



News from the Hereditary Disease Foundation

Glorious News!

Nancy Wexler Receives Prestigious 2019 Double Helix Medal from Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Nancy Wexler, HDF President, adds yet another incredibly well deserved honor to her long list of prestigious accolades! She was chosen to receive the 2019 Double Helix Medal for her extraordinary work leading to the discovery of the location of the gene that causes Huntington's disease.



The Double Helix Medal recognizes individuals who have impacted human health by making transformative biomedical research breakthroughs. Muhammad Ali received the first Double Helix Medal in 2006 for his public battle against Parkinson's disease. Past recipients include Michael J. Fox, Evelyn Lauder, Alan Alda, Katie Couric, Anne Wojcicki, Robin Roberts, Marilyn and Jim Simons, and Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg, as well as prominent scientists such as Art Levinson, David Botstein, Herb Boyer, Stan Cohen, John Nash and Larry Norton. Now Nancy's bright star will shine along with this impressive list of luminaries!

The award is bestowed by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, considered the birthplace of molecular genetics. Their letter of congratulations to Nancy states, "Your commitment to breakthroughs in the research of Huntington's Disease and leadership at the Hereditary Disease Foundation exemplify all that we hope for in recipients of the Medal."

Dr. Herbert Pardes, HDF Board of Directors member and Nancy's longtime partner, puts it best: "From my vantage point, this work and discovery is the kind of thing which has enormous significance for millions of people around the world. Nancy continues to work on efforts to find treatments to alleviate this disease. I am sure all of us in the worldwide Huntington's disease community and family recognize and applaud Nancy for this honor from one of the finest institutions for science in the world."

It's another feather in Nancy's cap and a wonderful recognition of the remarkable work the Hereditary Disease Foundation is doing to find treatments and cures for HD!!!

Nancy will receive this tremendous honor at a special ceremony in the fall.

Get Ready to Golf

Whether you are an avid golfer or a spectator, we invite you to mark your calendar for the [8th Annual NJ Cure HD Golf Classic](#) on Monday, July 22, at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, New Jersey. It will be a full day of golf, as well as lunch, dinner and a fantastic silent auction-- all to support HDF and others dedicated to finding a cure and providing support for families affected by HD.

Save the Date to Support HDF!

Please put a big star next to Monday, October 28, and save the date for the HDF Symposium and Dinner at the Harvard Club. Plan to share a fun evening with friends and family and hear from scientists who are at the forefront of finding treatments and cures for HD. Stay tuned for more details!!!

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