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ARCS Foundation advances science and technology in the United States by providing financial awards to academically outstanding U.S. citizens studying to complete degrees in science, engineering and medical research. Founded by Mary O'Connor, our Atlanta Chapter was incorporated in 1992.



From the President's Desk: Carolynn Cooper

A story on NPR about the best scientific inventions caught my attention recently. They asked people what they believed was the most important scientific contribution. As you can imagine, the answers varied greatly. Some answers were obvious, like fire, but most were more personal. One contributor said the washing machine as it freed women to do more with their lives...[Read More](#)

Dr. Eric DeJesus Speaks at January General Membership Meeting

Over 65 ARCS members and guests gathered at the downtown Capital City Club on January 17, 2024, for one of the most exciting General Membership Meetings in recent memory. Former ARCS Scholar Dr. Eric DeJesus spoke about the formation of his new company, Annate BiTherapeutics, Inc. which is based on the research he began as an ARCS scholar at the University of Georgia...[Read More](#)



ARCS Members Visit One of the World's Most Eco-Friendly and Sustainable Buildings

One of the most enjoyable ways ARCS members connect is through field trips centered around our common interest in groundbreaking science. Our recent field trip to the Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design at Georgia Tech was the perfect opportunity to learn about the timely and important issue of sustainability...[Read More](#)

Leslie Petter Named ARCS Light 2024

This year's honoree represents the best of our members! At our January General Membership meeting held at the downtown Capital City Club, Leslie Petter was named our 2024 ARCS Light by Lee Doyle, 2023 ARCS Light recipient...[Read More](#)



Scholar Alumni Spotlight: Alejandro Toriello, PhD

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Alejandro Toriello, a distinguished professor in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE) at Georgia Tech, was appointed as the Scientific Director of the Supply Chain and Logistics Institute (SCL) on December 1, 2023...[Read More](#)

ARCS Tours Emory National Primate Research Center

ARCS members felt very inspired to see the exciting animal research going on at the Emory National Primate Research Center (NPRC). Dr. Johnson, the Center Director, explained the history of the center and the cutting-edge research in neurodegenerative disorders, AIDS, organ transplantation, TB, and much more...[Read More](#)



SAC 2023 Recap

We were "in orbit" over the success of our 2022 re-imagined Scholar Awards Celebration (SAC) and stayed the course with this newly designed format for 2023. The 2023 celebration showcased all of our scholars' research with art gallery-style posters which allowed members and guests to mix and mingle at the beautiful Parker H. Petit Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience at Georgia Tech...[Read More](#)

Funds Development Update

We are very excited by several recent donations and commitments. Joachim Hertz Stiftung has again committed to another impactful year of research by ARCS Scholars. We also received a major donation from the David, Helen, and Marian Woodward Fund to sponsor 3 years of scholars at the 3 universities and 2 years for Morehouse...[Read More](#)



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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1, Membership Renewal Due

March 6, Wednesday, 10:00am: Board Meeting, Zoom

April 11, Thursday, Urbantree Cidery Tour and Tasting

April 24 - 28, Wednesday - Sunday: Washington, D.C. Retreat,

May 8, Wednesday, 10:00am: Annual Meeting, In Person

June 5-9 ARCS All-Member Conference in Chicago

June 12, Wednesday, 5:30pm: Old Board/New Board Meeting, In Person

Having Trouble Finding the Board Meeting Minutes?

Just a reminder that the Board Meeting Minutes are available for review on the Atlanta Member's Website. To access, login to the ARCS Atlanta website. Using the menu on the left of the Welcome page, go to Document Library, then go to 'Operations' and then 'Meeting Minutes.'

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