowed BRASS scholarships: the Myra Branum Wilson, the Don D. Sykora and the Don D. Jordan scholarships were established by 1998. In 2008 the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, HLS&R became a research partner and benefactor, and its ongoing financial support of $95,000 every year since 2008 has enhanced the advancement of countless critical discoveries in the labs of our BRASS scholars. After five decades of HLS&R, recognized the unfulfilled need of research funding for these dedicated scientists in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine.

WHEREAS, Mr. Jordan expertly undertook teaching our BRASS Scholars the TRAILBLAZER because his vision and integrity and perseverance caused him to continue to blaze the trail for the amazing success of BRASS and as such from this day forward he will carry this honored recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that BRASS has hereby designated Don D. Jordan as THE BRASS TRAILBLAZER. Whereupon, the 23rd annual BRASS Tea & Toddlies was held on the stunning rooftop garden of The Southmore, a luxury high rise in the Museum District. It was a celebration for the bright future of biomedical research and the groundbreaking research being done by our BRASS Scholars. Hosted and underwritten by The Southmore, more than $25,000 was raised to help support and further the BRASS mission of “providing funding and support for the best and brightest students” through endowed scholarships and research awards.

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