



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

October 19, 2017
Educational Event at Zoo Atlanta

October 25, 2017
Donor Event at Emory

November 16, 2017
Scholar Awards Luncheon

December 6, 2017
Board Meeting

January 10, 2018
General Meeting and Luncheon

March 21-25, 2018
Retreat to New Orleans

May 9, 2018
Annual Meeting and Luncheon

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Dr. Boly Hubby

2017 Scholar Awards Luncheon

By Mary Watson



Dr. Manu Platt

The 26th annual Scholar Awards Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 16th, 2017 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. A total of 53 Scholars from Emory, Georgia Tech, Morehouse and the University of Georgia will be recognized and presented with a record \$385,000 in scholar awards. We are grateful to have Northside Hospital as our Presenting Sponsor once again.

As in past years, the scholars will introduce themselves and give a brief explanation of their scientific study and work. Following on the positive comments from members, donors and particularly our scholars about last year's program, we will have a panel discussion rather than a keynote speaker. Bill Liss, Financial, Consumer, and Legal Editor at WXIA-TV, will moderate a discussion with two ARCS Alumni from the Atlanta Chapter. This year's program, "Discourse and Reflections from Two of Our Own" will feature Dr. Boly Hubby and Dr. Manu Platt.

Dr. Hubby was an ARCS Scholar at the University of Georgia, receiving her Ph.D. in cellular biology. She is the Chief Scientific Officer at Agenovir where she leads the efforts to develop new therapies to eradicate persistent viral reservoirs. Joining Agenovir in early 2017 with over 15 years of industry experience, she stated "Today, there is no therapy that successfully eliminates viruses that lay dormant within the body, only to become cancerous or cause disease at a later date. Agenovir has developed some exceptional tools to target and eliminate these viruses, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance truly novel treatments for a wide range of diseases."

Dr. Manu Platt was an ARCS Scholar at Morehouse College, receiving his B.S. in Biology in 2001 and subsequently his Ph.D. from the Georgia Tech and Emory joint program in biomedical engineering in 2006. After finishing his postdoctoral training at MIT, he returned to the Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech/Emory where he is an Associate Professor. Dr. Platt is the Diversity Director, Science and Technology Center on Emergent Behaviors of Integrated Cellular Systems (EBICS) and a Georgia Research Alliance Distinguished Cancer Scholar. His research centers on proteolytic mechanisms of tissue remodeling during disease progression using both experimental and computational approaches.

This year's luncheon and program will showcase previous and current scholars, and illustrates the importance of our mission to provide financial awards to academically outstanding scholars pursuing science, engineering and medical research. Representing many hours of hard work by ARCS members, the luncheon is a wonderful opportunity for members, guests, donors, scholars and University officials to get together and learn from one another.

From the President's Desk



Sara Jean Burke

My remarks relate to news on the national front. On July 1, 2017, ARCS Foundation transitioned from its current all volunteer management model to one that incorporates a professional, outsourced management support team that is working with our National Board and committee volunteers to address the foundation's needs. Ewald Consulting was selected for this role. The transition was made for the following reasons:

- 1) To access more resources to support and expand more successful implementations of ARCS long-range plan
- 2) To have reliable, consistent, and accountable support
- 3) Specialty expertise in various aspects of non-profit management

Atlanta Member, Nancy Chambers, worked on the project and says: "I led the Request For Proposal (RFP) team that defined the selection criteria, compiled the needs, developed the scope, and created a scoring tool for evaluating firm proposals. From there I researched firms and wrote the RFP. I facilitated the selection committee of 3 that reviewed the proposals, selected the short list, then narrowed it down to the finalists for further scrutiny and ultimately made the final decision. My due diligence included checking references and along with Andi Purple, making site visits to evaluate our fit with the two top firms. The selection committee was made up of three members -- a chapter president, Christine Hawes, a member of the Council of Advisors, Sue Harter, an Atlanta associate member, and a former national board president, Janie Wilson. The process was extremely inclusive with every chapter president having an opportunity to review the RFP and comment on scope of services sought."

You will find additional information on ARCS national website.

At the June National Board meeting in Denver, two of our chapter members were recognized. Janie Wilson was honored for her 15 years of service to the national board and Gracia Conn was honored at the ARCS Light luncheon. Congratulations to both of these women! I'd like to also thank our many Atlanta Chapter Members who have contributed to ARCS National Board through the years. Following is a list of the Atlanta women currently serving on ARCS National Board and their roles:

President - Andi Purple
 VP Finance/Operations - Nancy Chambers
 Parliamentarian - Sue Harter
 National Endowment Committee - Sherry Lundeen
 Funds Development Chair - Sally McDaniel
 Council of Advisors - Carol Stockman
 Council of Presidents - Sara Jean Burke
 Nominating Committee - Jane Dolinger
 National Newsletter Committee - Susan McGonigle

Sara Jean Burke

Winter General Meeting and Luncheon

Liz Lauer

The ARCS Atlanta Winter General Meeting will be held January 10, 2018. We look forward to welcoming our speaker Dr. Walter Curran, Jr., Executive Director of the Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University. Dr. Curran is an international expert in advanced lung cancer and malignant brain tumors and has led Winship since 2009.

Winship is Georgia's first and only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center and is a national leader in seeking out new ways to defeat cancer and in translating that knowledge. Dr. Curran has been a principal investigator on several National Cancer Institute grants. He lectures extensively, locally and abroad, and has authored or co-authored over two hundred abstracts and scholarly papers, numerous reviews and book chapters. He is chairman or co-chair of approximately nineteen clinical protocols and a reviewer for twelve national and international journals.

He is the group chairman and principal investigator of NRG Oncology, a National Cancer Institute-funded cooperative group dedicated to advancing patient treatment and care through clinical trials and research. Dr. Curran has led several landmark clinical and translational trials in the areas of lung cancer and malignant brain tumors, and is responsible for defining a universally adopted staging system for patients with malignant glioma.

Dr. Curran graduated with honors from Dartmouth College, received his MD degree from the Medical College of Georgia, and is a Board Certified Radiation Oncologist. He completed his residency in the Department of Radiation Therapy at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center and his internship in internal medicine at Presbyterian University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Philadelphia.

Invitations and further details will be sent by email.



Dr. Warren Curren, Jr.

Executive Director
Winship Cancer Institute
Emory University

Welcome to our 2017 Atlanta Chapter Class of New Members!

Frances Swensson

We are privileged to have this extraordinary group of very talented women join our chapter this year. These women attended an Orientation session in early September and were introduced to the membership at our annual Fall Cocktail Party on September 24th. Please join us in welcoming these women as they join us in supporting our scholars.



Raena Evans

After attending the Scholar Awards Luncheon last year, Raena was so impressed with the students that she decided to submit her application to become a member of ARCS Atlanta! Raena attended the Shenandoah College & Conservatory of Music in Virginia and the New York School of Finance in New York City. While living in New York, she was employed at Dreyfus & Company, and after moving to Atlanta, worked for Lehman Brothers and Inland Steel. She is involved in both Young President's Organization and Women Presidents Organization. Raena is married to Joe, who is Chairman of State Bank & Trust of Atlanta, and they have 2 children, Bonnie & Liz. Together they are active volunteers at Georgia Tech. Raena's sponsors are Libby Jones and Anne Easterly.

Becky Riley

I have been lucky to know our next new member since 1973 when we were in high school in Nashville, Tennessee! Becky Riley left Nashville and headed to Texas where she graduated from SMU and received her MBA from the University of Dallas. She currently is an Account Manager and Vice President at NGR HR, where she oversees Account Directors to meet revenue and gross margin targets for clients. Becky has been involved with United Way, Skyland Trail and the Center for Puppetry Arts, where she currently serves on their Advisory Board. (Fun fact: she was instrumental in securing the donation of some of the original Jim Henson Puppets for the Center!) Becky is married to Atlanta native Mark Riley, who is the managing partner of Urban Realty Partners, and they have 2 sons, Rob and John. Becky's sponsors are Mary Watson and Frances Swensson.

Janie Skinner

Janie attended Converse College and received her Masters degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Florida State. She previously worked as a recreational therapist and human resources director with Charter Peachford Hospital and currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the State Botanical Gardens of Georgia, the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings at Mercer University and the Hambidge Center for Creative Arts and Sciences as well as serving on the Board of Trustees at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School and the Board of Directors for SteerSmart. And in her spare time, she is an accomplished equestrian, recently competing in a National competition in Louisville, KY. Janie is married to Dan Skinner who is with Georgia Paving and they have a son, Andrew. Janie is sponsored by Sally Jobe and Laura Hardman.

Carol Stockman

Carol comes to us from the ARCS chapter of Pittsburgh. She and her husband Paul moved part-time to Serenbe, and after working with many of our Atlanta chapter members on the National Board, decided to submit her application for membership to our chapter. Carol has served not only as past president of the Pittsburgh chapter, but also as the 2016-17 Nominating Committee Chair for National and currently serves on the Council of Advisors for the National Foundation. Carol has her degree in Economics from Texas A & M, and her PhD in Economics from University of Pittsburgh. She currently works as an Adjunct Professor for the California University of Pennsylvania. Carol is married to Paul who is an attorney and partner at McGuire Woods and she has 2 stepsons, Jake and Alex. She is sponsored by Janie Wilson and Sherry Lundeen.

Shelley Woods Whiting

Shelley met and worked professionally with her sponsors, Louise Yeoman and Alicia McCabe, while working with Georgia Pacific. Science and technology have been central to both her academic and professional careers. After receiving her undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering at Tufts University and her MBA from The University of Michigan, Shelley has been a chemicals industry professional as well as a mentor, coach and advisor to scientists and entrepreneurs pursuing careers in STEM, especially women. She currently serves as a Vice President of non-profit organization The Links, Inc., governance chair on the Board of Directors of Classical High School Alumni Association, a 501(c)(3), a volunteer for the City of Brookhaven/Lynwood Park community, the Buckhead Church and the National Black MBA Association. Shelley is an enthusiastic supporter of the Arts and loves to travel. She is married to Bernard Whiting, also a chemical engineer and IT specialist. They have a son, Theo.

Ellen Adair Wyche

Thanks to Emory University for bringing Ellen Adair to Atlanta from Pensacola! With a degree in Political Science, Ellen Adair remained in Atlanta and built her career in PR & Marketing as a strategic counselor and successful entrepreneur for over 30 years with a variety of companies, organizations and clients, including the Alzheimer's Association, Trust for Public Land and the author John Gresham. She was named one of "The Top 25 Atlantans to Watch" by Atlanta Business Magazine. Generating funds and fostering public support for non-profit institutions through unique initiatives is a hallmark of her involvement. She co-founded Womenetics to advance both companies and women to optimize business success, and led the development of a college essay competition encouraging young people to research and create awareness about international social and economic issues. The competition awarded over \$100,000 to 35 undergraduates across the country. She currently heads The Wyche Group, a marketing and PR firm, and serves on the Board of Trustees at Atlanta Girls School and the Advisory Board at The Alliance Theater. Ellen Adair is married to Henry, CEO of Philotek, and they have two sons, Hank and Gordon. Ellen Adair is sponsored by Suzy Wasserman and Kathy Ranier.

An Update from the Special Events Committee

Carolyn Cooper & Caroline Moise

On September 24th the annual cocktail party to welcome new members was held at the home of Leslie and Skip Petter. Over 90 guests enjoyed a lovely early fall evening in the Petter's gorgeous garden. Somehow the ARCS Atlanta chapter has been able to arrange perfect weather for this event the last few years. Guests also enjoyed a wonderful dinner from Soiree Catering and Events, owned by our member Mary Hataway. Our President, Sara Jean Burke, welcomed everyone and introduced our members to the group and Frances Swensson, our membership chair, provided short biographies of our six very accomplished new members. We all hated to turn in our nametags (provided by Liz Troy) and leave at the end of such a wonderful night.

On January 10th we will have our winter General Meeting and Luncheon. As discussed at our board meeting last year, we are looking for new community based locations for these meetings so we will keep you posted as soon as we have a spot chosen.

We round out the year on May 9th with our Annual Meeting and Luncheon when we will hear from some of our amazing ARCS scholars about the wonderful work they are doing in their labs and out in the field.

To see all the pictures from the Fall Party, go to: http://bit.ly/ARCS_ATL17









We're Going to New Orleans!

ARCS Atlanta Chapter
2018 Retreat
March 21-25



The time for our departure is quickly approaching, and our committee is working hard to make this trip a fun and rewarding one. We will be staying at the lovely Hotel Mazarin, perfectly located in the French Quarter. Our meals will be fittingly in New Orleans style, with plenty of seafood and spice if you want it. Our excursions will not be too far afield, and packed with information. And participants will have some time to explore their own interests.

The sign-up for the retreat filled up very quickly, so we will have a full bus. In addition, we have others on our waitlist. If you have already registered, please make sure to book your hotel reservations at the Mazarin. The hotel's sales assistant, Gianni Levi, is handling our bookings and he can be reached at 504-200-3140. Just let him know that you want to register in the ARCS Foundation Atlanta Chapter Room Block.

If you are on our waitlist, never fear. It is common for our waitlist members to get to go on the trip with normal attrition. Those who are joining us will receive an invoice in January for the balance of \$550. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Regina Olchowski (703-395-8788) or Lee Doyle (404-881-1717).

Funds Development

Kelli Keb and Suzy Wasserman

The Funds Development committee closed the fiscal year by raising over \$405,000 to set a fund raising high. We will award 53 scholar awards at our November 16th Scholar Awards Luncheon this year.

We are very appreciative of the support of our newest donor, Northside Hospital. For the second consecutive year, Northside Hospital will be sponsoring our annual luncheon. In addition, they will also be sponsoring a 3-year scholar. Their scholar's research will correspond with the goals of the hospital.

The Funds Development committee would like to remind our members that the Scholar Awards Luncheon shows what ARCS is all about. Therefore, if you identify a prospective donor and would like a guest ticket, please notify Suzy Wasserman. New donors have enabled us to increase our dollars and scholars every year.

ZOO ATLANTA EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Robin King

Join us for a "behind the scenes tour" of Zoo Atlanta and lunch with Zoo Atlanta Director of Research, Dr. Joe Mendelson with Opening Remarks by Raymond King, Zoo Atlanta President and CEO.

There will be two tour options due to Zoo Atlanta space constraints:

The first tour will be 10:30 am - 1:30 pm (lunch 12 - 1:30 pm).

The second tour will be 12 - 3 pm (lunch 12 - 1:30 pm).

Please wear comfortable closed-toed, non-slip shoes as you will be walking/standing for the tour. There will be an optional, outside, short, uphill dirt walk (moderate intensity) to a special non-public viewing area of the orangutans. Please also wear clothing that you are comfortable getting dirty.

For further information, contact Robin King at rlordking@yahoo.com or 404-216-3564.

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DID YOU KNOW PAT?



Known to her friends as a “lovely, generous and delightful woman, Pat Beckman is an icon of ARCS Foundation history. Founder and first president of the Orange County Chapter and long-time national board member, Pat contributed substantially to the national endowment as well as her own chapter’s endowment. Pat also financially supported several other chapters over the years, particularly the Illinois and Pittsburgh Chapters, whose endowments she started. In addition to Orange County, she was a member of the Colorado Chapter and an Honorary Member of the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Pat’s unfailing devotion and commitment to the chapters were universally known. She recognized that chapters are the heart of the ARCS Foundation, and that building the capacity of the chapters should be the national board’s foremost activity.

After her death in 2011, it was thought fitting that any memorial to her should recognize this commitment. The Presidents’ Advanced Training Sessions, or PATS, Learning Portal does just that.

The national board approved the PATS Learning Portal as a project in 2012, and it opened for business a little over two years ago as an online training tool and resource bank for chapter presidents and other chapter leaders and members.

The Portal features links to **hundreds** of articles, websites and documents organized in subject areas important to running an ARCS Foundation Chapter – development, membership, marketing/communications, governance, financial management, and the role of the president in leadership and management.

It also provides easy access to the most current ARCS statistics – the number of scholars, dollars, members and university partners -- and boilerplate material for use in proposals and communication materials. In addition, PATS monthly Timely Tips and webinars provide hands-on advice about how to use the Portal to explore specific subjects.

In the spirit of “many hands make light work,” twenty nine ARCS Foundation members and the entire Orange County Chapter have been involved over the years in creating the Portal -- as donors, committee members or liaisons to various standing committees, all working with the unwavering support of the Vice President of Chapter Relations and the Council of Presidents. In all, women from **14 chapters** have worked to make PATS a reality. In doing so, they have fulfilled Pat Beckman’s commitment to serve and support the chapters.

As the current PATS committee sun-sets at the end of June, we know that the Portal will continue Pat Beckman’s legacy of supporting the chapters as they fulfill the ARCS mission. We hope Pat would be proud.

The PATS Learning Portal Committee