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Newsletter of ARCS® Foundation
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:

In response to our speaker at last January's General Membership meeting, Carolynn Cooper wrote an incredible article reflecting on the extraordinary sense of sight and the many gifts it brings us each day—

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Igniting Innovation in Georgia:

The 2025 ARCS Atlanta Scholar Awards Celebration was an extraordinary event showcasing our ARCS mission through:

Celebrating our 53 amazing scholars from Emory, Georgia Tech, Morehouse, and the University of Georgia;
Celebrating our donors and sponsors; Celebrating our ARCS Atlanta members, university partners and friends.

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Janis Henry Named ARCS Light 2026:

ARCS Atlanta is delighted to announce that Janis Henry is the recipient of the 2026 ARCS Light Award. Janis has been an active member of ARCS Atlanta since 2016.

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Chicago Retreat:

ARCS Atlanta will hold our bi-annual retreat in Chicago, April 22-26, 2026.

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Reconnecting with ARCS Atlanta's First ARCS Scholar:

Mary O'Connor, founding president of ARCS Atlanta, had lunch in November in Palo Alto, CA with Deborah Kilpatrick, PhD, a member of the inaugural class of Atlanta ARCS Scholars (1992-1993).

[find out more](#)



Dr. Eric DeJesus Speaks at Lenbrook:

It was a pleasure to welcome Dr. Eric DeJesus as the first ARCS Scholar to speak to the Lenbrook Community on October 16, 2025.

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Funds Development Report:

As reported at the January 14, 2026 General Membership Meeting, the final total of our scholarship awards this year was \$459,500 – an increase of \$18,000 from the previous year and a very good year for ARCS.

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January General Membership Meeting at Arthur M. Blank Hospital:

On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, ARCS Atlanta held their Winter Membership meeting at the new, state-of-the-art Arthur M. Blank Hospital. Approximately 70 ARCS members and guests attended and were treated to guided tours of the hospital and a delicious lunch from Café at Pharr.

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Membership Update:

It's time to think about new members for ARCS Atlanta. We all know that ARCS does meaningful work supporting young scientists but we also have fun and learn so much while doing it.

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ARCS Atlanta Board Visits Portal Innovations:

The October Board Meeting was a hybrid in-person, Zoom meeting held at Portal Innovations, Science Square.

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Membership News:

Jamie Deeter has been recognized and asked to serve on the Board of Directors of CLSI (Clinical and Laboratory Sciences Institute), an organization that impacts millions of people worldwide by promoting laboratory excellence and quality testing. Congratulations Jamie!



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ARCS® FOUNDATION ATLANTA CALENDAR:

Funds Development Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 2:00 PM

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 4:00 PM

The SCAD Experience

(SCAD Midtown Campus - limited enrollment: 40 people)

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 10:30 - 2:00

Funds Development Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 2:00 PM

ARCS ATL Dues Deadline

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Retreat to Chicago

Wednesday, April 22 - Sunday, April 26, 2026

Annual Meeting

(Cherokee Town Club - 144 W. Paces Ferry Road)

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 10:00 AM

Funds Development Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 2:00 PM

Funds Development Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 2:00 PM

Old Board/New Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 10 AM

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