

NAAF Board of Directors Welcomes Esteemed Researcher Brett King



San Rafael, California Jan 10, 2023 (IssueWire.com) - The National Alopecia Areata Foundation (NAAF) is proud to announce that as of this month, Dr. Brett King is joining its Board of Directors. Recently named an American Academy of Dermatology Patient Care Hero, Dr. King is an associate professor of dermatology at Yale School of Medicine. Since 2014, when he announced the successful use of a Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitor to grow hair on a patient with alopecia areata (AA), Dr. King has been a luminary in both the patient and research communities. Dr. King pioneered the use of JAK inhibitors in dermatology, and his work revealed the utility of this class of medicines for the treatment of AA in addition to other conditions. This work paved the way for the development of the first reliably effective therapies for AA.

“We are so fortunate and pleased to have Dr. King joining the Board,” says NAAF President & CEO, Nicole Friedland. “Dr. King’s input and expertise will be invaluable as we enter this era of new treatment choices for our community.”

Dr. King has been a featured speaker at NAAF’s patient conferences and webinars and serves on NAAF’s Research Advisory Council and Medical and Scientific Task Force.

Dr. King remarks, “I am so happy to join the NAAF board and look forward to working together to elevate the voices of those living with alopecia areata and their families and to forge effective collaborations that serve this community.”

Dr. King received his B.A. at the University of California at Santa Cruz, his Ph.D. from Stanford University, and his M.D. from Yale University School of Medicine. He completed his medical internship at Massachusetts General Hospital and dermatology residency at Yale University School of Medicine.

About NAAF

The National Alopecia Areata Foundation (NAAF) supports research to find a cure or acceptable treatment for alopecia areata, supports those with the disease, and educates the public about alopecia areata. Alopecia areata is a common autoimmune disease affecting nearly 7 million Americans that results in total or partial loss of scalp and body hair. Founded in 1981 and headquartered in San Rafael, CA, NAAF is widely regarded as the largest alopecia areata advocacy organization in the US. NAAF connects with more than 73,000 members of the alopecia areata community, including patients, family members, healthcare providers, and researchers through its support programs, email newsletters, website, research summits, and annual patient conferences. NAAF is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit and a GuideStar Gold-Rated charity and meets the rigorous standards of the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance and the National Health Council. For more information, please visit www.naaf.org, email info@naaf.org, or connect with NAAF on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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