Fight Colorectal Cancer is excited to host a fantastic group of speakers at our 11th annual Call-on Congress. From oncology researchers and cancer survivors to Hill staffers and caregivers, we’re sure you’ll be strengthened, motivated and inspired.

**LaTese Briggs, Ph.D.**  
**Director, Programs and Strategy, Milken Institute, Center for Strategic Philanthropy**

“I am in the fight against colorectal cancer because it is time for this cancer to lose its position as the second deadliest cancer; and the technology at our disposal is poised to accomplish this goal if we can effectively and synergistically focus human, intellectual, and capital resources.”

- Bill & Melinda Gate Millennium Scholar
- Began her career with FasterCures’ Philanthropy Advisory Service
- Has personal connection to CRC

**Dustin Deming, M.D.**  
**University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center**

“I fight for hope. Hope that research will lead to improved treatment options and a better future for cancer patients and those at risk for this disease.”

- Member of Fight CRC’s Medical Advisory Board
- GI oncologist
- Colorectal cancer laboratory researcher
- Stage III rectal cancer survivor

**Yasmeem Watson**  
**Stage III Survivor**

“I fight for those that may have lost their voice along this journey and to inspire others to keep thriving.”

- Member of Fight CRC’s Research Advocacy Training and Support (RATS) Program

**Angela Nicholas, M.D.**  
**Caregiver**

“I’m in the fight for my husband John. We had been married almost 4 years when he was diagnosed with Stage 4 CRC at 46. He’s had 32 rounds of chemo, 8 surgeries/procedures and is enrolled in his second clinical trial. He is my Superman!”

- Mead Johnson Award recipient
- Serves as Administrative Director of Einstein Physicians and Chief Medical Information Officer of Einstein Healthcare Network

Prevention, Treatment and Survivorship: Today and on the Horizon
BAO LAM, M.D.  Senior Clinical Director, Merck

“I fight to end cancer suffering in honor of my former patients and on behalf of my fellow humans.”

- Completed internal medicine and hematology/oncology training at Yale and New York University (NYU)
- In the gastrointestinal division at Merck, he chose to devote his focus entirely on immunotherapy for colorectal cancer

LUIS DIAZ, JR., M.D.  Head, Division of Solid Tumor Oncology, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“I fight to end suffering and death from this disease.”

- Has undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Michigan
- His work has been highlighted in several media outlets including the Diane Rehm Show, New York Times, NPR, CNN and the NBC Nightly News

JO BETH PETTY  Stage III Rectal Cancer Survivor

“I fight to help improve the next generation’s opportunities. Given my family medical history, I always knew I’d get cancer. I fight so my kids don’t live with the fear they’re next.”

- Fight CRC Ambassador
- First Place Finish for Survivors in Nashville Undy 5K in 2014
- Instructional coach for metro Nashville public schools

KRISTY PETTY  Caregiver

“I fight to eliminate ignorance, bring about change, and give a voice to this atrocious yet preventable disease. It threatened my family; nothing threatens my family.”

- Caregiver and wife of Jo Beth
- Daughter of colon cancer survivor
- Avid UNC basketball fan

ALAN BALCH, Ph.D.  CEO, Patient Advocate Foundation

- Fight CRC Board Member Emeritus
- Former Vice President of the Preventive Health Partnership
- Former Executive Director of Friends of Cancer Research

Trending Topics  @NPAF_tweets
PATRICK MAHONEY, MPH

Advocacy Relations Manager, National Cancer Institute Office of Advocacy Relations

- Former Senior Account Executive at Porter Novelli, Health and Social Impact practice
- Selected to represent Porter Novelli at Omnicom’s inaugural North American Emerging Stars program in 2013
- Received his Master of Science in Public Health from Emory University

EMILY BUTLER BELL, MPH

Associate Director, National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT)

“Trending Topics”

- 10 years public health experience (6 years cancer-related)
- Former Cancer Screening Quality Improvement Consultant for Washington State Department of Health
- Received her Master of Science in Public Health from Boston University

AMANDA HOUSTON

Stage II Survivor

“This is C[rap] - Early Onset CRC”

- Fight CRC Grassroots Action Committee (GAC) Member and Ambassador
- Caregiver to her mother - a stage IV survivor

DENNIS AHNEN, M.D.

University of Colorado Hereditary Cancer Clinic

“Prevention, Treatment and Survivorship: Today and on the Horizon, This is C[rap] - Early Onset CRC”

- Member of Fight CRC’s Medical Advisory Board
- Founder of the Genetics Clinic at Gastroenterology of the Rockies
- Former Co-Director for the University of Colorado Hereditary Cancer Clinic

BETH PESKIN, MS, CGC

Board Certified, Senior Genetic Counselor, Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center

“This is C[rap] - Early Onset CRC”

- Professor of Oncology and Senior Genetic Counselor at Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Education Director for the Jess and Mildred Fisher Center for Hereditary Cancer and Clinical Genomics Research
AL BENSON, M.D. Northwestern University

“We have made great progress in the diagnosis and treatment of colorectal cancer over the years and I remain excited as to what future advancements will bring for all who are diagnosed with this disease and to help prevent CRC with new screening tools.”

Prevention, Treatment and Survivorship: Today and on the Horizon, Breakout Session: Newly Diagnosed

CLAIRE SAXTON Senior Director of Education and Outreach, Cancer Support Community

“I’ve known too many people who have been affected by this disease not to want to fight colorectal cancer however I can.”

Breakout Session: Survivorship Issues

SARA GOLDBERGER, LCSW-R Senior Director, Programs, Cancer Support Community

“I fight for hope. Hope that all people impacted by colorectal cancer will have access to quality medical and psychosocial care.”

Breakout Session: Caregivers & Family Members

MARTHA RAYMOND, MA, CPN Executive Director Michael’s Mission

“I am in the fight against colon cancer in honor of my parents, Margaret & Patrick Raymond, who both passed from this disease.”

Breakout Session: Caregivers & Family Members

CAROLINE POWERS, MA Federal Relations, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)

“I fight for my girls, Rose and Ellie, so that someday they can live in a world where cancer doesn’t exist.”

Issues Training

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WHITNEY JONES, M.D.  Founder, Colon Cancer Prevention Project

“I fight to make colorectal cancer a disease of the past in OUR LIFETIMES by eliminating unnecessary suffering and premature deaths today!”

- Received Medical Degree from the University of Louisville
- Practicing Gastroenterologist at Midwest Gastroenterology Associates
- Member of the SouthEastern Colorectal Cancer Consortium

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KEVIN SCHULTZE  VP, Congressional Relations, Soapbox Consulting

- Has worked directly with advocates and Capitol Hill staff for nearly 10 years
- Formerly an Emmy-nominated television news reporter
- Graduate of James Madison University and holds a Masters Certificate from George Washington University

Hill Day Prep  @soapboxDC

MARSHA BAKER  Caregiver, Grassroots Action Committee (GAC) member

“I am committed to the fight against colorectal cancer. I hope that continued advocacy through education and awareness about the importance of screening and research will save other families from this preventable disease.”

- Member of Fight CRC’s Grassroots Action Committee
- First attended Call-on Congress in 2009
- Co-founder of the Steve Baker Colorectal Cancer Alliance (SBCCA) whose impact led to an 11% increase in screening in the state of Oregon

My First Hill Day  @prettyfly35