

## Georgia Bio Annual Awards

**Georgia Bio Industry Growth Award** – honors people who make an extraordinary contribution to the growth of Georgia’s biomedical industry. Awards recognize leaders from the public and private sectors.

2020	Patty Fritz	UCB, Inc.
2020	Philip G. Gibson	Georgia BioScience Training Center at Quick Start
2019	C. Russell Allen	Georgia Research Alliance
2019	Richard A. Hillstead, Ph.D.	FAHA
2018	Robert E. Guldberg, Ph.D.	Georgia Institute of Technology
2018	James Weyhenmeyer, Ph.D.	Georgia State University
2017	Tiffany Wilson	Global Center for Medical Innovation/T3 Labs
2017	Steven L. Stice, Ph.D.	University of Georgia
2016	Todd Sherer, Ph.D.	Emory University
2016	Daniel White	Clearside Biomedical, Inc.
2015	Steven G. Anderson	CryoLife Inc.
2015	Frank McDaniel, Esq.	McDaniel Law Group, PC
2014	David Hartnett	Metro Atlanta Chamber
2014	David Perryman	DRIVE LLC
2013	Jay S. Yadav, M.D.	CardioMEMS, Inc.
2013	Commissioner Chris Cumiskey	Georgia Department of Economic Development
2012	Edward J. Schutter, RPh, MBA	Arbor Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
2012	James W. Wagner, PhD	Emory University
2011	Annie Hunt Burriss, Ed D.	GA Health Sciences University (formerly Medical College of Georgia)
2011	Russell H. Plumb, MBA	Inhibitex, Inc.
2010	Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.	Morehouse School of Medicine
2010	John P. Richard	Georgia Venture Partners
2009	Dr. Thomas H. Callaway	Life Science Partner; Georgia Venture Partners
2009	Commissioner Kenneth C. Stewart	Georgia Department of Economic Development
2008	Phil Moïse	Immucor Inc.
2008	Dr. Lee Herron	Georgia Research Alliance
2007	Dr. Don P. Giddens	Georgia Institute of Technology
2007	Dr. Eric Tomlinson	Altea Therapeutics
2006	Michael Cassidy	Georgia Research Alliance
2006	Dr. Russell Medford	AtheroGenics
2005	Dr. Michael Johns	Emory University
2005	David Dodd	Serologicals Corporation
2004	Dr. Robert McNally	Cell Dynamics LLC
2003	Dr. Dennis Liotta	Emory University
2003	Dr. Raymond Schinazi	Emory University
2002	Roy Barnes	Governor, State of Georgia
2001	Dr. Robert M. Nerem	Georgia Institute of Technology
2000	Parker H. (Pete) Petit	Matria Healthcare
1999	Bill Todd	Georgia Research Alliance

**Innovation Award** - Georgia Innovation Award honors the department, institution, company or individuals who are forging new ground by thinking outside traditional paradigms to create some unique technology.

2020

AnemoCheck Platform, Sanguina, Inc.  
DisasterMed, R6 Industries  
Micro C, OXOS Medical, Inc.  
Non-Invasive Technology to Measure Oxygen Delivery & Use in Muscle, Infrared Rx, Inc.

2019

GloShield™, Jackson Medical  
3D-Printed Tracheal Splint in Pediatric Patient, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta / Georgia Institute of Technology

2018

Aruna Biomedical  
George Hsu, M.D., Chief Medical Officer / Interim CEO, Cathaid Inc.  
James Ross, Ph.D., Chief Technology Officer, Axion BioSystems  
PanXome

2017

Latha Ganeshan, CEO and Founder, Zywie  
Robert Ivarie Ph.D., B.S., University of Georgia/Synageva  
Matthew Lyon, M.D., Augusta University  
David Munn, M.D., Augusta University

2016

Abeome  
Mark R. Prausnitz, Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology  
NFANT Labs LLC

2015

EndoChoice, Inc. - Fuse. Full Spectrum Endosco  
Stephen Hsu, Ph.D. - Camellix, LLC  
Leonard Reeves, MD, FAAFP - Georgia Regents University  
Tom Robertson - Cogent Education

2014

Amy Baxter, MD, CEO, MMJ Labs  
Ami Klin, Ph.D., Director, Marcus Autism Center

**Georgia Bio Community Awards** – recognizes individuals, companies or institutions for significant contributions to Georgia's life sciences community.

2020

Michael Fisher, Global Center for Medical Innovation  
Gerresheimer  
Jayne Morgan, M.D., Piedmont Healthcare  
Cynthia Sundell, Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology  
University of Georgia Poultry Diagnostic & Research Center

2019

Atlanta Science Festival  
Chaarles G. Fogelgren, MBA, med fusion – a Quest Diagnostics Company  
Pediatric Technology Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Joseph Hobbs, MD, Augusta University  
Kornelius Bankston, Color Genomics, Inc.  
International Biomedical Regulatory Sciences Program, University of Georgia, College of Pharmacy

2018

Sherry N. Farrugia, Chief Operating and Strategy Officer, Pediatric Technology Center, Georgia Institute of Technology; Director, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Partnership  
Christopher D. McKinney, DA, MBA, Associate Vice President, Innovation Commercialization; Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Augusta University  
Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases  
Suzanne Prichett, Field Sales Manager - Education & Medical Research Division, VWR International LLC  
Atlanta Center for Medical Research

2017

Rafael V. Andino, Clearside Biomedical  
Derek Eberhart, Ph.D., University of Georgia  
Abel De La Rosa, Ph.D., Drug Innovation Ventures at Emory & The Emory Institute for Drug Development  
Georgia Power  
UGA Complex Carbohydrate Research Center

2016

Michael P. Diamond, M.D., Augusta University  
Kevin C. Lei, M.B.A., M.S., C.L.P., Emory University  
Stacy Shuker Reece, Ph.D., Down South Innovation  
David Stern  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

2015

Robert E. Guldberg, Ph.D., Parker H. Petit Institute for Bioengineering & Bioscience, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Jamie L. Graham, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP  
Lynn Hood, Crackerjack Marketing  
Tiffany Wilson Karp, Global Center for Medical Innovation  
Robert E. Powers, M.Div., Ph.D., Gwinnett Technical College

2014

Richard diMonda, BEE, MSBME, MBA  
Judy M. Gantt M.Ed., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Joseph M. Patti, Ph.D., Biota Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Todd Sherer, PhD, CLP, Emory University

2013

Chris Lepore, Johnson & Johnson Services Inc.  
Barbara D. Boyan, PhD, Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University  
Tina McKeon PhD, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP  
Harold H. Shlevin, PhD, Galectin Therapeutics Inc.  
Lewis Franklin Bost, MBA, IDSA, Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University

2012

REACH Health, Inc.  
Task Force for Global Health  
Metro Atlanta Chamber Bioscience Leadership Council  
Ann Schmierer, PhD, Georgia Tech  
Kitty Vogt, Georgia Research Alliance

2011

Harriet L. Robinson, Ph.D., GeoVax  
Carol Henderson, Georgia Department of Economic Development  
William F. Kitchen, WFK Consulting and former Director of Government Affairs for UCB Inc.

2010

Debra M. Lyons, Georgia Governor's Office of Workforce Development  
Norene Quinn, Association Management Services  
Wayne Reid, Frazier & Deeter, LLC

2009

Stephen Dalton, Ph.D., University of Georgia  
H. Wayne Hodges, Georgia Institute of Technology, Enterprise Innovation Institute  
Paul Ohme, Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology, Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics and Computing  
Jin-Xiong She, Ph.D., The Center for Biotechnology and Genomic Medicine, Medical College of Georgia

2008

Georgia State Representative Charlice Byrd  
Carl V. Patton, Ph.D., Georgia State University President  
Margaret Offermann, M.D., Ph.D., American Cancer Society Deputy National Vice President for Research Southeast Bio

2007

Michael Wanner  
Legislative Response Team (William Kitchen; Charles Craig; Dr. Marie Csete; and Dr. Steven Stice)  
The Georgia Research Alliance VentureLab Program  
The Emory Vaccine Center

2006

William H. Kitchens  
The American-Israel Chamber of Commerce  
The Center for Behavioral Neuroscience  
Georgia Venture Partners

2005

Margaret Wagner Dahl  
Frank Hunt  
The Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering

2004

Michael Gabridge  
Frank McDaniel  
Georgia Power  
Georgia Research Alliance

2003

Clifton A. Baile  
Ray E. Hannah  
Lauren Owenby  
Inhibitex, Inc

2002

John G. Edwards  
William A. Hawkins  
John N. Spencer, Jr.  
AtheroGenics, Inc.

**Deal of the Year Awards** – recognizes transactions such as financings, partnering agreements, and government grants that are significant to the development of Georgia's life sciences industry. Deals must be closed from November 1 of the previous year - October 31 of the current year.

2020

*Acquisitions*

- Alcon
- Takeda Pharmaceutical
- Tempus and AKESOgen

*Private Financing*

- Aruna Bio
- Danimer Scientific
- Guide Therapeutics

*Public Financing*

- Emory Vaccine Center
- Georgia Cancer Center
- University of Georgia Center for Vaccines and Immunology

2019

*Acquisitions*

- Becton, Dickinson & Co. & C. R. Bard, Inc.
- Wright Medical Group & Cartiva

*Economic Development*

- Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA Inc.

*Licensing Agreement*

- Arbor Pharmaceuticals & Tasly Pharmaceuticals

*Private Financing*

- Antios Therapeutics
- Rimidi Diabetes Inc.

2018

Center for Biotechnology and Genomic Medicine at Augusta University  
CryoLife  
Femasys  
Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance  
NSF Engineering Research Center for Cell Manufacturing Technologies (CMaT)  
Vertera Spine

2017

*Initial Public Offering & Private Financing*

- Clearside Biomedical, Inc.

*Acquisitions*

- CryoLife, Inc.
- Arbor Pharmaceuticals, LLC

*Private Financing*

- Axion BioSystems, Inc.

*Public Financing*

- Alimera Sciences, Inc.

2016

*Private Financings*

- Arbor Pharmaceuticals, LLC
- Celtaxsys, Inc.

*Joint Venture*

- Emory Genetics Laboratory & Eurofins Scientific

*Initial Public Offering*

- EndoChoice, Inc.

*Mergers and Acquisitions*

- Cocystal Pharma, Inc. and RFS Pharma, LLC
- Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. & Synageva BioPharma Corp.

*Economic Development*

- Alcon a Novartis Company
- Halyard Worldwide Inc.

2015

*Private Financings*

- Alimera Sciences, Inc.
- Clearside Biomedical, Inc.

*Acquisitions*

- CardioMEMS & St. Jude Medical
- Velocity Medical Solutions & Varian Medical Systems
- Immucor

*Public/Private Collaboration*

- AKESOGen & VA Million Veteran Program

2014

Arbor Pharmaceuticals, LLC.

Clearside Biomedical Inc.

CorMatrix Cardiovascular, Inc.

EndoChoice, Inc.

Royal Philips & Georgia Regents Health System

2013

*Private Financings*

- Clearside Biomedical
- Reach Health

*Public Financing*

- MiMedx Group
- GeoVax Labs
- Alimera Sciences

*Economic Development* - Baxter International Inc.

*Public/Private Collaboration* – Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta & Georgia Institute of Technology

*Company Growth*

- Meredian
- Mikart

2012

*Public Financing*

- Immucor, Inc.
- Inhibitex, Inc.

*Private Financing* - The Innovation Factory

*Fast Growing Company* - EndoChoice, Inc.

*Acquisitions* - CryoLife, Inc.

*SBIR Grant/Preclinical Funding* - NeurOp, Inc.

2011

*Public Financing* - Alimera Sciences

*Private Financing*

- Arbor Pharmaceuticals
- Carticept Medical
- InVasc Therapeutics

*Strategic Partnership*

- CardioMEMS
- NeurOp

*Product Launch* - Dendreon

2010

*Licensing Agreement* - Altea Therapeutics

*Company Formation* - The Georgia Research Alliance (GRA) Seed Fund

*Public Financing* – Inhibitex

*Mergers and Acquisitions*

- Porex Corporation
- Solvay Pharmaceuticals

*Private Financing*

- Iconic Therapeutics
- Medshape Solutions
- Synageva Biopharma
- Visioneering Technologies

2009

Merger/Acquisition – Sciele Pharma Inc.  
Strategic Alliance – Altea Therapeutics Corp.  
Medical Devices – Accuitive Medical Ventures  
Diagnostics – Immucor, Inc.

2008

Sciele Pharma  
GeoVax  
Metastatix  
The Innovation Factory



2007

Metastatix

CardioMEMS

AtheroGenics

Solvay Pharmaceuticals

GeoVax Labs

Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Medical College of Georgia- Nanomedicine Development Center

2006

Emory University

CardioMEMS

Altea Therapeutics

Alimera Sciences

Proxima Therapeutics

2005

Alimera Sciences

Inhibitex Inc.

**Legislator of the Year Award** – recognizes legislators for their support of the life sciences industry in Georgia.

2020

The Honorable Ellis Black, Georgia State Senate  
The Honorable Robert Dickey, Georgia House of Representatives  
The Honorable Terry England, Georgia House of Representatives  
The Honorable Jack Hill, Georgia State Senate  
The Honorable Randy Nix, Georgia House of Representatives  
The Honorable John Wilkinson, Georgia State Senate

2019

*Awards not presented in 2019.*

2018

*Award not presented in 2018.*

2017

Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle (*Awarded 'Lawmaker of the Year'*)

2016

Representative Sharon Cooper (R-43)  
Senator Dean Burke (R-11)

2015

Representative Lee Hawkins (R-27)  
Representative Butch Parrish (R-158)

2014

Representative Ben Watson (R-166)

2013

Senator Ronnie Chance, Senate Majority Leader, (R-16th District) of Tyrone

2012

Representative Terry England, House Appropriations Chair (R-108th District) of Auburn  
Senator Cecil Staton, Senate Majority Whip Staton (R-18th District) of Macon

2011

Representative Sharon Cooper (R-41<sup>st</sup> District) of Marietta  
Senator Hardie Davis (D-22<sup>nd</sup> District) of Augusta

2010

Senator David Adelman (D-42<sup>nd</sup> District) of Atlanta  
Representative Amos Amerson (R-9<sup>th</sup> District) of Dahlonega

**Phoenix Award** - The Phoenix award represents the iconic "rising from the ashes" of the Phoenix, a symbol of strength, tenacity and leadership and is presented to celebrate the best Industry and Academics collaboration. The two Georgia honorees will have forged academic and industry relationships that will drive translation and lead to new treatments and cures.

2020

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta / Georgia Institute of Technology



2019

Global Center for Medical Innovation / Rambam Healthcare Campus

2018

UGA Center for Vaccines and Immunology / Sanofi Pasteur

2017

National Cell Manufacturing Consortium

2016

MHG-Meridian Holdings Group, Inc.

2015

Forge

2014

Merial LTD & the University of Georgia

**Emerging Leader of the Year Award** – awarded to individuals who have made a significant impact on the life sciences industry through their studies or employment. An “emerging leader” is someone who is currently involved with graduate or postdoctoral studies, or who has completed their education within the past 10 years.

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**emerging leaders network**

2020

Alexa Morse, Global Center for Medical Innovation

2019

Benjamin Boward, University of Georgia

James R. Lewis, Co-Founder/CEO, Innovation Hub Enterprises

2018

Ashley Bohn, Georgia State University

Tami Hutto, MSPP, Program Manager - Emory University & Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta  
BEST Program

2017

Christine Hang, Flow MedTech, Inc.

JoAnna Pendergrass, DVM, JPen Communications

2016

Peter Borden, Georgia Institute of Technology

Kausar N. Samli, Ph.D., Glycosensors and Diagnostics

Beatrice Wan, Bard Medical Division - Community Service Award

2015

Erico Mattos, PhD., Phytosynthetix

Anu Parvatiyar, eHealth Africa

*Special Award for Community Service:* Paul R. Evans, Emory University

2014

Dana Fallaize, Emory University

2013

Amber Young, Ph.D.

*Special Award for Community Service:* Rose Santangelo Freel, Emory University Office of Technology Transfer

2012

Valarie M. Truax, PhD, Emory University

2011

Jim Heitner, Ripple Management

2010

Sapna Hornyak, Clinimetrics Research Associates, Inc.

2009

Grace Powers, CardioMEMS, Inc.

2008

Stephen MacDonald, Ph.D., King & Spalding

*Special Award for Community Service:* Chris Lessing, Georgia Institute of Technology

2007

Melissa Wendt, Hood Marketing Solutions

**Teacher of the Year Award** – The Teacher of the Year award recognizes excellence in STEM teaching and support for the biotechnology pathway, part of Georgia's Career Clusters, by a current high school biotechnology teacher.

2020

Stan Harrison, Morgan County High School

2019

Tricia Pedersen, Paulding County High School

Elizabeth Proctor, Jasper County High School

2018

William E. Schuyler, Forsyth Central High School

2017

Marc Pedersen, Ed.S., Paulding County High School - Dallas, GA

2016

Janet Standeven, M.S., Lambert High School – Suwanee, GA

2015

Janice Cheshire, M.Ed., Walton High School - Marietta, GA

2014

Julie A. Johnson, RN, MSN/MBA, Ed.S., Social Circle High School

2013

Ellen Katzowitz B.S. MTASCP, M.Ed.,EdD, South Cobb High School