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**UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute
Elects New Board of Advisors Members**

LITTLE ROCK — The Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) announces the election of new members to its Board of Advisors. Ray Dillon of Little Rock serves as board chair. Additional officers are Natalie Rockefeller, vice chair; Hatim Smouni, treasurer; and Penny Burkhalter, secretary.

The new Board of Advisors members are:

Viviane Ajarrista of Little Rock

A native of France, Ajarrista has a degree in aeronautics and space engineering and worked for Airbus on various programs, including the European space shuttle and an anti-ballistic missile project. She also served as councilor in the cabinet of Alain Juppé, former prime minister of France and mayor of Bordeaux. Since moving to Little Rock, Ajarrista has served on the boards of Ballet Arkansas and the Arkansas Boathouse Club.

Elizabeth “Liz” Birrer of Little Rock

Birrer is a physical therapist with 40 years of experience that includes serving as president of TRI Rehab of Germantown, a rehabilitation clinic she established for pediatric and adult clients, as well as schools, in Maryland’s Montgomery County area. She later treated children with special needs, including autism, Down syndrome, developmental delays and orthopaedic conditions.

Laura Doramus of Little Rock

Doramus is a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She served as an active volunteer in the Little Rock School District for 17 years and is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Little Rock. She is a volunteer with the UAMS Cancer Institute MVP program where she assists new myeloma patients on their first day of treatment, and for Partners Card, an annual fundraiser for the Cancer Institute Auxiliary.

Annemarie Dillard Jazic of Little Rock

Jazic is vice president of online experience and digital marketing and director of contemporary sportswear buying and merchandising for Dillard’s Inc. She co-founded

two companies, Posh-True and Aegix, and serves on the Arkansas State Fair board of directors. She has chaired a number of local charitable events, including the CARE Paws on the Runway.

David Sutton of St. Petersburg, Florida

Sutton serves as managing director in the Public Finance Department of Raymond James & Associates, an investment and wealth management firm. During his 25 years with Raymond James, he has worked in its Chicago, Nashville and St. Petersburg offices. An avid cyclist, Sutton completed a five-day bike ride in January 2020 during which he raised \$7,000 for the UAMS Myeloma Center.

William “Bill” H.L. Woodyard IV of Little Rock

A Little Rock native, Woodyard is president of Central Licensing Bureau, a company that provides licensing services to the insurance industry. In 2018, he served as president of the Envoys, an advocacy group of the Cancer Institute. Woodyard previously was a member of the Arkansas Hospice Foundation board of directors, holding the position of chairman in 2009.

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS’ clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* named UAMS Medical Center the state’s Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — cancer, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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