

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.

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.

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.

2019

Atlanta Science Festival
Charles 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.

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

- Cocrystal 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.



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-41st District) of Marietta
Senator Hardie Davis (D-22nd District) of Augusta

2010

Senator David Adelman (D-42nd District) of Atlanta
Representative Amos Amerson (R-9th 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.



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-Meredian Holdings Group, Inc.

2015

Forge

2014

Merial LTD & the University of Georgia

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emerging leaders network

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.

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 and 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.

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

