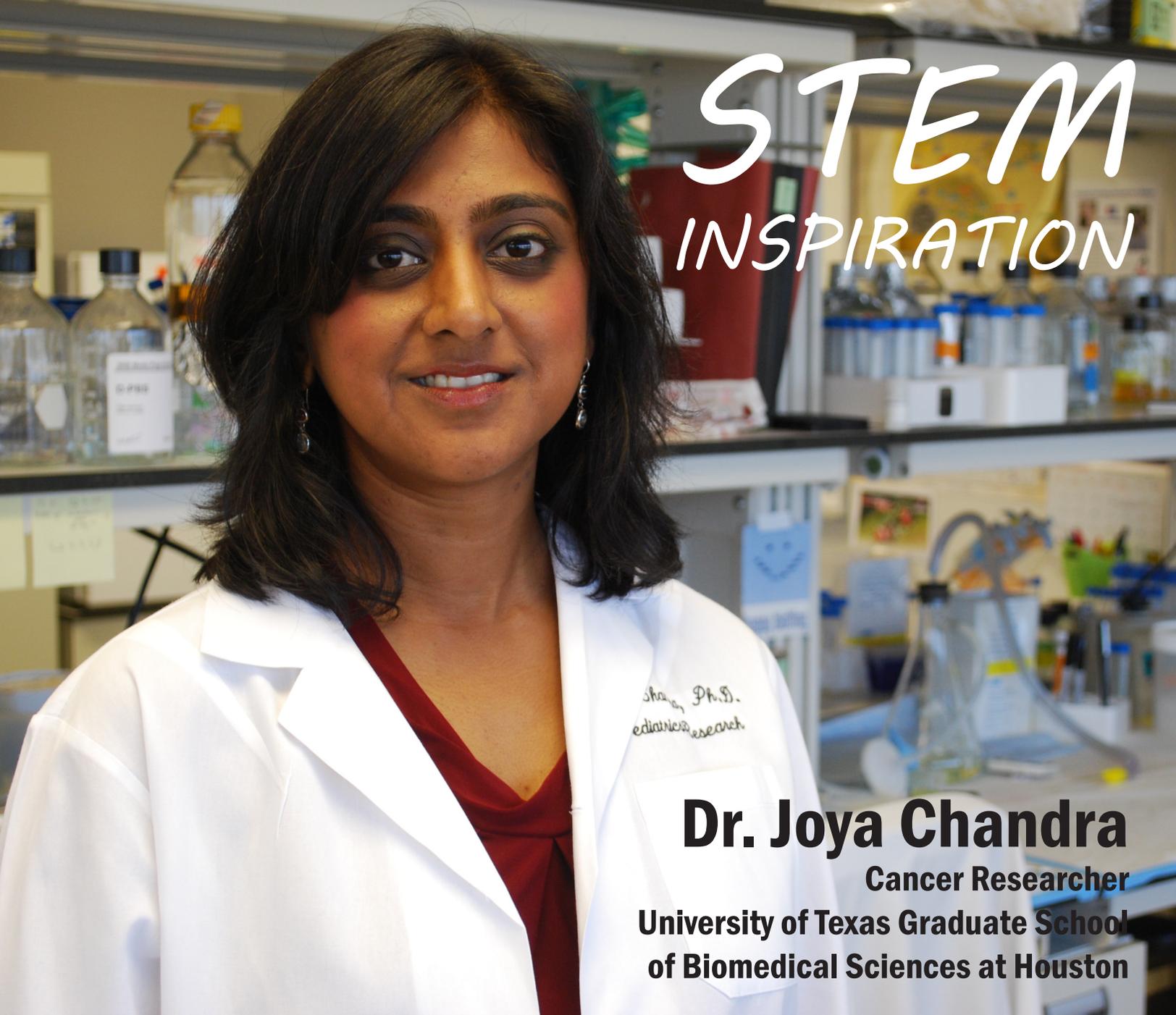


# STEM INSPIRATION



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*Pursuing your dream begins here.*

## Who inspired you?

"A series of individuals and experiences led me to a science career. My mother, Madhusree Chandra, was an English teacher who enjoyed biology and encouraged me to pursue it. A high school biology teacher was a conduit for many in my high school to consider careers in science. And, a college professor introduced me to immunology, weaving in stories about key developments in this field. At the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, I got a chance to rotate through virology, microbiology, pharmacology and cancer biology labs at UTHHealth Science Center and MD Anderson Cancer Center."

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