

TBPWF and MDA announce 2016 Texas Business Women's Award Recipients

The 2016 Texas Business Women's Award was presented by the University of Texas MD. Anderson Cancer Center to Michelle Barton, PhD and Therese Bevers, MD. The award is sponsored by the Texas Business & Professional Women's Foundation. In 1981, Texas BPW Foundation established an endowment to annually recognize outstanding faculty at MD Anderson in cancer research or clinical care.

Dr. Barton is an outstanding scientist whose exemplary career is characterized by innovative approaches to the investigation of chromatin structure, its impact on gene regulation by p53 and the identification of novel p53 interacting proteins. Her comprehensive approach combining in vitro biochemical methods and mouse models has resulted in key advancements in our understanding of the roles of tumor suppressor gene p53 in normal and embryonic stem cells. Her work has resulted in a patent for a therapeutic target and the recent development of a bromodomain inhibitor of TRIM24 with the ultimate goal of impacting the treatment of a wide range of cancers.

Dr. Bevers is founder (1996) and medical director of the Lyda Hill Cancer Prevention. Under her exceptional leadership and vision as its medical director, the CPC has developed into a premier center for novel translational research in clinical cancer prevention and a leading institution for the delivery of state-of-the-art clinical services in cancer risk assessment, screening, and prevention. Dr. Bevers has led the recent revision of institutional screening guidelines for breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, ovarian, endometrial, and skin cancers and championed the development of new guidelines for liver cancer screening. In FY2015, the center reported more than 48,000 patient visits, making it one of the most highly-regarded and active clinics of its type in the world.