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

ARCS Foundation Atlanta had a busy and exciting fall. We introduced our six new members at the Fall Cocktail Party. We toured the CDC Museum near Emory. And we celebrated our outstanding scholars at our 27th Annual Scholar Awards Luncheon! Read more >>

Nancy Chambers Honored as 2019 ARCS Light

Congratulations to Nancy Chambers who was named as 2019 ARCS Light during the January General Membership Meeting. 2018 ARCS Light Susan Higley “passed the torch” to Nancy. Read more >>

27th Annual Scholar Awards Luncheon Recognizes 54 Scholars

The 27th Annual Scholar Awards Luncheon was a great success. It was held on November 15, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton. We awarded 54 scholars, from Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse College and University of Georgia, a total of $416,500 in awards. Read more >>

As we begin celebrating our 27th year of success, we are delighted to report that we have now awarded nearly $5.3 million in scholar awards throughout the Atlanta chapter’s history. In November, we provided scholar awards totaling $416,500 to 54 outstanding science and engineering students at our partner institutions.
ARCS Foundation Atlanta depends on our members for over half of our Chapter’s support for these remarkable scholars. We greatly admire your commitment to these inspiring young minds, and we encourage you to consider a gift to ARCS over and above your 2019 dues. Now, more than ever, our students need our continued financial support, and our country needs a supply of budding innovators and talented entrepreneurs in scientific fields.

Please give at our Chapter's online donation page https://atlanta.arcsfoundation.org/donate-arcs-foundation-atlanta, or email suzy@wassermangroup.com or etckelli@aol.com with questions. Thank you!

Member Spotlight: Vikki Millender-Morrow

One of our six 2018 new members, sponsored by Suzy Wasserman and Beth Finnerty, is Vikki Millender-Morrow. Prominent in Atlanta’s business and cultural community for more than two decades, Vikki currently serves as the President & CEO for the National Black Arts Festival. Read more >>

Scholar Spotlight: Erin Baker

ARCS Foundation Scholar Erin Baker says that her scholar award changed her life and that she looks forward to becoming an ARCS donor herself since the freedom provided by her award allowed her to blaze her own trail in her field. Read more >>

January Membership Meeting Highlights Work of Herz Global Impact Scholar

Emory PhD candidate and ARCS Foundation Scholar Elizabeth Sajewski educated our membership on her work studying the intersections of water infrastructure and infectious disease during the January Membership Meeting. Read more >>

CDC Museum Tour Highlights Its Heritage and Accomplishments

In late October, twenty-eight ARCS members enjoyed a guided tour of The David J. Sencer CDC Museum. The museum’s mission is to educate visitors about the value of prevention–based public health, while collecting, preserving, and presenting the CDC’s rich heritage and vast accomplishments. Read more >>

Time to renew your ARCS Foundation membership! Our ARCS Atlanta Board recently passed a motion updating the membership renewal deadline to February 15 of each year. We believe an earlier deadline will result in a more timely renewal of membership and provide adequate time for our chapter to determine the number of available positions for prospective new members. Each member is asked to review their profile information, make necessary updates and submit the form with the annual dues payment by February 15.
To access the Membership Renewal Form, log into atlanta.arcsfoundation.org.

After logging in, from the Welcome page click on ARCS Membership in the vertical menu on the left side of your screen under Member Portal. Complete the form, then click on Contribute at the bottom of the page. When you have successfully renewed your membership, you will see a Thank You message and receive a confirmation email.

If you have any questions or need help, contact Ronnie Martin at ronnie@demillo.com.

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