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Baltimore Community Leaders Unite to Fuel Research and Hope at Maryland Night of Champions

A Celebration of Philanthropy, Leadership, and Community Impact

BALTIMORE, MD (August 25, 2026) – The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's DC/Maryland/Virginia Chapter will host the **2026 Maryland Night of Champions** on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, bringing together community leaders, healthcare professionals, advocates, and supporters to advance the fight against inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

The evening will recognize two outstanding leaders whose contributions have made a significant impact on the IBD community. **LT Marie "May" Oberlin** will receive the **Chloe Hannah Leadership Award**, and **Dr. Tony Guerrerio** will be honored as the Foundation's **2026 Medical Champion**.

2026 Medical Champion: Dr. Tony Guerrerio

Dr. Tony Guerrerio is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Director of the Johns Hopkins Very Early Onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program.

After earning both his M.D. and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Dr. Guerrerio completed his pediatric residency and fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology before joining the faculty in 2009. His research focuses on the mucosal

immune system, genetic drivers of IBD, rare disease phenotypes, and the development of innovative therapies for children with complex and treatment-resistant inflammatory bowel disease.

A nationally recognized leader in pediatric gastroenterology, Dr. Guerrerio specializes in caring for children diagnosed with very early onset IBD, immune system disorders, and genetic conditions associated with inflammatory bowel disease. His work continues to expand opportunities for some of the most medically complex patients to benefit from cutting-edge research and specialized care.

Chloe Hannah Leadership Award Recipient: LT Marie "May" Oberlin

LT Marie "May" Oberlin, a native of Honolulu, Hawaii, earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a concentration in Security from Purdue University. She was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 2022 as a Cyber Warfare Engineer.

Following completion of the Division Officer Leadership Course and Information Warfare Basic Course, LT Oberlin served at the Navy Cyber Warfare Development Group, where she worked as a cyber capabilities tool developer and trainee exploitation analyst. She currently serves with Fleet Cyber Command, Cyber Mission Force Operations Hawaii, as TAURUS Team Lead and Operations Officer, while continuing to support mission operations as an exploitation analyst.

Beyond her operational accomplishments, LT Oberlin has played a key role in developing future cybersecurity talent. As recruiting lead for the Cyber Warfare Engineer Accessions Team, she created training opportunities for Naval ROTC midshipmen by coordinating cyber education initiatives across multiple ROTC units and the U.S. Naval Academy. Outside of military service, LT Oberlin enjoys traveling, cooking, and staying active. She is currently pursuing a master's degree at the Georgia Institute of Technology and is

passionate about building a motorsports community on Oahu centered around Formula One and other racing events.

Supporting Research, Education, and Patient Care

In addition to honoring these exceptional champions, Maryland Night of Champions will feature a premier dining experience, curated cocktail pairings, live and silent auction opportunities, and interactive fundraising activities.

Proceeds will support the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's mission to drive groundbreaking research, expand patient and caregiver resources, advance advocacy efforts, and improve the lives of those affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

According to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, approximately **1 in 100 Americans** is living with IBD. Through investments in research, education, and patient support, the Foundation remains committed to finding cures while enhancing quality of life for those affected by these chronic diseases.

This year's event aims to raise **\$150,000** to accelerate research and expand vital support services for patients and families throughout Maryland and beyond.

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation invites businesses, community organizations, and individuals to support Maryland Night of Champions through sponsorships, attendance, auction donations, or charitable contributions.

About the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to curing Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis and improving the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases through research, education, support, and advocacy.

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Event Details

Maryland Night of Champions

Thursday, October 8, 2026

6:30 PM to 10:00 PM

Baltimore Museum of Industry

1415 Key Highway, Baltimore, MD 21230

To learn more, register, donate an auction item, or become a sponsor, visit:

<https://onecau.se/nightofchampionsmd>

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