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

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...

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...

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...
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

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

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
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]

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2022-2023 Board of Directors

**Executive Board**

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Immediate Past President: Leslie Petter  
VP Administration: Donna Burchfield  
VP Communications: Cathy Wahlen*  
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VP Funds Development: Mary Dodson  
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VP Strategy: Nancy Chambers*  
Co-VP University Relations: Susan Hawkins & Louise Yeoman*  
Recording Secretary: Sally Hinkle*

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**Appointed by the President:**
Honorary Chair - 30th Anniversary Endowment Campaign: Mary O’Connor
Assistant to the President: Vikki Millender Morrow*
Nominating Chair: Patty Reid*
Parliamentarian: Lisa Bankoff*

Appointed by the Endowment Committee:
Endowment Fund Chair: Sally Hinkle*

*Indicates new to the position

WITH GRATITUDE
Thanks, and congratulations to
Our Atlanta Chapter Founding Members
on our 30th 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.

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