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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: Sara Jean Burke**

Our chapter continues to celebrate its 30th Anniversary this year. Mary O'Connor and a small group of women were invited by the national organization to start an ARCS chapter in Atlanta and the rest is history. Today our chapter continues in its mission to support STEM education. Some things change and some don't, as is evidenced by our members who continue to raise funds for scholar awards, plan events to showcase our scholars, to educate us, to entertain us, and create materials to keep us informed...[Read More](#)

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### **It's Almost Time for Our 2022 SAC**

ARCS Atlanta Members, our much anticipated 2022 Scholar Awards Celebration is just around the corner on November 17, 2022 from 4-6PM. We continue to navigate to the newly re-imagined in-person event themed "Focus on the Future". It will be a fun time and a true treat to see everyone...[Read more](#)





### Welcome to our New Members

In June, the ARCS Atlanta Board voted to welcome seven incredibly talented new members. All are accomplished professionals, volunteers and community leaders, and we are delighted to welcome their energy in pursuing the ARCS Atlanta mission and impact...[Read more](#)

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### Member Highlight: Mary Dodson

Mary Dodson attended Georgia State University and subsequently worked for over twenty years with Citizen's and Southern National BANK (C&S), which began as a Georgia institution that expanded into Florida, South Carolina, and other states through mergers. C&S was ultimately merged into Bank of America (BOA). Breaking barriers at the time, Mary became one of the first women branch managers in the 1970's and 1980's ...[Read more](#)



### End of Summer Party— Kickoff to fall!

We had a beautiful evening for our End of Summer Barbecue on September 18. Carolynn Cooper and Pratap Mukharji kindly opened up their lovely home and back garden for the event. Approximately 90 ARCS Atlanta members and guests came together to enjoy good company and delicious barbecue. It was a fun time to reconnect with all our ARCS friends...[Read more](#)

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## ARCS Atlanta Adds New Board Position

Sara Jean Burke, ARCS Atlanta president says, “Our chapter’s strategic plan is a great blueprint for achieving our chapter vision to fund STEM scholars who will change the world, but we still have work to do to achieve all of our priorities that are outlined in the plan.” To that end, the Atlanta board has approved the addition of a Vice President of Strategy to its Board of Directors...[Read more](#)



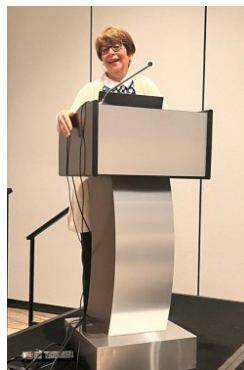
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## 2024 Retreat to Washington D.C.

Liz Troy and Janis Henry are delighted to be working on our 2024 ARCS Retreat to Washington, DC. Save the Date!! April 24-April 28, 2024; mark your calendars! They are planning a thought provoking, informative, and memorable experience for everyone through activities and speakers that combine science, culture, and art....[Read more](#)



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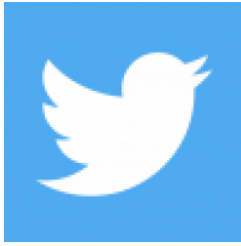


## All Members Conference Comes to Atlanta

On October 3rd, ARCS members from all but 2 chapters around the country converged on our city for the 2022 All Members Conference (AMC). Debbie Liss and her committee planned a well-thought-out agenda of welcome, points of interest, and informative speakers.

This committee developed and organized a unique “opening night dinner” for our guests that turned out to be a big hit all around.... [Read more](#)

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### This just in! TWEET! TWEET!

This new section is being introduced to open opportunities for ARCS membership to see what's going on in our scholars' lives and what is happening in the ARCS world. It offers a sample of posts seen recently on Twitter, where ARCS Atlanta has 147 followers. We hope you find these tidbits interesting and easy to access.... [Read more](#)

## 2022-2023 Board of Directors

### Executive Board

President	Sara Jean Burke
President Elect	Carolynn Cooper*
Immediate Past President	Leslie Petter
VP Administration	Donna Burchfield
VP Communications	Cathy Wahlen*
VP Education	Mary Watson
VP Finance/Treasurer	Angelle Hamilton*
VP Funds Development	Mary Dodson
VP Membership	Liz Mori Lauer*
VP Strategy	Nancy Chambers*
Co-VP University Relations	Susan Hawkins & Louise Yeoman*
Recording Secretary	Sally Hinkle*

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Newsletter Publisher	Pat Leake*
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### Appointed by the President:

Honorary Chair - 30th Anniversary  
Endowment Campaign  
Assistant to the President  
Nominating Chair  
Parliamentarian

Mary O'Connor  
Vikki Millender Morrow\*  
Patty Reid\*  
Lisa Bankoff\*

**Appointed by the Endowment Committee:**

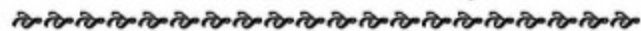
Endowment Fund Chair

Sally Hinkle\*

\*Indicates new to the position

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**WITH GRATITUDE**  
**Thanks, and congratulations to**  
**Our Atlanta Chapter Founding Members**  
**on our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



Kathy Ashe  
Beth Barnett  
Paula Bevington  
Jean Brumley  
Patsy Drummond  
Mary Gellerstedt  
Frannie Graves  
Kitty Hawks  
Trudy Huger  
Carol Kranig  
Gay Love  
Michelle Nordin  
Mary O'Connor (President)  
Carol Teem  
Clare Whitfield  
Sue Wieland

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 3, Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – Educational Event

November 17, Thursday, 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Scholar Awards Celebration

December 1, Thursday, 12:00 noon – ARCS Forward (Scholar Speakers Series)  
(Zoom)

December 7, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – Board Meeting

January 11, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – General Meeting

March 8, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – Board Meeting (Zoom)

May 3, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – Annual Meeting

June 7, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. – Old Board/New Board

## **Interested in Planned Giving?**

Leave a legacy for future scientists. Ask your lawyer to include a bequest to ARCS Atlanta in your estate plan. Questions? Email Mary Dodson, VP-Funds Development at [mary\\_dodson46@outlook.com](mailto:mary_dodson46@outlook.com).

## **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 just login to the website, then go to 'Operations' and then 'Meeting Minutes' (using the left-hand side menu).

<https://atlanta.arcsfoundation.org>

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