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Achievement Rewards for College Scientists

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.

Upcoming Events

23rd Annual Scholar Awards Luncheon - Thursday, November 17th, 11:15 am at the Ritz-Carlton Downtown Atlanta.

General Membership Meeting and Luncheon - Wednesday, January 18th, 10:00 AM at Capital City Club Downtown.

Education/ Donor Event - February 23, 2017, Morehouse College

Jubilee, our 25th Anniversary Celebration - Sunday, April 23rd at the Piedmont Driving Club.

Spring Annual Meeting and Luncheon - Wednesday, May 10th

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Dr. Deborah Kilpatrick



Dr. Michael Zwick

2016 Scholar Awards Luncheon

Just the Facts

What: 25th Annual Scholar Awards Luncheon

Date: Thursday, November 17th

Time: Seating - 11:15am, Luncheon - 11:30am

Place: Ritz-Carlton Atlanta – Downtown, 181 Peachtree Street, NE

Parking: Valet Parking - \$12, Ritz-Carlton Hotel entrance on Ellis Street
Self-Parking - 191 Building Parking Deck (entrances on Ellis Street and Peachtree Center Avenue)

Tickets: Included in membership dues (Active Members receive 2 tickets; Associate and New Members receive 1 ticket each) No physical tickets are issued. Additional tickets are available for purchase at \$60.

RSVP: Online via the ARCS website. (Any questions regarding your online reply, please contact Ronnie Martin, ronnie@demillo.com) The deadline for registration is November 7th. Tickets not claimed via RSVP by that date will be donated.

From the President's Desk



Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that fall has arrived and our 25th Anniversary Year has begun.

This year our chapter will award 50 scholars \$370,000 in unrestricted dollars to complete degrees in science, engineering, and medical research.

Be proud of our success over these past 25 years and share the good news with the larger community. Tell our story to anyone that will listen, we have much to tell.

Your Board of Directors has been busy all summer, even when travelling, preparing an exciting year of events, both educational and fun for our chapter.

Our first event, "Wine, Women, and the Web" was held on September 21st in the training room at the office of Fred Burke. Ronnie Martin led a seminar on the new website. As we sipped wine and enjoyed appetizers, Ronnie guided us through many details of the newly designed website. The culmination of the session was a web scavenger hunt to reinforce our new skills.

Leslie and Skip Petter were the gracious hosts of the Fall Cocktail Party. Their lovely home was the perfect setting for Sally Hinkle to introduce the new members of our chapter. Our chapter welcomes 10 new active, 1 honorary, and 2 associate members. Ginny Plummer and Susan Higley, decked out in their silver top hats, shared the plans for the Celebration 2017 Anniversary Year.

Sylvia Dick invited everyone to get their dancing shoes ready for the Jubilee on April 23, 2017 at The Piedmont Driving Club. The dinner dance will begin with cocktails at 6pm. Anne Easterly presented the new annual brochure and reminded everyone that we RAISE money to fund our scholars.

A delicious buffet dinner was served in the pool house and enjoyed at beautifully decorated tables on the lawn. I would like to thank June Tompkins, Carolyn Cooper, and their committee for organizing this wonderful evening.

On October 18th we toured the labs in the new Engineered Biosystems Building and enjoyed a seated lunch. Bud Peterson, President and Rafael Bras, Provost were our hosts. Elizabeth Martin and Missy McClatchey organized this special day.

Deede Stephenson also deserves a big thank you for having our new directories ready for our use at the beginning of the year. For the past several years, the directories were not available until a later date due to the inclusion of all of the scholar names, which we omitted this year. Everyone will receive a program at the luncheon which includes our scholars.

The Scholar Awards Luncheon on November 17th will be the highlight of our fall as we honor our scholars. The luncheon is the perfect opportunity to introduce someone to our mission, as a potential member or donor. Patty Reid and Mary Watson are hard at work finalizing details.

As you can see, our Chapter has a very busy fall and wants you to be a part of all of it.

Also, this fall was the ARCS National Board Meeting, held September 14-16 in Dallas, TX. The opening session on Wednesday afternoon began with the 2016-2017 Outlook and Goals presented by Lynne Brickner, National President and a National Board Orientation with focus on Governance by Jackie Henson, Metro Washington. Thursday's meetings included briefings on the Strategic Plan, Funds Developments, by Sally McDaniel, Website Update, and Communications, by Nancy Chambers. Nancy shared the newly designed printed materials including the 2016 Annual Report. The 3 brochures and folder were funded by Christy Burton, Phoenix. All materials are free to the local chapters.

On Friday, members of the Service and Engineering Advisory Council (SEAC) spoke to the National Board and The Council of Presidents. SEAC is composed of distinguished scientists and engineers from across the country and who draw on their experiences in government, industry, and academia to share ideas with ARCS.

2016 Scholar Awards Luncheon

Patty Reid

ARCS Foundation Atlanta Chapter's Scholar Awards Luncheon will be a celebratory event this year. It will be our 25th annual luncheon, and we will present a record \$ 370,000 to 50 budding young scientists from Emory, Georgia Tech, Morehouse and the University of Georgia.

The luncheon will have a slightly different format in 2016, truly making it all about our scholars. As always, the individual scholars will make their presentations, but instead of a guest speaker as in the past, we will have "A Conversation with ARCS Alumni." We have two outstanding ARCS alumni for this program, Dr. Deborah Kilpatrick and Dr. Michael Zwick.

Dr. Deborah Kilpatrick was ARCS Atlanta's very first scholar from Georgia Tech. Currently living in California, Dr. Kilpatrick is the CEO of Evidation Health, a digital health company. She also serves on the Georgia Tech Advisory Board, chairs the Georgia Tech College of Engineering Advisory Board, and is a Fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering. In 2015, Business Insider named her to their list of the most powerful women engineers in the world.

Dr. Michael Zwick received an ARCS award from the California chapter of ARCS. He is currently teaching and doing research at Emory University. He uses cutting-edge genomics technologies to identify rare genetic variations that contribute to common pediatric disorders. His main areas of interest include autism, congenital heart defects in Down syndrome, early-onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease, and juvenile arthritis.

These alumni are sterling examples of what ARCS scholars go on to achieve. Bill Liss, Financial, Consumer, and Legal Editor at WXIA-TV, will facilitate this conversation which we hope will be an interesting and informative program to all.

Scholar Awards Luncheon Announces Sponsor

We are extremely excited to announce that Northside Hospital will sponsor ARCS Atlanta's 25th annual Scholar Awards Luncheon on November 17th, 2016.

In announcing Northside's sponsorship, Lee Echols, Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Northside Hospital, said, "Northside Hospital is proud to support ARCS Foundation and the education of many of our country's future engineers, scientists and medical researchers. Advancements in technology and research allow Northside to stay at the forefront of medicine and provide the best patient care possible to our patients. Behind every discovery is an idea and a talented individual who has worked tirelessly to achieve his or her goals. Northside Hospital is excited to help foster that initiative and dedication. We commend all of this year's outstanding award recipients and look forward to all they will accomplish."

The Atlanta Chapter is extremely appreciative of the wonderful support of Northside Hospital.

Funds Development

Lee Doyle

Once again we closed our fiscal year with a new fund raising high. Our Atlanta chapter raised more than \$400,000 for our scholars.

Our donor base remained stable with all major donors returning and, in addition, we secured three new donors. The best news was a three year commitment from Stiftung of Germany for \$40,000 annually and for that we are most grateful to our advocates Sherry and John Lundeen.

At our November 17th Scholar Awards Luncheon we will make awards to a record 50 scholars, with 24 receiving grants for the first time.

In recognition of our 25th anniversary, one scholar at each institution will receive an additional award of \$2500. These four scholars are profiled in our newest donor brochure and are recognized as 25th Anniversary scholars.

The new donor brochure was distributed at the Fall Cocktail party as a way to introduce our 25th Anniversary logo.

The Funds Development committee reminds members that the Scholar Awards Luncheon is the single best way to communicate who ARCS is and what we do.

Thus, if you can identify a prospective donor and would like a guest ticket, please contact Lee Doyle, VP of Funds Development. New donors are what has enabled us to sustain our increases in awards each year.

From the President's Desk

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The Council makes recommendations to benefit the National Board and local chapters. The following members of the Atlanta Chapter serve on the National Board: Nancy Chambers, Jane Dolinger, Sue Harter, Debbie Liss, Sherry Lundeen, Sally McDaniel, Andi Purple, Mary Snitch, Janie Wilson, and Sara Jean Burke.

The next National Board Meeting will be June 7-9 in Denver, Colorado. I am very pleased to be a part of this outstanding organization and urge all to actively participate.

Sara Jean

2016 Cocktail Party



Fall Party Hosts Skip and Leslie Petter with President Sara Jean Burke



Deede Stephenson and Sally Hinkle



Sara Jean Burke, Clare Whitfield and Paula Bevington



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Past Presidents: Pat Leake, Debbie Liss, Jane Dolinger, Janie Wilson, Gracia Conn, Sally Hinkle



Watching the final moments of the Ryder Cup!



2016 New Members

Arrendale, Cynthia Ann (Cyndae) – Sponsored by Pat Leake & Sherry Lundeen

Cyndae holds an undergraduate degree from UGA and a master's degree from Brenau University. Her family's business, Fieldale Farms Corporation, produces Springer Mountain Farms chicken..... raised on an all-vegetable diet free of antibiotics, chemical medicines, preservatives....certified by the American Humane Association. Cyndae has a long history of philanthropy focusing on healthcare and education. She has established a financial aid endowment at the Westminster Schools, gifted both a classroom and a Cochlear Implant Endowment at The Atlanta Speech School. She has gifted a garden and a conference room at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens. Cyndae has also gifted an office space at the Shepherd Center and established a Sacred Music/Voice Intern Endowment for the First Presbyterian Church, Clarkesville, Ga. Cyndae presently serves on the Advisory Boards of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, the Atlanta Speech School and Open Hand in Atlanta and on the Board of Directors of The Shepherd Center, the Hambidge Art Center, Fieldale Farms, Corp. and LPGas Service.

Azadi, Farideh – Sponsored by Sally McDaniel & Nancy Chambers

Azadi is a pharmacist and president of Farideh and Al Azadi Foundation. She is an experienced fundraiser, having raised the funds to add a faculty chair at Georgia Tech. A U.S. citizen for the past 20 years, Farideh is of Persian heritage, having come to the U.S. at age 17. She is a member of the Area Council Board of Boy Scouts of American and has had responsibility for Boy Scout summer camps. She is also a member of the Persian Cultural Center of Atlanta and POOIA, a professional organization of Iranian-Americans.

Berman, Kelley O'Neal – Sponsored by Lynn Cornett & Sara Jean Burke

Kelley is a graduate of Emory University. She has been an active member of numerous neighborhood and community organizations and fundraising endeavors. She currently serves as the Community Outreach Chair for the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. She serves as the bookkeeper for a family business and served as citywide Fundraiser Chairperson for 2 years for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. She is proficient in Quick Books which will certainly be beneficial to our Chapter.

Dasher, Erin Chrislock – Sponsored by Yetty Arp & Leslie Petter

Erin is a Principal at Tech Square Ventures, a seed and early stage venture fund based in Technology Square in Atlanta. Erin has over 15 years of experience working with entrepreneurs, investors, startups and emerging-growth companies. Before joining Tech Square Ventures, Erin was a Principal of STW Fixed Income Management. While at STW, Erin helped build a talented team of investors and grow the firm's assets under management from \$8 to \$12 billion. Erin began her career as an attorney at O'Melveny & Myers and Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton where she practiced corporate and securities law. Outside of work, Erin and her husband are actively involved in the Georgia Tech community and supporting education initiatives. Erin holds a J.D. magna cum laude from Cornell Law School, where she was Order of the Coif and an editor of the Cornell Law Review.

Gidden-Weinzierl, Virginia – Sponsored by Marie Stafford & Lissa Webber

Ginger, is a graduate of Birmingham Southern College. She is a Senior Vice-President with Wells Fargo with expertise in financial sales and cash flow analysis. As a member of the Association for Latino Professionals, Ginger has a unique view of the banking industry. Ginger wrote in her application that she has long had a strong interest in STEM subjects. “Too often, scientists struggle for funding, recognition, and sponsorship in the United States. ARCS is a part of the solution to keeping these individuals supported and working.” Ginger is also registrar for the Atlanta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Hataway, Mary – Sponsored by Susan Higley and Suzy Wasserman

Mary received a Diplome d’Etudes Superieur from the University of Paris and graduated from Hollins University with Honors in Philosophy and French Literature. She is the owner/chef of Soiree Catering and Events in Atlanta, and past owner of The Patio by the River. She is a Board Member of the French Heritage Society and Past President of the American Institute of Wine and Food – founded with Julia Child and Robert Mondavi. She is also a member of A Million Matters and Rotary Club International. Mary has a long history of donating substantial catering food and services to Atlanta organizations.

Henry, Janis Hollomon – Sponsored by Janie Wilson & Lisa Bankoff

Janis holds a Bachelor’s degree from University of Georgia And a Master’s degree in Business Education from Georgia State. She has served as VP of Finance of the Atlanta Junior League, Executive Board Member of the Atlanta Junior League, Board Member of the Atlanta Speech School Guild, Board of Trustees of Egleston Children’s Hospital, President of Egleston Hospital Auxiliary, President of Wesley Woods Auxiliary and Board member of the Foundation of Wesley Woods. Janis has chaired numerous community fundraisers. Janis’s entire professional career has centered on education. Early on she taught Business Administration and Marketing in various business schools and more recently served as the Director of Student Services with AIU, The American College-Atlanta.

Moise, Caroline Evans – Sponsored by Beth Finnerty & Debbie Liss

Caroline is a graduate of Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C. She has served as the Senior Development Officer in the College of Arts & Sciences at Emory University as well as their Fundraising/Event Coordinator. She is an Alumni Board member and chair of The Atlanta Women’s Foundation and chaired the Foundation’s most recent Numbers Too Big To Ignore fundraising luncheon. She has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of Visiting Nurse Health Systems, Atlanta Film Society and DeKalb Rape Crisis Center. She has served as a Board member of Leadership DeKalb, Georgia’s WIN List and a member of the Board of Trustees of Limestone College. She is also a member of the Atlanta Junior League.

Turk, Margaret Foster – Sponsored by Lee Doyle & Gracia Conn

Margaret holds a Bachelor’s degree from West Virginia University, a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Case Western Reserve University and a Master’s degree in Nursing from the University of Virginia. She is an active member of the Ansley Park Civic Association as well as a member of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals. She served as a member of the Women’s Board of Wolfson Children Hospital (which is dedicated to increasing awareness and funding to ensure excellent pediatric health care) and as a member of the Community Foundation of Florida designed to help women become strategic philanthropists and improve the lives of women and children through collective giving.

2016 New Members

Williams, Nancy Parks – Sponsored by Ginny Plummer & Ada Lee Correll

Nancy holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Edinboro University and attended the Wharton School of Business Executive Leadership Program. Her distinguished and varied global career includes: Director of Training, Documentation and Customer Support at Crawford & Company, Chief Learning Officer for Fidelity National Financial, VP of Learning & Organizational Development at Turner Broadcasting, and a Chief Learning Officer and Director of Mergers and Acquisitions at IBM. Nancy's passion has always been about growing and educating people to be the best they can be. She has been recognized as a champion of creatively utilizing the latest in technology to help meet the needs of employees, clients, and charitable organizations globally. Most recently, Nancy enjoys coaching and mentoring leaders and young millennials.

Gladden, Sally – Associate Membership - Sally was an active member from 1993 until 2003 when she became an associate member. After she moved from Atlanta to Charlottesville, she resigned from ARCS. She and her husband Joe are planning to move back to Atlanta and she asked to reactivate her ARCS membership.

Harter, Susan Colt – Associate Membership - Sponsored by Andi Purple & Jane Dolinger

Susan was a founding member of the Pittsburgh Chapter, was Chapter President, and she and her husband have funded 4 scholarships there since 2008. She recently moved to Hilton Head Island, SC and will hold dual membership in both Chapters. She has served on the ARCS National Board since 2012 as Director of Administration. Susan was educated in England and Germany and holds a business degree from a University in London.

Whitten, Pam – Honorary Membership – Provost and Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs, The University of Georgia As the chief academic officer at UGA, she oversees instruction, research, public service and outreach, student affairs and information technology. Prior to being named Provost at UGA, Pam was Dean of the College of Communication Arts and Sciences at Michigan State University. She is an internationally recognized expert in the field of telemedicine, the remote delivery of health care services and information.



2016 New Members: Farideh Azadi, Nancy Williams, Ginger Gidden-Weinzierl, Mary Hataway, Margaret Turk, Caroline Moise, Erin Dasher

Winter General Meeting and Luncheon



The Winter General Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Capital City Club Downtown.

Our speaker for this event, Jonathan Mermin, MD, MPH, is the Director of the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP).

Prior to his appointment, Dr. Mermin served as Director of the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, NCHHSTP from 2009-2013. Under his leadership, the Division spearheaded a new approach to HIV prevention, called High Impact Prevention. This approach aligned funding with epidemiology which ensured that program and research activities had the greatest effect on reducing incidence and improving health equity.

A Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Dr. Mermin served as Director of CDC-Kenya and HHS Public Health Attaché for the U.S. Embassy from 2006-2009. In this capacity, Dr. Mermin oversaw the CDC's largest country office, implementing programs and research involving a broad range of infectious diseases, including HIV, malaria, tuberculosis, and emerging infections. From 1999-2006, Dr. Mermin was Director of CDC-Uganda where he oversaw the CDC's HIV prevention and care programs, including implementation of the first antiretroviral treatment program funded by the CDC outside of the United States, and the development of a basic care package that was incorporated into PEPFAR and World Health Organization guidelines.

Dr. Mermin began his career at the CDC in 1995 as an EIS officer with the Foodborne and Diarrheal Diseases Branch. He completed an internal medicine residency at San Francisco General Hospital and a preventive medicine residency at CDC and the California Department of Health Services. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Stanford University School of Medicine, and received his MPH from Emory University. He has co-authored more than 150 scientific articles. Dr. Mermin currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at Emory University School of Public Health.

Invitations and further details regarding the event will be sent by email.

Upcoming Events of ARCS Atlanta 25th Anniversary Year



Save the Date

ARCS® FOUNDATION ATLANTA CELEBRATES

OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Jubilee

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

6:00 PM

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