



MÁXIMA BUTTERFLY NEWSLETTER

SHOWCASING EXCELLENCE

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SUMMER RECHARGE

Following the summer break our students have returned full of energy! This month marked an important milestone as they completed their personal development program. The tools and insights they've gained will continue to support them throughout their PhD journey—and well beyond, into their personal and professional lives. September also highlighted Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. We're proud to shine a spotlight on two of our students who were featured on the Princess Máxima Center's social media channels, sharing their experiences and adding their voices to the growing community shaping the future of childhood cancer care.

PUBLICATIONS

So far there are an impressive six open access peer-reviewed publications and two review articles, and many more in the pipeline. Their research work is a shining example of how these young researchers are opening doors to improving outcomes for children diagnosed with cancer.



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STRIVING FOR BETTER EVERY DAY

This September, in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, two Butterfly students were interviewed. Akshaya Krishnamoorthy featured in the Princess Máxima Center's interview, "Getting Better in Care and Research," while Roula Farag candidly shared a video interview on how her work is pushing boundaries through research.

Both students are striving to ensure that children can continue to grow, learn & live as fully as possible even while undergoing treatment.

This recognition highlights not only their individual expertises' but also Princess Máxima Center's commitment to advancing healthcare and research practices. The interviews can be accessed via the Máxima Butterfly news webpage.



Akshaya Lakshmi Krishnamoorthy

FROM CATERPILLARS TO LEADERS!

On Friday 5th September, we wrapped up the closing session of our personal development program. Over the past months, our 28 students explored 6 powerful pillars of personal growth, with one core message at heart: well-being isn't just nice to have – it's a life skill. Finishing this program has shown the students the path to be resilient, confident leaders of the 21st century—balancing life and work, growing their human skills, and creating impact for a more human world.



THANK YOU

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