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Recent Advances in Cancer Research and Therapeutic Approaches

On Sunday April 29, 2018, Hellenic Link–Midwest presents Professor Leonidas C. Platanius in a lecture titled: *“Recent Advances in Cancer Research and Therapeutic Approaches.”* The event will be held at 3:00 pm in Room 1610, at the Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Admission is free.

Please park in the Faculty/Staff parking lot C and enter through door entrance #37. Please arrive between 2:30-3:00 pm so we can start the lecture promptly at 3:00 pm, as we have the room reserved until 5:00 pm only.

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In recent years there have been significant advances in the treatment of cancer patients using immune therapies, while the use of big data is facilitating new important breakthroughs in cancer research. This lecture will review research efforts and advances in the treatment of cancer, based on cutting edge research conducted at the Lurie Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

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Leonidas C. Platanius, MD, PhD, is the Jesse, Sara, Andrew, Abigail, Benjamin and Elizabeth Lurie Professor of Oncology, and Director of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. His leadership has advanced the growth and expansion of the Lurie Cancer Center’s clinical and research operations, and has strengthened the Lurie Cancer Center’s standing of international prominence. Dr. Platanius research is focused on molecular biology and biochemistry research; concentrating on signaling pathways in cancer cells and developing novel treatments for malignancies by targeting such pathways. Dr. Platanius received numerous awards, grants and contracts for his research work and has published over 300 scientific papers. Among his many career honors, Dr. Platanius received the 2013 Seymour & Vivian Milstein Award for Excellence in Cytokine Research that represents the pinnacle of scientific achievement in cytokine and interferon research. He has served as President of the International Cytokine and Interferon Society (ICIS) in 2010-2011.