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.

- **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 Cummiskey  
  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 Moise  
  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  
  Serologics 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

**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.

- **2016**  
  MHG-Meredian Holdings Group, Inc.
- **2015**  
  Forge
- **2014**  
  Merial LTD & the University of Georgia
**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.

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

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

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

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

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 Öhme, 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.

2016
Private Financings
• Arbor Pharmaceuticals, LLC
• Cellexsys, 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
  • Meridian
  • 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 - Alteia Therapeutics

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

Public Financing – Inhibitex

Merger and Acquisitions
  • Porex Corporation
  • Solvay Pharmaceuticals

Private Financing
  • Iconic Therapeutics
  • Medshape Solutions
  • Synageva Biopharma
  • Visioneering Technologies

2009
Merger/Acquisition – Sciele Pharma Inc.
Strategic Alliance – Alteia 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.
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.

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.

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