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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: Susan McGonigle

Spring is normally a busy time for us. Typically, allocations are set, universities visited, a new slate selected, and funds raised. This year more than ever demonstrates the importance of raising money to further science research in America.

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2020 Chapter Retreat Rescheduled for 2022

As you might have guessed, this year's chapter retreat, "Pittsburgh Alchemy", has been cancelled and rescheduled for 2022. A big thank you especially to Elaine Davis for all her work in handling the logistics involved in moving such a significant event!

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Sally Hinkle Named 2020 ARCS Light Winner

Congratulations to Sally Hinkle, our ARCS Foundation Atlanta Light Award winner for 2020! Sally has served the Atlanta Chapter of ARCS Foundation in many leadership roles, including President in 2000 and 2001; Vice President of Membership; Treasurer; and Chairman of Nominating, Strategic Planning, Scholar Awards Luncheon and Public Relations. She has been a member of ARCS Foundation Atlanta since 1995.

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New ARCS Foundation Atlanta Strategic Plan Approved

The ARCS Foundation Atlanta Board voted to approve the 3-year Strategic Plan for our Chapter in January. Input for the plan was gathered from the membership (56% participated in the survey), three corporate donors and two university partners.

A new Atlanta Chapter vision statement was developed in the planning process: Funding STEM scholars who will change the world.

In addition, four strategic priorities were developed to guide our Chapter for the next three years:

1. Grow donations and diversify our donor base
2. Improve awareness of ARCS Foundation as an organization that champions and raises funds to support college and graduate-level research scientists in Georgia
3. Engage and inspire membership by initiating an all-member outreach and education strategy
4. Leverage ARCS Foundation Atlanta members' time, talent, and resources by acquiring professional administrative and technical support.

The Strategic Plan Committee was led by Janie Wilson and Lee Doyle. Thanks to them, the Strategic Plan Committee members, and to all who provided input to the process. The new plan will guide our work beginning this year.



NASA Astronaut Inducted into ARCS Alumni Hall of Fame, Makes Historic All-Female Space Walk

ARCS® Foundation announced in February that Dr. Jessica Meir, NASA Astronaut and researcher, has been selected for membership into the respected ARCS Alumni Hall of Fame. On October 18, 2019, Meir was one of two women to experience the first all-female spacewalk to replace a vital, but malfunctioning, power source on the International Space Station.

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New member applications due May 15

It's time again to propose candidates for ARCS membership, and this year we have 6 available spaces. Please contact Deede Stephenson at ddsteph@comcast.net or 678-5953568 for the application forms. Due date is May 15.



Scholar Spotlight: Connor Morozumi, Emory University

Emory University PhD candidate Connor Morozumi says he took a trip to Costa Rica in 2008 that changed his life. While studying tropical biology in Costa Rica as an undergrad, Connor observed species interactions in the tropical forest, sparking an intense interest in ecology and his current studies in mutualism.

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Join Fellow Members in Giving to the 2020 Scholar Awards Fund

The success of ARCS Foundation Atlanta is possible because of the generous support of member donors like you! Your investment in ARCS Foundation Scholars has both immediate impact and lasting importance for STEM research initiatives.

Our goal in 2020 is to raise \$200,000 from ARCS member donors, with 100% participation in our annual membership campaign. Your support is critical. We challenge each member to give over and above your membership dues.

You can make an [online gift](#) or mail a check to:

ARCS Foundation Atlanta
P.O. Box 52124
Atlanta, GA 30355



Members Enjoy a Spirited Evening at ASW Distillery

Seventy members and guests toured the ASW Distillery in February and enjoyed learning about how spirits are made. Did you know the history of alcohol began with alchemy, which is a precursor to chemical engineering?

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DATES TO REMEMBER

All ARCS Foundation Atlanta events and meetings are on a wait-and-see status. Please watch your email for updates. What we know right now:

May 6 Cancelled - Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Atlanta History Center. Will be rescheduled, watch for an email.

May 13-17 Cancelled - ARCS Foundation Atlanta Retreat in Pittsburgh, PA - Rescheduled for 2022

June 3 Joint meeting of old and new boards at home of Leslie Petter. May be held via teleconference. Details to follow.