Tom Anderson
Retired Associate Vice President, Temple University (Survivor)

Tom Anderson is retired as the Associate Vice President for the Office Community Relations at Temple University. In 1995 his office helped develop plans for the Liacouras Center, which created equal opportunities for minority individuals and companies to do business with the University. His office of community relations acts as liaison for Temple University and the surrounding Philadelphia communities. He was responsible for developing/maintaining relationships with individuals, Community organizations, city-state and federal institutions to help forge mutual interest, through exchange of ideas and support. Since retirement Anderson does consulting, and is an avid proponent of prostate cancer education.

Dr. Mike Daniels
Clinical Instructor at Temple University School of Medicine

Dr. Mike Daniels received his medical training from Temple University Georgetown University and the University of Texas Southwestern (SW) Medical School. A board-certified urologist, he currently has a private practice, and is affiliated with for Philadelphia area hospitals. Additionally, Dr. Daniels is a clinical instructor for the Temple University School of Medicine, and attending urologist at the Albert Einstein Medical Center. He has written in several scientific Urological Publications, and scientific presentation to prestigious National organizations. Dr. Daniels has participated in a number of medical projects including clinical trials for Finasteride Protocols Finance the ride for Merck Company and reduces clinical trials for prostate cancer by GlaxoSmithKline. He is licensed in Pennsylvania and Texas and board certification from the American Board of urology.
Dr. Georgia M. Dunston (Emeritus)

She earned her B.S. degree in biology from Norfolk State University in 1965 and her M.S. degree in biology from Tuskegee University in 1967. Dunston went on to study at the University of Michigan, finishing her Ph.D. degree in human genetics in 1972. She then accepted a position at Howard University Medical Center as an assistant professor that she held from 1972 to 1978. From 1975 to 1976, Dunston completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institute where she studied tumor immunology. She later served as a scientist there in an immunodiagnosis lab that was partly funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). At Howard, Dunston was appointed director of the human immunogenetics laboratory in 1985. At this time, she focused her research on diseases that are common in the black community as well as genes and immune reactions that are unique to African American populations. From 1991 to 1994, Dunston served as associate director of the Division of Basic Sciences at Howard University Cancer Center. She was promoted to full professor in the Department of Microbiology at Howard in 1993 and became chair of the department in 1998. Inspired by the Human Genome Project, begun in 1990, Dunston focused her attention on the genetic heritage of the African American population. Dunston’s work in human genetics and diversity resulted in her founding the National Human Genome Center at Howard University in 2001.

Lark Godwin-Leet
Consultant

Lark Leet is a graduate of Berkley University in Berkley, CA. She was program Coordinator for the Oakland Unified School District Mentor Program where she was in charge of strategic planning and coordination of program operations. She served as a project liaison between Laney College and member of the O.U.S.D. community and recruited, hired and supervised site managers and ensured compliance with district laws and regulations. She served as Regional Recruitment Manager for P&E Associates where she coordinated educational seminars on prostate cancer risks and prevention, recruited physicians with a high percentages of cancer patients and recruited over 100 families with high risk for prostate cancer in the Western region for the National Human Genome Center at Howard University. She served as Institutional Review Board Coordinator for Children’s Hospital and Research Center in San Francisco. There she screened and analyzed all protocols for adherence to IRB regulatory requirements, assisted individual investigators in preparing studies for presentation to IRB and Research Committee, administered the IRB application renewal system and provided administrative support for both IRB, Research Committee and chairs and support for grant analysis for the Translational Research director. She is currently a free-lance Consultant, both in health and education in the San Francisco area.
Veronica Mackey

Veronica is a native of Los Angeles. She’s Editor of Inglewood Today News and CEO/Matchmaker of Konnectory, a mega-networking organization based in Los Angeles and formed in 2009. She’s also the author of “30 Days in September,” a life coaching book. As if editing a weekly newspaper for over two decades, media and marketing consulting for 50 Hoops and a myriad of other clients were not enough, Veronica has transcended to a new level of networking with Konnectory. Her latest project is Perfect Pitch, a live “Shark Tank” type event which connects investors, lenders and funders to new entrepreneurs who pitch ideas for feedback and funding. Her panel of investors is impressive, and Konnectory is growing in popularity in Los Angeles. As 50 Hoops’ National Communications Director, Veronica conducts media research; works with local partners and teams to develop PR objectives; liaisons with creative teams to develop media strategies; and campaigns and creates media outreach specific to geographical locations for 50 Hoops.

Brian C. Springer

Vice President, Research Administration and Associate Center Director, Administration-Moffitt Cancer Center

Brian C. Springer has been Vice President, Research Administration and Associate Center Director, Administration, at Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute since 2013. Mr. Springer works closely with Moffitt Center directors and associates in leading research development, planning, direction, finance, operation, and evaluation, and renewing the National Cancer Institute core grant. Brian held senior administrative leadership positions at three nationally designated comprehensive cancer centers prior to joining Moffitt. He is a board member of 50 Hoops, and is active in a number of medical and community networks. Brian earned a Master of Healthcare Administration from The University of NC at Chapel Hill.
Timothy Upshaw  
Prostate Cancer Testing Coordinator

Upshaw's mission is to make every man he meets aware of the importance of screenings and to get them tested. “My desire is to change the mindset of men so that they will be more health conscious, and that no more men that I meet die from prostate cancer. Early detection is the key,” Upshaw said. Mr. Upshaw currently manages the number-one ranked, hospital-based prostate program in the United States, having screened over 88,000 men for prostate cancer, providing free of charge prostate cancer screenings throughout the Metroplex.

50 Hoops SPECIAL RECOGNITION

James H. Talley, CPA, CFP, PFS  
Chief Financial & Operating Officer of JH Talley & Associates, P.C., CPA

Mr. Talley's thirty-nine (39) years of experience has allowed him to specialize in financial consultation to various profit and non-profit organizations in Texas, and throughout the United States. His organization primarily operates in the Financial Consultant business / industry within the Engineering, Accounting, Research, and Management Services sector. Jim is heavily involved in his community, church and other charitable works. Jim has been the Accountant and CPA for 50 Hoops for nearly 15 years. We recognize Talley and Associates for their dedication to our finances and continued support of our programs.
50 HOOPS FOUNDERS

Ed Sanders
Co-Founder, 50 Hoops/NPFR Project and P&E Associates

Ed is a former Professional International Basketball Player who grew up in Detroit Michigan, son of a minister. He says the first time he held a basketball he knew that was his calling. When he graduated from the prestigious Cass Tech High School he played professional basketball in Turkey and Japan. He gained the nickname “SPIDER” because of his long legs and arms. Ed worked for Chevrolet for 14 years and moved to Dallas with EDS in 1985. He was Manager of CAVE and Associates Marketing and President of the International Black Network Exchange (IBNE) where he traveled to South African, London, Ivory Coast, Canada and the Bahamas networking Black businesses in America with overseas partners.

He is President and Co-Founder P&E Associates, a Clinical Trials Recruitment (CTR) Consulting company that specialize in recruiting African American and minority patients into clinical trials. As President, Ed provided clients with a “new patient populations” from which to recruit for their trials, while educating about diseases that critically affect this population. As co-founder and COO of 50 Hoops and NPFR, he works with administration and data development/ analysis. He coordinates all outreach and clinical staff. Ed is an avid sports fan of ALL sports, but basketball remains the center of his life. Ed and his wife together have three grown children and six grandchildren—five of whom are boys—so they’ve got a GREAT grandpa ready to form his OWN Basketball team!!

Patricia Sanders, CNNA, APR,
Co-Founder, 50 Hoops/NPFR Project and P&E Associates

Pat is a former Public Relations Associate of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Director of Public and Community Relations AT&T/Southwestern Bell and Executive Vice President of Philip Morris Industrial. She hosted community radio and television in St. Louis, Chicago and Los Angeles, creating a “Focus on the Black Businesswoman” on Stevie Wonder’s KJLH Radio in Los Angeles. She founded PR Associates whose clients included Chicago State University and Luster Products. As Columnist for the Chicago Defender Newspaper, she led a team of businesswomen interested in developing a coalition of networks. She formed TRB (The RHOPAR Bureau) the first national minority speaker’s agency in the country with celebrities as Cindy Heron (Miss California and EnVogue singing group), Rosie Grier, Wally Amos, Susan Taylor of Essence Magazine and highly proclaimed motivational speaker, Les Brown. Working with Xerox Corporation, she created the first “Welfare to Wealth in 90 days” Seminars for the state of California’s Welfare recipients. Pat spring-boarded her speaker’s agency into the national spotlight with TRB National Speaker’s competitions in Dallas, Atlanta and Los Angeles. And, working with Jack Canfield (Author of “Chicken Soup for the Soul”), she leveraged her agency into his multi-million dollar state contract for welfare recipients. Her honors include Who’s Who Among Black Americans, Alumni of the CORO Foundation public affairs program, South Africa Golden Phoenix Award and an International Biographical Center.
50 Hoops had a bittersweet beginning to 2015. It started January 31st, 2015, with the death of Pat’s baby sister, Portia Tucker-Howard. Portia was also a founding board member of 50 Hoops, and for 17 years, one of the company’s strongest supporters and visionaries. Portia handled many aspects of the 50 Hoops operations, from technical directions, Internet accountability, marketing documentation and event coordination to on-site staff and volunteer recruitment, utilizing 50 Hoops’ timetables and event handbooks to guide successful events.

As 50 Hoops grew over the years, it was Portia’s processes and procedures that were documented. These SOP’s (Standard Operational Procedures) have played a key role in the efficiency of 50 Hoops’ development of “How-to Manuals” for every aspect of our operations. This has become the very infrastructure upon which 50 Hoops was built. And, what makes our programs totally replicable is because Portia saw our future and helped develop our educational models for patient and medical education far beyond the lifetime of our company.

And, as 50 Hoops opens our 20th anniversary, we have created a new “50 Hoops Legends” program targeted to share our vision with other cities and teach them how to conduct our successful events. In addition, this tribute goes to Ed Sanders, whose prostate cancer prompted the creation of 50 Hoops as well as to Portia’s dream for 50 Hoops. So, because of Portia’s work we have standardized our medical and minority patient education programs in order to document and share our programs and our outreach knowledge with other communities today and into the 21st Century... and beyond.

Thank you, Portia, for your vision –