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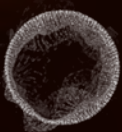
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Dr. Philip G. Gibson (2020)
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Dr. Richard A. Hillstead, FAHA (2019)
Dr. Robert Guldberg (2018)
Dr. James Weyhenmeyer (2018)
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Welcome

Thank you for joining us for the 2023 CGHI: Georgia Bio Golden Helix Awards!

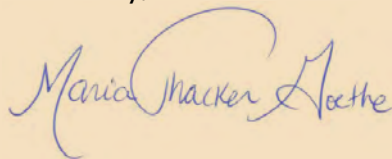
Tonight, we celebrate the contributions and achievements of Georgia's leading life sciences innovators, whose breakthroughs have resulted in new treatments and technologies for patients, and in a stronger, more inclusive life sciences community.

As we celebrate and recognize the impact that Georgia's life sciences industry is making around the globe, we also celebrate CGHI: Georgia Bio's 34 years of success in advancing the interests and growth of our industry in Georgia. Success that we are now spreading across the nation through our various initiatives because of your support.

I am excited to have CGHI: Georgia Bio's new Board Chair, Cindy Edge, here tonight. She has been helping to lead the Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health's expansion in Georgia and I look forward to seeing her expertise in strategic and operational planning inform the next phase of organizational growth. Supporting her as vice chair is long time community leader and entrepreneur Steve Damon, CEO of Micron Biomedical, Inc. Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to Shay Foley for his leadership as chair for the past two years, and continued guidance on the CGHI board.

Congratulations to all our honorees. We are looking forward to seeing everything you will accomplish in 2023 and beyond.

Sincerely,



Maria Thacker Goethe
President and CEO, Georgia Bio
CEO, Center for Global Health Innovation

Schedule of Events

Welcome & Dinner

Awards

Networking

Tonight's Menu

Salad

Balsamic fig salad with baby arugula, red bell peppers, thinly sliced fennel, radish and toasted hazelnuts on a bed of aquaponics green oak lettuce and balsamic fig vinaigrette

Entree

Herb-seared salmon and chef's cut herb-roasted chicken breast with sweet pepper relish and fresh citrus, spinach couscous, griddled carrots and mushrooms with a touch of cream

Vegetarian Entrée

** Previously requested*

Grilled portabella mushroom center-cut filet and tomato 'demi' with roasted new potatoes, grilled asparagus, and leeks

Dessert

Mascarpone cocoa mousse and fresh berries with cinnamon whipped cream and chocolate dipped biscotti with almond

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Robert Kuhn, FCS Innovation Academy STEM High School

EMERGING LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Andrew Short, Georgia Institute of Technology

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

- The Honorable Mike Cheokas

PHOENIX AWARD

- Grady Health System

INNOVATION AWARD

- Paenibacillus Larvae Bacterin, Honeybee Vaccine, Dalan Animal Health
- Saol Therapeutics

COMMUNITY AWARD

- Juan-Carlos Aguilar, PhD
- Roberto Alva, DVM, MS, PhD
- Jim Forbes
- David C. Hess, MD
- James Lillard, PhD, MBA
- Nakia Melecio

DEALS OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Antiviral Countermeasures Development Center (Public Financing)
- Boston Scientific (Economic Development)
- Center for Healthy Aging, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University (Public Financing)
- Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance (Public Financing)
- Micron Biomedical (Private Financing)
- Nyra Medical (Private Financing)
- OXOS Medical, Inc. (Private Financing)
- UCB & Zogenix (Acquisition)

INDUSTRY GROWTH AWARD

- Sherry Farrugia
- Jeffrey Rapp, PhD



Teacher of the Year Award

The Teacher of the Year Award recognizes excellence in STEM teaching and support for the biotechnology pathway by current high school biotechnology teachers.

Robert Kuhn **FCS Innovation Academy** **STEM High School**

Bob Kuhn has been a public school teacher in Georgia for over 25 years. He earned his BS and MS degrees at the University of Georgia in 1990 and 1993. Bob started teaching life sciences at Coile Middle School in the Athens-Clarke County School district and moved to Centennial High School in the Fulton County School district in 1999. At Centennial, he taught primarily biology and AP biology for 22 years. Bob moved to Innovation Academy STEM High School in Alpharetta in 2021 where he teaches Biotechnology Essentials, Biotechnology Applications and (soon) Biotechnology Research. In 2018, Bob started DNA Club, an independent biotechnology research club working on authentic long-term research projects. DNA Club has served over 100 students and currently supports 40 students, working on 12 projects.



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.

Andrew Short **Georgia Institute of Technology**

Andrew is an Atlanta native and a fifth-year PhD student in Bioengineering at Georgia Tech, studying synthetic biology in the Wilson lab. He co-founded University Bioconnect, a biotech meetup series aimed at growing the bio-entrepreneurial community in Georgia, with Harold Solomon of GT VentureLab in 2022. Bioconnect invites speakers with success stories in biotech entrepreneurship, investing, and JDEI to share their experiences with the community, and offers a space to make the kinds of connections that foster innovations. Andrew also works as Director of Strategy for the new Atlanta branch of Nucleate, a student-led, nonprofit biotech accelerator originally founded in Boston in 2019. Nucleate Atlanta has six PhD or postdoc-led teams seeking to commercialize their research paired with volunteer mentors with expertise in entrepreneurship to learn the key business skills needed to launch a successful venture.



Legislator of the Year Award

Recognizes state legislators for their support of the life sciences industry in Georgia.

The Honorable Mike Cheokas

Mike was born in Americus, Georgia and attended Emory University in Atlanta before relocating to Athens, Greece where he continued his studies at Deree Pierce College. He was first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2004. He proudly represents District 151, which includes Schley, Marion, Chattahoochee, Stewart, Webster, Terrell and parts of Sumter and Dougherty counties. Mike serves as Chairman of the House Small Business Development Committee. He has previously served as Past Chairman of House Information and Audits Committee and Past Vice Chairman of House Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee. Mike resides in Americus with his wife, Dr. Gaynor Cheokas, Dean of the College of Business at Georgia Southwestern State University. They have three adult children.



Phoenix Award

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The Phoenix award represents the iconic "rising from the ashes" of the Phoenix, a symbol of strength, tenacity and leadership. It is presented to celebrate the best industry and academic collaborations, outstanding healthcare professionals and systems, or other partnerships that drive translation and lead to new treatments and cures.

Grady Health System

Grady Health System is one of the largest safety net health systems in the



nation. Grady consists of Grady Memorial Hospital, six neighborhood health centers, Crestview Health & Rehabilitation Center, and the Ponce de Leon Center - one of the top HIV/AIDS outpatient clinics in the country.

With its nationally acclaimed emergency services, Grady is Atlanta's only Level 1 trauma center. Grady EMS serves as the 911 ambulance provider for the city of Atlanta, South Fulton communities and numerous counties across Georgia. It also operates the state's first Mobile Stroke Unit, taking cutting-edge pre-hospital care directly to patients. Grady's elite Burn Center is one of only two in the state. And the Marcus Stroke and Neuroscience Center is a Joint Commission designated Advanced Comprehensive Stroke Center.

Other key distinctions include Grady's Regional Perinatal Center with its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Georgia's first Cancer Center for Excellence, and the Georgia Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center.

Innovation Award

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

Paenibacillus Larvae Bacterin, Honeybee Vaccine, Dalan Animal Health



Dalan has developed an oral vaccine for honeybees to protect colonies from the devastating bacterial disease American Foulbrood, found in hives around the world. It is a highly contagious and costly disease. Once a hive shows clinical symptoms, it has to be burn, and burry deep in the ground. The only way to limit the further spread of the disease, hives in a radius of 2 miles have to be quarantined and monitor for several weeks. This practice, while effectful, can have devastating economic impact on beekeeping operations. Dalan's vaccine is the first regulated prophylactic product for honeybees. Dalan is committed to providing innovative solutions to protect pollinators and promote sustainable agriculture. Growing world populations and changing climates increases the importance of honeybee pollination to secure our food supply, ensure biodiversity and lower our carbon footprint.

Saol Therapeutics

In 2022, Saol Therapeutics transformed from a global commercial organization to a late-stage development company. Founded in 2015, Saol acquired and improved the sales and profitability of 5 globally marketed products by 2021. In parallel to the commercial efforts, Saol began development on 4 compounds. In late 2021 and early 2022, Saol divested all the commercial assets as well as 2 development programs. The proceeds have been used to transform the organization and accelerate development of our proprietary, late-stage programs, SL-1009 and SL-1002. SL-1009 is in a Phase III trial for a rare pediatric mitochondrial disease and a phase II trial in glioblastoma. SL-1002 is in 2 phase II studies, one for knee pain associated with osteoarthritis and the other for spasticity. The topline results for all these studies are expected later this year, making 2023 a landmark year for the company.



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Community Award

Awarded to a small number of individuals, companies or institutions whose contributions to Georgia's life sciences community are worthy of special recognition.

Juan-Carlos Aguilar, PhD

Dr. Aguilar is the Director for Innovative Programs and Research at the Georgia Department of Education. He provides internal evaluation support for innovative projects. He manages a portfolio of projects funded by the National Science Foundation, the US Department of Education, and private foundations. He worked for nine years as the state liaison for science, engineering, and STEM professional organizations. He served as a member of the National Academies for Science, Engineering, and Health's "America's Lab Report" committee and was a member of the National Research Council Workshop: Exploring the Overlap between "Literacy in Science" in the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Dr. Aguilar is the past President of the Council of State Science Supervisors (CSSS) where he oversaw the development of a set of Professional Development Standards in collaboration with CSSS Higher Education partners.



Roberto Alva, DVM, MS, PhD

Dr. Alva received his DVM from the National University of Mexico, and his MS and PhD in Veterinary Pathology from Iowa State University. He worked for the last four decades in biomedical research with a focus on the development of pharmaceutical products in Animal Health in Merck & Co, Merial and Boehringer Ingelheim. As Executive Director of Clinical Operations in Georgia, he was a part of the team that developed novel pharmaceutical products which included the parasiticides ivermectin, fipronil, afoxolaner and vaccines for disease prevention in companion and food producing animals. Dr. Alva was involved in veterinary education by overseeing the Veterinary Scholars Program. This program exposes first and second year students to biomedical research during the summer. The program started 33 years ago with two veterinary schools and six students in the USA. Today the program has forty-two veterinary schools in North America, Europe, and Latin America with over 750 veterinary students.

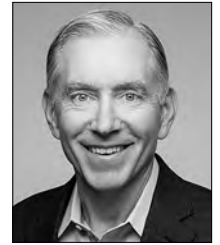


Jim Forbes

Jim Forbes is a senior technology executive with proven leadership in creating and operationally implementing corporate strategy for high-growth companies. Vizzia Technologies is a digital healthcare company providing real-time data analytics for CHOA, Emory, Grady and Piedmont hospitals. Vizzia has been recognized as an Inc. 5000 fastest-growing company in America and a TAG Top 40 innovative company in Georgia.

Mr. Forbes has shared his knowledge on Artificial Intelligence in healthcare at industry conferences in 2022, including the CGHI Innovation Summit, Health Connect South, and the Georgia HIMSS annual conference.

Jim earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from the University of Georgia. He is a board member of the Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) Digital Health Society and a founding board member of the Georgia Intellectual Property Alliance (GIPA). Mr. Forbes' earlier community healthcare efforts resulted in his company receiving the American Cancer Society's highest recognition, the Excalibur Award.



David C. Hess, MD

David C. Hess MD, a stroke specialist, federally funded investigator, honored educator and biotech entrepreneur, is the 27th Dean of the Medical College of Georgia and Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Integration at Augusta University. Dr. Hess also continues to serve as Presidential Distinguished Chair and as a Professor in the MCG Department of Neurology. He is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He is triple board certified in Internal Medicine, Neurology, and Vascular Neurology. He completed his Neurology residency and Vascular Neurology/Stroke fellowship at MCG and AU Health System.

A prolific physician-scientist whose focus is improving stroke treatment and recovery, Dr. Hess has nearly 220 peer-reviewed publications and has been involved in basic, pre-clinical and clinical stroke research. He currently is the Principal Investigator on three National Institutes of Health grants and an NIH COVID-19 supplement award.



James Lillard, PhD, MBA

James Lillard completed his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science from the Ohio State University and worked as a product engineer for IBM. He received his Ph.D. in Microbiology & Immunology from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Lillard completed post-doctoral training in mucosal immunology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He has worked as an Assistant, Associate, and now Full Professor at Morehouse School of Medicine, University of Louisville School of Medicine, and completed an Executive MBA from the Goizueta Business School with a focus on Biotechnology. He has served as founding Co-Director for the MS in Health Informatics and MS in Biotechnology (ranked #1 by Intelligent.com) programs. Currently, he directs the Morehouse Comprehensive Approaches to Reimagine Health Equity Solutions (CARhES) initiative, which aggregates and analyzes real world & genomic data from African American patients, as one of the largest precision health initiatives of its kind.



Nakia Melecio

Nakia Melecio is a Senior Research Faculty member of Georgia Tech Enterprise Innovation Institute and Principal in Georgia Tech's VentureLab. In this role, Nakia helps researchers commercialize their Biotechnology, Energy, Defense, Military Technology, Education, Government Technology, and Aerospace Technology. He also helps them secure investments from a network of federally funded laboratories, universities, and corporations. Nakia also is the Founder/Director of MedTech Center of Excellence, created to support and address the unique needs of early-stage medical device technologies, where they provide expertise in product realization, technology, medical device manufacturing, biotechnology, life science, and therapeutic innovations to early-stage entrepreneurs.

Throughout his career, he has worked with industry, academia, and government, providing him with a unique and deep understanding of the early-stage innovation ecosystem and technology transfer, proven scientific and technical ability, and decades of operational experience in technology-driven, high-growth companies. He has successfully helped startups and develop businesses worldwide in the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada, Nigeria, and Ghana.



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Deal of the Year Award

Awarded to one or more companies or institutions for the most significant financial or commercial transactions closed from January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022, based on the importance of the transaction to Georgia's life sciences industry.

Antiviral Countermeasures Development Center (Public Financing)

Established with \$52 million in federal funding from the NIH, the Georgia State/Emory Antiviral Countermeasures Development Center (AC/DC) is one of the national Antiviral Drug Discovery (AVIDD) centers founded to improve preparedness against pandemic viral threats through the development of broad-spectrum antiviral therapeutics. The AC/DC is directed by Drs. Richard Plemper and George Painter, who have demonstrated the power of their combined expertise in identifying novel antiviral chemotypes and advancing them to clinical candidate. This is best exemplified by their joint work on molnupiravir, one of two oral antiviral therapeutics that have received emergency approval for the treatment of SARS-CoV-2 infection. Based in Atlanta with eight affiliate sites nationwide, the AC/DC builds on the expertise and resources of researchers at both Emory and Georgia State to pioneer the next-generation of antiviral therapeutics that will have a critical role in controlling SARS-CoV-2 and fighting the next viral pandemic.



Boston Scientific (Economic Development)

Boston Scientific transforms lives through innovative medical solutions that improve the health of patients around the world. As a global medical technology leader for more than 40 years, the company advances science for life by providing a broad range of high performance solutions that address unmet patient needs and reduce the cost of healthcare. Headquartered in Massachusetts, Boston Scientific designs, develops, and manufactures a wide range of medical devices and therapies used in less-invasive procedures across a range of medical specialties. Its solutions and technologies are used by healthcare providers in specialties like endoscopy, cardiology, peripheral interventions, oncology, urology, and neurology. Its more than 17,000 products are used to treat approximately 35 million patients around the world each year. Boston Scientific will construct a new manufacturing and supply chain facility in Johns Creek. The \$62.5 million investment is expected to bring roughly 340 new jobs to Fulton County over the next seven years.



Center for Healthy Aging, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University (Public Financing)



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Drs. Carlos Isales and Mark Hamrick are co-directors of the Center for Healthy Aging at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA. They are leading a five-year, \$11 million initiative (PO1AGO36675) funded by the National Institutes of Health to identify novel cellular targets and pathways to prevent the loss of muscle and bone strength that occurs with aging. The team includes Drs. Isales and Hamrick, Dr. Sadanand Fulzele, a scientist in the Department of Medicine; and Dr. Meghan McGee-Lawrence, a biomedical engineer in the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy.

Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance (Public Financing)



Georgia CTSA
Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance

The Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance (Georgia CTSA) is a collaborative research alliance that accelerates clinical and translational education, research, workforce development, and community engagement. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded \$58.6 million over the next five years to Georgia CTSA to continue its efforts to advance the quality of clinical and translational research and transform research results to impact health in the state of Georgia and beyond. In addition to NIH funding, the Georgia CTSA will receive \$15.1 million in institutional support from its academic institutions. The alliance is comprised of two private institutions/universities – Emory University and Morehouse School of Medicine, and two state institutions – Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia, with partners that include Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Learn more at GeorgiaCTSA.org.

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Micron Biomedical, has developed an innovative Micro Array Technology for simple and self-administration of vaccines and therapeutics that are normally injected. Micron works with private and public pharma and biotech companies, private foundations and government agencies to develop products that have a positive impact on the lives of patients worldwide. Micron closed a \$14 million Series A financing in November 2022. The Series A investors included the Global Health Investment Corporation (BARDA), LTS Lohmann (largest commercial transdermal and orally dissolving product manufacturer) and the GRA Venture Fund. Micron had previously received funding support from the Georgia Research Alliance. The funding will be used primarily to support the establishment of commercial manufacturing for our products. www.micronbiomedical.com



Nyra Medical
(Private Financing)

Nyra Medical Inc closed a Series A financing of \$20 million to develop its novel transcatheter heart valve repair technology further for evaluation in clinical studies. Its proprietary technology the cardiac leaflet enhancer (CARLEN), is seeking to disrupt a \$5B market that is growing at an annual rate of 25%. The deal was co-led by Vensana Capital and a major strategic investor, and participated by Broadview Ventures, Epidarex Capital, Georgia Research Alliance and a group of interventional cardiologists. The company is led by Dr. Murali Padala as the CEO, and Dr. Eric Sarin as the CMO, and was spun out of Emory University.



OXOS Medical, Inc.
(Private Financing)

OXOS Medical enables anyone anywhere to access radiologic diagnostics at the point of care, expanding availability and changing how healthcare is delivered. In 2022, OXOS closed \$8.5m in new funding from a syndicate of over 80 medical professionals. At OXOS, we empower every provider with the capability, clarity, and confidence to make accurate decisions at the point of care. With this funding, OXOS will continue to develop and commercialize its radiographic solution by introducing new x-ray devices, diagnostic techniques, and cloud computing services." For more information, visit www.oxos.com.



UCB & Zogenix
(Acquisition)

UCB is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on solutions for people living with severe diseases. By putting people at the heart of everything we do, we enable people to live their best lives, as free as possible from the challenges of disease. In March 2022, UCB announced finalization of the acquisition of Zogenix, a global biopharmaceutical company commercializing and developing therapies for rare epilepsy syndromes and rare diseases. This acquisition builds upon UCB's continued leadership and ambitions, reinforcing their continued commitment to addressing unmet needs in these areas. It included the treatment option FINTEPLA® (fenfluramine) C-IV oral solution, complementing UCB's existing treatment offerings, bringing value to patients suffering from Dravet Syndrome, Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS), and potentially other rare epilepsies. Fintepla® is approved in the U.S. and Europe for the treatment of seizures associated with Dravet Syndrome and LGS. For additional information, please visit: www.ucb-usa.com.



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Industry Growth Award

Awarded annually to two people who have made an extraordinary contribution to the growth of the life sciences industry in Georgia.

Sherry Farrugia

As the CEO of Global Center for Medical Innovation (GCMI), Ms. Farrugia leads all strategic initiatives associated with GCMI's mission in advancing medtech innovation and commercialization. She provides executive level leadership for all business and operational functions including providing insight into the innovations, new technologies, and start-ups developed as a result of the partnership with GCMI.

Sherry was the Chief Operations and Strategy Officer for the Pediatric Technology Center (PTC) at Georgia Tech. She also successfully impacted healthcare in her role as the Managing Director of Health IT at Georgia Tech.

Sherry was Women in Technology Woman of Year and is an advisory board member of Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities; board member of MUSC Foundation for Research Development, International Society of Pediatric Innovation, Southeast Life Sciences, and active member of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.



Jeffrey Rapp, PhD

Jeffrey C. Rapp, current program chair for Bioscience at Athens Technical College, earned a B.S. in microbiology from the University of Notre Dame in 1986 and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Texas A&M University in 1993. He performed herpesvirus research at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta on a National Research Council postdoctoral fellowship. He researched baculovirus gene expression and an avian leukosis virus at the University of Georgia which led to his employment at a biotechnology start-up company for six years. He has authored nine peer-reviewed research publications and 22 U.S. patents. Soon after joining the faculty of the Bioscience program at Athens Technical College, Dr. Rapp was part of a team that was awarded a \$1.9M U.S. Department of Labor grant in 2006 aimed at increasing the biotechnology workforce in Georgia. Dr. Rapp obtains joy out of training students to work in the laboratory and earns great satisfaction from getting jobs for them. His favorite hobby is distance unicycling.





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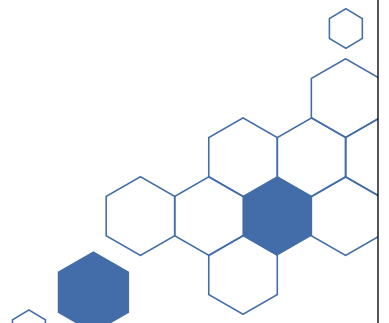
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