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: Leslie Petter

Dear ARCS Atlanta Members,

Spring is one of the most rewarding and intriguing times of the ARCS year. It is when we have our annual site visits with the universities and carefully set the stage for next year’s class of scholars. Even a site visit over Zoom does... Read more

Thank You Sherry Lundeen

Leading the entire ARCS Foundation National organization is an awesome responsibility. For the past two years, ARCS Atlanta Chapter has been honored to have Sherry Lundeen, one of our Atlanta members and a former Atlanta Chapter President, serve as our ARCS National President.

Sherry’s commitment to ARCS Foundation...Read more

Erin Dasher Named President Elect

ARCS Foundation is pleased to announce that Erin Dasher has been named President-Elect of the Atlanta Chapter. Erin will serve as President of the Atlanta Chapter following Leslie Petter for 2022-2024.

Erin has been a member of ARCS Foundation Atlanta since 2016. She has served on the Board... Read more
Conversations with a Scholar

Funds Development is Connecting Donors and Scholars in an Innovative Way

Every year, our donors share how much they love meeting their scholars. Since we could not gather last year, Funds Development committed to connect them virtually!

We invited all 2020 half- and full- Scholar donors to... Read more

Scholar Spotlight: Race "Unknown": Missing Information Skews COVID-19 Statistics

A year into the COVID-19 pandemic, and patient race/ethnicity is still largely unaccounted for in the data of many states and cities across the nation.

ARCS Scholar Katie Labgold says Atlanta is no different. Labgold, an Emory University PhD student in epidemiology, is currently immersed in a study... Read more

Bouncing Back Better - A Talk by Dr. Beth Cabrera

The featured speaker at the Annual Membership meeting, held via Zoom on May 5th, 2021, was Dr. Beth Cabrera. Dr. Cabrera, formerly a college professor who moved into leadership development, is currently focused on well-being. She is also an author, researcher, and motivational speaker. Copies of her book, Beyond Happy: Women, Work and Well-Being, were donated by Erin Dasher and distributed to all members in advance of the meeting so everyone could get a glimpse of the informative and uplifting presentation that would be forthcoming. Dr. Cabrera is our chapter’s newest honorary member and is the wife of Dr. Ángel Cabrera, the President of Georgia Institute of Technology.

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Pracademics Amidst Pandemic, an Education Event by Zoom with Dr. Allison Chamberlain

Since we could not yet meet in person, Kathryn Graves introduced us to Dr. Allison Chamberlain and facilitated an education event by zoom for ARCS members on March 1, 2021. We are very grateful to Kathryn and Emory University for the introduction and for managing the zoom event. A pracademic... Read more

Announcing the Retirement of Dr. David Lee

Every spring ARCS conducts site visits with each of our academic partners. For the lucky few who get to participate in these visits, it is a chance to work with the administrators who help us organize all the moving parts that make the year run smoothly. It also gives... Read more

30th Anniversary Endowment Campaign

We are delighted to announce that Mary O’Connor, the Founding President of our ARCS Atlanta Chapter, will serve as the Honorary Chair of our chapter’s 30th Anniversary Endowment Campaign.

2022 will mark the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Atlanta Chapter of ARCS Foundation. The chapter began... Read more

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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 Caroline Hardin, VP-Funds Development at ejhcph@gmail.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).

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2022 Pittsburgh Retreat Brochure

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 30       New Member Applications Due
June 2        Old Board/New Board Meeting
September 8  Board Meeting
September 14 New Member Orientation
October 13    Board Meeting
October 17    Fall Party
November 18   Scholar Awards Celebration
December 1    Board Meeting
January 12, 2022 General Membership Meeting

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