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Governor Roy Barnes (2002)
Dr. Robert M. Nerem (2001)
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Mr. Bill Todd (1999)

Welcome

Thank you for joining us for the 2022 Golden Helix Awards. We are thrilled to be back in person this year. That you all are here is a testament to the success of our industry's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tonight, we celebrate the contributions and achievements of Georgia's leading life science innovators, whose breakthroughs have resulted in new treatments and technologies for patients, and in a stronger, more inclusive life sciences community. As we honor and recognize the impact that Georgia's therapeutic, diagnostic, medical device, digital health, agricultural and industrial biotechnology companies are making around the globe, we also take this time to reflect on Georgia Bio's momentous year in 2021.

Last year, our parent organization, CGHI, announced the launch of our Global Health Innovation District. The District inhabits 220,000 SF in the former AT&T building and will include a state-of-the-art conference center designed around sharing research and scientific presentations, STEM-related industry workforce training facilities, and affordable research wet lab space. We're accepting applications for pre-leasing now, so feel free to reach out to me and my team for more information.

2021 was a banner year for Georgia Bio's advocacy and workforce efforts. The 2021 legislative session brought fully restored funding of our Rural Teacher Training Initiative; the Georgia Made Medical Manufacturing Act was also passed, which implements a \$1250 tax credit for all new jobs created in pharmaceutical or medical supply and device manufacturing; and our BioEd institute introduced nearly 23,000 students to potential life science careers.

Next month, we will release a teaser of the new Georgia Life Sciences Industry Report; a tool that we, our members and economic development partners use to continue to strengthen the life sciences community throughout the state. The full report will be released in October.

We are honored to have you all with us this evening, and I hope you will join me in showing our appreciation to this year's awardees, and the 2021 and 2020 awardees after the program. I hope you all continue to stay safe and well.

Maria Thacker Goethe

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President and CEO, Georgia Bio
CEO, Center for Global Health Innovation

Schedule of Events

Welcome & Dinner

Awards

Networking

Tonight's Menu

Salad

Pecan Peach Salad with Sweet Grass
Dairy Asher Blue Cheese (GF)

Entree

Almond Crusted Salmon and Skin-
On Breast of Chicken Stuffed with
Pears, Gorgonzola, and Brioche

Vegetarian Entrée

** Previously Requested*

Zucchini and Yellow Squash
'Pappardelle'

Dessert

Triple Chocolate Mousse Parfait

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Cynthia Greer, North Hall High School

EMERGING LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Aaron Enten, PhD, MBA, Insight Optics

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

- The Honorable Shaw Blackmon
- The Honorable Chuck Hufstetler

PHOENIX AWARD

- Delta Air Lines Foundation / University of Georgia
Innovation District

INNOVATION AWARD

- GENOSYL, VERO Biotech

COMMUNITY AWARD

- Ian Biggs
- Angelita Howard, EdD, MBA-PM, MA
- Wilbur Lam, MD, PhD
- Dorothy Leone-Glasser, RN, HHC
- Marine Extension & Georgia Sea Grant
- Grace Powers, MS, MBA, RAC
- Ryan White Program

DEALS OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Antios Therapeutics (Private Financing)
- Axion Biosystems & Summa Equity (Acquisition)
- Beam Therapeutics & Guide Therapeutics (Acquisition)
- Danimer Scientific (Economic Development)
- DJO & MedShape, Inc. (Acquisition)
- Intuitive Surgical (Economic Development)
- Kennesaw State University (Public Financing)
- Sharecare (Private Financing)
- Strados Labs (Private Financing)
- VERO Biotech (Private Financing)

INDUSTRY GROWTH AWARD

- Rafael V. Andino
- Krishnendu Roy, PhD

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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.

Cynthia Greer North Hall High School

Cynthia Greer is a 20-year veteran teacher and science department chair at North Hall High School in Gainesville, Georgia. Cynthia earned her bachelor's degree in science education from the University of Georgia and her master's in biology from Clemson University. In 2018, Cynthia started the biotechnology pathway as part of the North Hall High School STEM program. Cynthia loves bringing the laboratory experience to her students by providing a wide variety of hands-on labs ranging from cheese and bread making to DNA extraction utilizing lab techniques such as PCR and gel electrophoresis. Her classroom exemplifies CTAE standards with engaging lab activities, workplace readiness lessons, and industry involvement. Cynthia strives to highlight careers in agriculture, environmental science, industry, and the biomedical field that utilize biotechnology.



Legislator of the Year Award

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

The Honorable Shaw Blackmon

Representative Shaw Blackmon was elected to the 146th District in 2015 and serves on Economic Development & Tourism, Governmental Affairs, Insurance, Juvenile Justice, Rules, Small Business Development, Special Rules, and Ways & Means Committees. He serves as Chair of the Transportation Committee on Appropriations and as House Appointee to the Joint Defense Commission. Shaw resides in Warner Robins with his wife, Whitney, son Cort, and stepson, Ges. Shaw's commitment to community has been longstanding, as he is passionate in making our region of the state the best place to work, live and raise a family.

Blackmon attended the University of Georgia where he completed his degree in Management Information Systems. Upon moving back home to Houston County, Shaw began working in sales for National Bank Products, a small family business founded by the Blackmon family. After 10 years in sales, Shaw moved into management and operations, prior to becoming President and CEO.



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.

Aaron Enten, PhD, MBA Insight Optics

Dr. Aaron Enten, is the President, CEO, and a technical co-founder of Insight Optics. Aaron leads the creation of the company's culture, corporate strategy, investor relationships, and drives strategic partnerships. His expertise originates from the management, founding, and consulting of small to mid-cap companies paired with his academic background. Aaron is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Bioengineering Innovation and Design program, a degree focused on medical technology innovation, needs identification, and customer discovery, and received a Ph.D. and MBA at Georgia Tech in BioEngineering and Innovation Management and Technology Commercialization.



The Honorable Chuck Hufstetler

Senator Chuck Hufstetler was elected to the State Senate for Georgia's 52nd District in 2012. Sen. Hufstetler represents all of Floyd County along with the majority of Bartow and Gordon and part of Chattooga County. Sen. Hufstetler serves as the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Vice Chair of the Retirement Committee, and as a member of the Higher Education and Health and Human Services Committees. Senator Hufstetler was also the negotiator with the Atlanta Braves to bring the minor league team to Rome in 2002. In 2006, Sen. Hufstetler pursued a life-long passion by enrolling in Emory School of Medicine to become an anesthetist. After graduating, he began providing anesthesia to patients at Redmond Regional Hospital where he currently still works. He also works as an Adjunct Professor at Emory University School of Medicine. He earned a double major in Biology and Psychology from the University of Georgia, a degree from the American Institute of Baking and a master's in medical science in Anesthesiology from the Emory School of Medicine.



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 and is presented to celebrate the best Industry and Academics collaboration. Georgia honorees will have forged academic and industry relationships that will drive translation and lead to new treatments and cures.

Delta Air Lines Foundation / University of Georgia Innovation District



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The Delta Innovation Hub, as a core component of UGA’s Innovation District, occupies a newly renovated 1940’s masonry warehouse structure on a site of historic importance to the origins of the University and the town of Athens.

Located at the corner of Spring and South streets, a block off Broad Street in downtown Athens, the Delta Innovation Hub provides flexible workspace, conference rooms, and presentation areas to support UGA’s growing pipeline of faculty startup companies. The facility also offers space and programming to enable faculty, students, and industry partners to collaborate on company-based research and development projects.

The Delta Innovation Hub, which was made possible by the generous support of the Delta Air Lines Foundation, enables the University of Georgia to accelerate research commercialization, expand industry engagement, and provide rich experiential learning opportunities that prepare UGA graduates to be successful in the Innovation Age.

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.

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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.

Ian Biggs

Ian Biggs is the Director of the startup program at UGA and responsible for the programming at the new Innovation District. Ian graduated from Oxford with a mathematics degree was originally trained as an accountant, working for some time in the banking world and then moved on to have extensive experience in leading and building businesses globally as well as running small venture backed businesses. He was involved in the VC backed business that commercialized the technology behind Dolly the first cloned mammal and a startup developing a new vaccine platform. He has been the principal in purchasing and selling numerous technology based businesses and has run a large R&D program within a multinational.



Wilbur Lam, MD, PhD

Wilbur A. Lam, MD, PhD is Professor of Pediatrics and Biomedical Engineering at Emory and Georgia Tech and a clinical pediatric hematologist/oncologist at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. As a physician-scientist-engineer, Dr. Lam leads an interdisciplinary laboratory that develops microchip-enabled and smartphone-based technologies to study and diagnose pediatric and blood diseases. With an interest in home-based diagnostic tests, Dr. Lam is also dedicated to further developing his lab's technologies as novel "cheap tech" solutions to enable and empower patients to more easily monitor their own diseases whenever and wherever they want. Dr. Lam has co-founded and serves as chief medical officer for three startups based on his research. In addition, Dr. Lam is a principal investigator of the Atlanta Center for Microsystems Engineered Point-Of-Care Technologies (ACME POCT), which serves as the NIH's national testing facility for all federally-funded COVID-19 diagnostics. In this role of "testing the tests", the ACME POCT has ensured that the American public has had ample access to accurate tests throughout the course of the pandemic.



Angelita Howard, EdD, MBA-PM, MA

Dr. Angelita Howard serves as Founding Dean of Online Education and Expanded Programs and an Assistant Professor at Morehouse School of Medicine, where she has been integral in the leading the implementation of strategic plans for new and ongoing online program expansion. Her current research includes faculty teaching and learning, self-directed studies, adaptive leadership in biotechnology and health informatics industries.



Angelita's commitment to excellence in all that she does is inspiring and motivates all with whom she interacts to perform at their highest level, especially her students. Recently, the Master of Science in Biotechnology that she directs ranked #1 in the country two consecutive years.

As the 2021 Woman of Year in STEAM Education, Angelita is equally committed to EQUITY, ACCESS, and IMPACT.

Angelita holds a Bachelor's in Music, Master's degree in both Education Administration and Teaching, Doctor in Education Administration, MBA in Project Management, and a Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics.

Dorothy Leone-Glasser, RN, HHC

Dorothy Leone-Glasser, RN, HHC, is the Executive Director of the Advocates for Responsible Care (ARxC), a non-profit wellness and advocacy organization. She has lived with systemic lupus for over thirty-five years and has overcome two forms of cancer, disabling arthritis, kidney failure, a coma, heart attack, and two strokes. Dorothy's philosophy, "Illness lives in the mind, plays out in the body, and comes to a place of peace in the spirit where wellness survives" is the guiding ideal behind her many advocacy projects. Dorothy is frequently seen and heard on TV, radio, and print media; she testifies before congressional committees and local government Boards on health care advocacy issues; and she provides advocacy consulting to numerous organizations, societies, and patient groups.



Marine Extension & Georgia Sea Grant



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UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant is an organization committed to improving the environmental and economic health of the Georgia coast through research, education and extension. By acting as a bridge between scientists, local governments and marine industries, Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant helps communities reduce risks to coastal resources using sustainable and practical solutions. Extension staff connect university knowledge with local needs to improve the economic vitality and resilience of coastal communities. Education staff enhance environmental literacy and promote coastal stewardship by providing the public, teachers and school groups with programs focused on the importance of Georgia's coastal ecosystems. They also cultivate the next generation of educators and marine scientists through workforce development opportunities for college students. The organization's research program engages institutions around the state in conducting applied research that advances understanding of Georgia's coastal and estuarine environment and provides science-based solutions to issues impacting Georgia's coast. Learn more at gacoast.uga.edu.



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Grace Powers, MS, MBA, RAC



Grace Powers is an independent regulatory affairs consultant. She founded Powers Regulatory Consulting in 2015 to help clients with regulatory strategies and submissions. Her clients include universities, investors, start-ups, and small and mid-size medical device companies. She has twenty years of industry experience in medical devices including research and development. She has previously worked for Brookhaven Medical, Bard Medical, CardioMEMS, and Novoste. She has experience with managing regulatory affairs responsibilities related to all pre- and post-marketing regulatory activities and submissions. Her submission experience includes FDA submissions such as 510(k)s, Pre-Submissions, 513(g)s, de novos, IDEs, PMAs, and EU Technical Documents for CE marking. She holds various leadership positions with RAPS, the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society. Grace holds an BE in Biomedical Engineering from Vanderbilt University, an MS in Biomedical Engineering from UCLA, and an MBA from Georgia Tech. She is RAC US, RAC Europe, and RAC Global and RAC Device certified.

Ryan White Program



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Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, addresses the unmet health needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. It funds health care and support services with the goal of getting people into care and keeping them there.

The Ryan White Program (RWP) at Augusta University (AU) was established in 1995 with the receipt of the Part C grant from the federal Ryan White program/CARE Act. Currently, the AU RWP serves over 1200 clients per year throughout the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA). Our program provides outpatient ambulatory care services, medication assistance, medical case management, and supportive services such as transportation and support groups. Our outreach team also provides free HIV testing and counseling throughout the community. For 2022, we intend to add dental services, a food pantry, and a pharmacy with the goal of becoming a "one-stop shop" for our clients.

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, 2021 – December 31, 2021, based on the importance of the transaction to Georgia's life sciences industry.

Antios Therapeutics

(Private Financing)

Antios Therapeutics, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing innovative therapies to treat and cure chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV), raised \$107 million in two rounds of Series B fundraises in 2021. GordonMD Global Investments, a firm focused on investments in private and publicly traded global growth and innovative biopharma companies, is the Series B lead investor. The proceeds from the financing will be primarily used to advance the clinical development of ATI-2173, Antios' lead Phase 2b clinical candidate. ATI-2173 is the only Active Site Polymerase Inhibitor Nucleotide (ASPIN) in clinical development and has the potential, if approved, to become the cornerstone of a curative, once-daily oral HBV therapy.



Axion Biosystems & Summa Equity

(Acquisition)

Recognizing Axion's BioSystems' continuous progress since its 2008 inception based on research at Georgia Tech, financial support from the Georgia Research Alliance and enormous potential for growth in the rapidly expanding life sciences tools market, Stockholm-based Summa Equity acquired Axion in July 2021. With innovative benchtop systems that monitor complex cellular activity without disturbing the underlying biology, Axion's live-cell assays offer pharmaceutical companies, biotechnology firms, and research scientists with next-generation platforms for in vitro disease modeling and drug discovery. The funding promises to allow Axion to accelerate assay technologies to meet the increasingly complex scientific demands of customers, scale up its commercial capacity and market awareness, and have an even greater impact in the fields of stem cell biology, cancer, immunology, neurology, and virology.



Beam Therapeutics & Guide Therapeutics

(Acquisition)

Beam Therapeutics is a biotechnology company developing precision genetic medicines through the use of base editing. In February 2021, Beam completed the acquisition of Guide Therapeutics, Inc. (GuideTx), a developer of nonviral drug delivery vehicles for genetic medicines, further expanding the potential reach of Beam's genetic medicines into new target tissues and diseases. Building on the pioneering work of co-founders James Dahlman, Ph.D. and Cory Sago, Ph.D., GuideTx had significantly advanced lipid nanoparticle (LNP) discovery with proprietary in vivo LNP screening technology. GuideTx was spun out of Georgia Tech in 2018 and backed by Biomatics Capital, GreatPoint Ventures, and GV. Beam paid upfront consideration of \$120 million and GuideTx stockholders are eligible to receive up to an additional \$320 million in technology and product success milestone payments, payable in Beam common stock. Integrating GuideTx's proprietary LNPs and high throughput LNP discovery engine with Beam's base editing, mRNA payloads and manufacturing capabilities, supports the potential of Beam's platform to deliver the promise of genetic medicines to the greatest number of patients.



Danimer Scientific

(Economic Development)

Danimer is a pioneer in creating more sustainable, more natural ways to make plastic products. For more than a decade, its renewable and sustainable biopolymers have helped create plastic products that are biodegradable and compostable and return to nature instead of polluting our lands and waters. Danimer's technology can be found in a vast array of plastic end products that people use every day. Applications for its biopolymers include additives, aqueous coatings, fibers, films and injection-molded articles, among others. Danimer holds more than 390 granted patents and pending patent applications in more than 20 countries for a range of manufacturing processes and biopolymer formulations. For more information, visit www.DanimerScientific.com.



DJO & MedShape, Inc.
(Acquisition)



DJO, a subsidiary of Colfax Corporation (NYSE: CFX), acquired Atlanta-based MedShape, Inc. on April 23, 2021 for \$125 million cash. MedShape's proprietary and patented shape-changing orthopedic implants deliver clinically superior outcomes in fracture fixation and joint fusion surgeries by providing sustained compression across the fixation/fusion site. Locally, MedShape enjoyed significant support from the Georgia Research Alliance and worked closely with the Georgia Institute of Technology over the life of the business; nationally, MedShape enjoyed support from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and In-Q-Tel. MedShape success was driven by an extremely talented, highly driven team dedicated to the improvement of human health. That team remains in Atlanta to advance the business with the broader DJO team.

Intuitive Surgical
(Economic Development)



Intuitive, a pioneer in robotic-assisted surgery and a global leader in minimally invasive care, plans to invest more than \$500 million in its current campus in Gwinnett County, creating approximately 1,200 jobs in Peachtree Corners. The expansion will add to the approximately 180 professionals already based at Intuitive's offices in Peachtree Corners. Present in Georgia for a decade, the company plans to grow its campus to include more than 750,000 square feet of manufacturing and engineering operations, state-of-the-art training facilities for surgeons and hospital care teams, and administrative offices. Surgeons worldwide have completed more than 8.5 million surgical procedures using Intuitive's da Vinci systems. Intuitive is expected to open its new campus in phases, with completion by 2024.



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Deal of the Year Award

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Kennesaw State University (Public Financing)

Kennesaw State University has been awarded a three-year, \$809,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to strengthen the University's research and diversity infrastructures in the biomedical fields.

The Office of Research manages this institutional grant, which comes from the Sponsored Programs Administration Development (SPAD) program administered by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences on behalf of NIH. The purpose of the SPAD program is to increase the productivity of sponsored programs activities to enhance biomedical research and/or research training. There is an additional focus on developing competitiveness in biomedical research at KSU with the Office of Intellectual Property Development taking the lead.

Since receiving the NIH grant in the summer of 2021, units within the Office of Research have been working towards increasing faculty and student endeavors within the research enterprise as well as developing and broadening internal frameworks and external collaborations.



Sharecare (Private Financing)



In Feb. 2021, digital health company Sharecare entered into a definitive merger agreement with Falcon Capital Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC). Following the closing of the transaction, Sharecare began trading on NASDAQ under the symbol "SHCR." As part of the deal, Sharecare received gross proceeds of over \$571 million, prior to transaction expenses, from funds managed by Koch Strategic Platforms, Baron Capital Group, Eldridge, Woodline Partners LP, and strategic partner, Digital Alpha. Separately, Anthem, Inc. made a direct investment in Sharecare, and the Companies are partnering to build affordable, high-quality, whole-health advocacy solutions. As a profitable, high-growth company with zero debt on its balance sheet, Sharecare has utilized proceeds from this transaction to fund continued growth through product development, commercialization expansion, and M&A. Sharecare's chairman and CEO, Jeff Arnold – who founded WebMD in 1998 – has continued to lead the combined company alongside his management team.

Strados Labs (Private Financing)

Strados Labs, a medical technology company harnessing the power of smart sensors, machine learning and proprietary algorithms to provide early detection and predictions of worsening respiratory diseases raised a \$4.5M pre-series A round of funding. Investors in the round included SOSV, cultivate(MD), Wavemaker360 Health, Blu Venture Investors and Broad Street Angels.

The new funding comes on the heels of major commercial milestones including FDA Class II 510(k) clearance and CE Mark for its flagship product, RESP®, key contracts with major pharmaceutical partners for use in decentralized trials, the submission of four significant abstracts to the American Thoracic Society, and the appointment of Steve Bishop, former P&G Healthcare CEO, to the Strados Labs Board of Directors.

RESP provides real-time access to key changes in lung acoustics and respiratory patterns—going well beyond cough measurement to include wheezing, cough spasms, rales, rhonchi, and other adventitious lung sound and breathing patterns.

VERO Biotech (Private Financing)

On December 21, 2021, VERO Biotech Inc., a fast-growing commercial business dedicated to improving the lives of patients through innovative technologies, received funding of up to \$100 million in a Series E financing round led by MVM Partners (MVM), which included participation from a strategic investor. These funds will support the expanded commercialization of the GENOSYL® Delivery System, an innovative tankless inhaled nitric oxide delivery system for the delivery of GENOSYL® (nitric oxide gas) for inhalation, to patients with cardiopulmonary conditions. The GENOSYL® Delivery System is a best-in-class technology that improves the clinical care of patients requiring inhaled nitric oxide therapy, thus gaining significant market traction with adoption by some of the top hospitals in the US. VERO Biotech's innovative technology has been recognized by the financial community through significant external investments. Their confidence is a testament to the dedicated leadership and researchers at VERO Biotech. For more information, visit www.vero-biotech.com.



Industry Growth Award

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

Rafael V. Andino

Rafael V. Andino is a biomedical engineer having over 30 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and medical device industry in both public and private companies. He has served in product development, research and development, general management, and Chief Executive roles and has led multidisciplinary and multinational teams to launch successful products in many fields of medicine including ophthalmology, urology, endourology, gynecology, wound care, cardiovascular and general surgery.

Mr. Andino is currently Vice President of CMC, Engineering and Manufacturing at Clearside Biomedical, Inc. (NASDAQ: CLSD) in Alpharetta, Georgia. Clearside Biomedical is an ophthalmic pharmaceutical company developing and commercializing targeted therapeutics for the treatment of sight threatening diseases using a proprietary disruptive drug delivery technology.

Mr. Andino obtained a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, a Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and an MBA from Mercer University in Atlanta, GA.



Krishnendu Roy, PhD

Dr. Krishnendu (Krish) Roy is the Robert A. Milton Chair Professor in Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory, and a Senior Fellow of the Georgia Research Alliance. At Georgia Tech he serves as the Director of the NSF Engineering Research Center (ERC) for Cell Manufacturing Technologies (CMA_T), the Marcus Center for Therapeutic Cell Characterization and Manufacturing (MC₃M), and the Center for ImmunoEngineering. He is an elected Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE), and the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES). He has received numerous awards and honors including Young Investigator Awards from both the Controlled Release Society (CRS) and The Society for Biomaterials (SFB), the NSF CAREER award, as well as both the Phoenix Award and the Deal of the Year Award from Georgia Bio. Prof. Roy serves on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Controlled Release, the European Journal of Pharmaceutics and Biopharmaceutics, the Journal of Immunology and Regenerative Medicine, and the Journal of Advanced Biomanufacturing and Bioprocessing. He is a member of the Forum on Regenerative Medicine of the National Academies, and a Board Member of the Standards Coordinating Body (SCB) for Cell and Regenerative Therapies.



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