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Atlanta Chapter  
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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

Our speaker at the January meeting, Dr. Jiong Yan, spoke about our delicate and precious eyesight. Her talk about macular degeneration and the beginning of a new year prompted me to look back on 2024 and all the amazing things I saw.

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## January General Membership Meeting

On January 15th over 50 members attended our General Membership meeting at the newly renovated Capital City Club in Brookhaven. While the food was delicious and the company as delightful as always, the highlight of the meeting was our speaker, Dr. Jiong Yan.

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## Sally McDaniel Named ARCS Light 2025

ARCS Atlanta is honored to announce that Sally McDaniel is the recipient of the 2025 ARCS Light Award. Sally has been an active and dedicated member of ARCS Atlanta since 2009, consistently exemplifying exceptional service and leadership within both the Atlanta Chapter and ARCS National.

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## Exciting Additions to the ARCS Atlanta Website

For those of you who enjoy perusing the ARCS Atlanta website, the Current Scholars page has just gotten even better!

[find out how](#)



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## Fall Party Auction Events

One of the most exciting parts of our 2024 Fall Party was the auction of six items donated by several of our members and supporters -- a fabulous case of wine, a week at a house in the mountains, an elegant French picnic, a wine tasting, dinner at Lyla Lila, and the makings for an effortless cocktail party.

We have an update on two of these wonderful events - and pictures!

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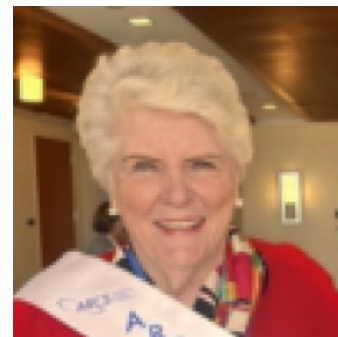


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## Funds Development Committee

We have had a strong start in the new fiscal year. Our last QuickBooks report reflects a net increase of \$32,127 over the same time last year.

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## Heading to Chicago, April 22 – 26, 2026!

Our bi-annual retreat will happen April 22-26, 2026 in Chicago, Illinois. We have booked rooms at the historic Drake Hotel and are beginning to make plans for all who attend.

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## 2024 Scholar Awards Celebration

On Wednesday November 13th, over 220 ARCS members, scholars, donors and guests came together to celebrate our fifty-three 2024 - 2025 ARCS Atlanta Scholars at our annual Scholar Awards Celebration.

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## Roche and ARCS Partner to Focus on Clinical Labs Shortage

Roche Diagnostics Corporation, the global leader in in-vitro diagnostics, has partnered with ARCS Foundation on a new pilot program to tackle one of the most pressing challenges in healthcare: the severe staffing shortages currently experienced in clinical laboratories.

[get the details](#)



## Scholar Update

After the highly successful and well-attended Scholar Awards Celebration at Piedmont Driving Club, a follow-up email was sent to all final year scholars (those in their third year at UGA, Emory and GA Tech, and the second-year scholars at Morehouse).

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## Follow ARCS Atlanta on LinkedIn

ARCS Foundation Atlanta has recently joined LinkedIn with an official chapter page. We will use this platform to share updates on ARCS Atlanta Scholars, donors, and chapter news.

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## ARCS Atlanta: Propose a New Member Today!

If there is someone you think should be a member of ARCS Atlanta, now is the time to act! Application season has begun, and we are actively recruiting new members. If you have any questions or want to request an application, contact Membership VP Patty Reid at [pattyh Reid@gmail.com](mailto:pattyh Reid@gmail.com) or 404-735-8762. Thank you!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 12, 2025 - Board Meeting (Zoom) 5:30PM

May 7, 2025 - General Membership Meeting Location TBD, 10AM-12PM

June 11, 2025 - New Board/Old Board Meeting at the home of Leslie Petter 10AM

April 22 - 26, 2026 - Retreat to Chicago

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