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The Gift of ARCS – The Gift of Gratitude

These past two years have taught me many things. First among them is how special ARCS is as an organization. ARCS is a gift... Read more

Memories of March 2020 - March 2022
Memories of the last two years will remain with all of us for a long time to come. We can give Leslie Petter a standing ovation for her outstanding leadership during this time. She not only kept the ship afloat, but she also skyrocketed our chapter forward on so many levels... Read more
An Update from the Special Events Committee
Annual Membership meeting Guest Speaker: Dr. Shivani Patel

It was exciting to plan an in-person event this year for the ARCS Annual Membership meeting and luncheon. The meeting was held on May 4, 2022, in conjunction with the Board Meeting at the beautiful Piedmont Driving Club (PDC) in the Alexandria Room. A special thank you to ARCS member,.... Read more

CHaRM - an Educational Site Visit
On March 29th, about 20 ARCS members went to the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) for an extremely interesting and informative site visit. Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe, the founder and executive director, gave us an overview of CHaRM’s founding, history and its impact on the community and the environment.... Read more

Scholar Spotlight: Ziad Rashed, PhD Candidate, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
2020-22 Herz Global Impact Scholar at Georgia Institute of Technology

“The Herz Global Impact Award has greatly improved my quality of life and granted me many opportunities to further continue my education. I have been able to fund conference and travel expenses comfortably.” -Ziad Rashed

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2019-22 Herz Global Impact Scholar at the University of Georgia

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Our 2022 SAC: Focused on the Future

ARCS Atlanta Members, your 2022 Scholar Awards Celebration team is laser-focused. We are navigating the path to a newly re-imagined event that is live and in-person, while also building upon the best of the last two years virtually.

Our new SAC is a networking social and reception featuring this year’s...Read more

2022 Retreat - ARCS Atlanta Heads to Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh is rolling verdant hills snuggling in some 90 neighborhoods, the confluence of two rivers forming the mighty Ohio, a true cultural center and welcoming population. A very remarkable transformation from a grimy city of steel production and manufacturing to one of “meds & eds” and innovation & technology. ... Read more

Celebrating ARCS Atlanta by Mary O’Connor

It is hard to believe that over 30 years ago a small group of Atlanta women gathered for lunch around my dining room table to hear about the national ARCS Foundation, and more importantly, its mission. They represented a variety of Atlanta organizations – Arts, Medicine, Technology, Education, some women... Read more
Emory Celebrates ARCS Scholars

In honor of its 30-year partnership with ARCS Foundation, Emory University and Laney Graduate School celebrated the accomplishments of ARCS Atlanta Chapter and the Emory ARCS Scholars in an article published in THE LANEY gradreport. You may read the full article... Read more

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**Appointed by the Endowment Committee:**

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*Indicates new to the position

**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).

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