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45 Scholars Receive Awards Totaling \$322,500 from ARCS Foundation Atlanta

This year's recipients included ARCS Foundation Atlanta Chapter's first three scholars participating in the Roche/ARCS Foundation Scholar Award Program in the Life Sciences, pictured here with Atlanta Chapter President, Jane Dolinger. This program will support the next generation of life science leaders and further the shared interests of The Roche Foundation and ARCS Foundation in the advancement of science.



From left, Jane Dolinger, President, ARCS Foundation Atlanta, and Atlanta Chapter's first Roche/ARCS Membership Award Recipients, Scholar Paul Donlin-Asp, Emory, Scholar Heather Bishop, University of Georgia, and Scholar Susan Hastings, Georgia Tech.

Scholar Awards Luncheon Keynote Address



"Never stop learning. Think the impossible. Go and do great things. The world needs you." This was the message Shan Cooper, Vice President of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, brought to the ARCS Scholar Awards Luncheon audience, November 20th.

Ms. Cooper's theme was built on what physicist William Pollard once wrote, "The arrogance of success is to think that what you did today will be sufficient for tomorrow." She said that innovation is the key to continued success in the aeronautics industry. Those who are not nimble fall by the wayside, but Lockheed Martin is strong because of its ability to change and grow with changing customer demands. She surprised many when she said that Lockheed Martin is the largest provider of Information Technology to the US Government. She said the definition of national security has broad-

ened to include much more than military aircraft, and Lockheed Martin has broadened its mission to match our nation's security needs.

The packed Ritz Carlton ballroom applauded Ms. Cooper's enthusiastic support for education in science and engineering. But we all stood in amazement and awe when she sang a beautiful unaccompanied rendition of the National Anthem. It turns out that besides being a manager of three major Lockheed Martin facilities and a highly visible participant in community affairs, she is also a professional gospel singer!

- Clare Whitfield

From the President's Desk



President Jane Dolinger

The highlight of our year is always the annual Scholar Awards Luncheon, and the 2014 luncheon was no exception. Through the hard work of our Funds Development committee and the generosity of our members and friends, 45 academically outstanding scholars in science, engineering, and medical research from Emory University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse College, and the University of Georgia were honored and received a total of \$322,500 in awards.

It was my honor to greet and to congratulate our 45 outstanding ARCS Scholars at the Medallion Ceremony before the luncheon. For the first time ever, the ceremony was held in the Plaza Ballroom on the second floor of the Ritz Carlton, Atlanta. I want to thank Sylvia Dick, VP University Relations, and Robin King, Scholars Chair, for coordinating with the universities, staff, and scholars for the Medallion Ceremony. Our ARCS Ambassadors, led by Molly Eskew, greeted and presented the new scholars with their medallions while the returning scholars were given a lapel pin.

Nancy Chambers and the Funds Development Committee coordinated with our donors to ensure that they had an opportunity to meet and interact with their scholars. The excitement was all caught on camera as Yetty Arp made sure that our long time photographer, Jim Fitts, captured it all. Our thanks go out to Jim for once again donating his talents to support the work of ARCS Foundation.

During the luncheon, members, donors, and guests were able to talk with the scholars and hear about their studies in multiple fields of science. One couldn't help but be inspired by their dedication and passion. Meeting these remarkable students reaffirmed for all of us that they are an excellent return on our investment.

I want to thank and to congratulate Sara Jean Burke, Scholar Awards Luncheon Chair, and her entire committee who worked tirelessly over this past year to make our annual luncheon a memorable day for our ARCS Scholars and for ARCS Foundation Atlanta.

- Jane Dolinger

Ronnie Martin, 2015 ARCS Light



2015 ARCS Light, Ronnie Martin and 2014 ARCS Light, Sherry Lundeen

At the January ARCS Foundation general membership meeting, Sherry Lundeen announced that our ARCS Light for 2015 is **Ronnie Martin**. As a member of ARCS Foundation Atlanta Chapter since 2004, Ronnie has served as Database Chair, Website Chair, and VP for Communications. She has served on the National ARCS Foundation Board as National Newsletter Chair, Information Strategies Chair, and on the Council of Advisors.

Ronnie Martin has been acclaimed as ARCS Foundation's computer guru extraordinaire. She has worked to enhance and support the ARCS Foundation website's use by National and all Chapters while helping the Atlanta Chapter shine as it illustrates best practices within its site. Our website holds a wealth of information enriched and enlivened by the liberal used of visual elements. She has devoted untold hours to not only improving our site but also helping the rest of us learn how to use it. Her patience and brainpower seem to be inexhaustible.

Ronnie came to ARCS Foundation with computer skills highly honed as a programmer for IBM and as a developer of avionics software for the space shuttle. We are extraordinarily fortunate that Ronnie Martin has chosen to share her remarkable expertise with the Atlanta Chapter. We congratulate her on being chosen as the 2015 ARCS Light.

- Clare Whitfield



ARCS Lights gather to welcome Ronnie Martin. Pictured from left, Susie Deyo, Kitty Hawks, Pat Leake, Clare Whitfield, Ronnie Martin, Debbie Liss, Jeanne Berry, Janie Wilson, and Sherry Lundeen

Visit to the Center for Civil and Human Rights



Education/Events Co-Chair, Anne Sterchi, and Center CEO and luncheon speaker, Doug Shipman

On October 23, more than 50 Atlanta Chapter ARCS Foundation members and guests toured the recently opened Center for Civil and Human Rights in downtown Atlanta. The Center is unique in that it strives to connect the important stories of the Civil Rights Movement to today's Global Human Rights activities.

Touring the Center is an emotional, educational, and enlightening experience. As visitors explore the Civil Rights floor of the museum, they can better appreciate the commitment and discipline of protesters by experiencing the lunch counter display, closing their eyes and listening to the soundtrack of threats and beatings that seem to happen just behind them. They can also listen to the pure sounds of children playing, while looking at stained glass portraits of the four girls who were killed by the bombing of Birmingham's 16th

Street Baptist Church in 1963. In the Human Rights exhibit on the second floor, there is a map of the world where countries are color-coded to indicate their levels of freedom – a powerful reminder of work that remains to be done.

Doug Shipman, visionary CEO of the Center, joined the group for a boxed lunch and discussion of the Center's creation, development, and vision. He noted that with the Civil Rights Act reaching its 50th anniversary this year, it is important to present the reality of the civil rights experience to the many young people who only see it in textbooks. In that light, George Wolfe, a noted playwright and theater director, was hired as Chief Creative Officer to bring the civil rights experience alive. Doug said that the Center would be both a vivid link to the city's rich civil rights history and an inspiration for social change.

Many of the attendees said they would return soon with family and friends.



Regina Olchowski, Caroline Hardin, and Ada Lee Correll pose in front of a striking mural in the Center's lobby.

ARCS Foundation Night at the Fox

Neil deGrasse Tyson, ARCS Scholar Alum, Speaker
7:30 pm, Tuesday, March 24, 2015

ARCS Scholar alum, Neil deGrasse Tyson, host of Fox's "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey" and director of New York's Hayden Planetarium, will give a family-friendly multi-media presentation on modern science at the Fox Theater on March 24, 2015. He received an ARCS Award from the New York ARCS Chapter when he was earning his doctorate at Columbia University in the 1980s.

Atlanta ARCS Foundation members have a special opportunity to attend this event as the Fox Theater has offered us a block of 100 tickets in the Center Loge at a reduced rate of \$68/ticket.

Sign in to register by January 30, 2015 at <http://www.arcsfoundation.org>. Please contact Beth Finnerty (BFinnerty@skylandtrail.org) or Anne Sterchi (asterchi@fuquacapital.com) if you have questions. Contact Pat Leake at pleake@bellsouth.net if you need help with online registration.

2014 ARCS Foundation Atlanta Scholar Awards



Davis Award - Elaine Davis and Scholar Ayorinde Cooley, Morehouse College



Glenn Leadership Award - Scholar Pravin Muthu, Emory, Lou Glenn, Rafaele Delaney, Morehouse College, Tom Glenn



UPS Award - Scholar Elizabeth Nadelman, Georgia Tech, and Laura Johns, UPS



Nunn Award - Sam Nunn, Scholar Daniel Prosser, Georgia Tech, and Colleen Nunn



Frannie Graves Memorial/ARCS CenturyAward - Scholar Shiang-Ting Yeh, Georgia Tech and Bill Graves, Jr.



Printpack and the Gay and Erskine Love Foundation Award - Scholar Matthew Plumlee, Georgia Tech, and Valerie Marx Love

Scholars, Donors and Guests Join in Celebration



Betsy Hansen Memorial Award - Harald Hansen, Scholar Lauren Casa, Georgia Tech, Ed Hansen



Petter Award - Leslie Petter and Scholar Sarah Cannon, Georgia Tech



ARCS Light Award - Scholar E. Farah Samli, University of Georgia, and Sherry Lundeen



Kaiser Permanente Award - from left, Madelyn Adams, Kaiser Permanente, Scholar Sahim Wallace, Morehouse College, and Keisha Williams, Kaiser Permanente



King & Spalding Award - Samuel Matchett, King & Spalding, Scholar Aquia Richburg, Morehouse College, and Connie Dotzenrod, King & Spalding and ARCS Foundation Atlanta



John and Mary Franklin Foundation Award - Scholar Phillip Stephens, Morehouse College, and Marilu McCarty

2014 ARCS Foundation Atlanta Scholar Awards



**Emory
University**

**Georgia Institute
of Technology**



**Morehouse
College**

**University of
Georgia**



2014 Member Survey Results

As the Member Relations Chair, it was my responsibility to create a survey in order to compile an inventory of the various skills and abilities of each member.

The survey was sent out on August 15th and ended with the deadline of September 26th. Over 100 ARCS Foundation Atlanta member emails were compiled, confirmed and updated as necessary, then manually entered into a database for a mass mailing. Eighty-three members completed the survey and there were a total of 221 visits to the site. This was an excellent response since the active membership is 103, new membership is 10, and associate membership is 35. This is a great testimony to the willingness of our members to support our mission and all should be pleased with the results.

Some of the results were exceptional. For example, 17 members volunteered to serve as a committee chair. In addition, 38 members identified community connections, 35 members identified professional contacts and 29 members volunteered to help with the Scholar Awards Luncheon. The majority of the respondents offered to serve on at least three committees.

In order for members to access the survey results please note the following procedure:

Go to <https://www.arcsfoundation.org>

Login at the center top of the home page: Member & scholar login

Click on the [Document Library](#)

Click on the [Committee Documents](#)

Click on the [Membership Interest Survey](#)

Click on the [membership_interest_skills_report_2014.pdf](#)

- **Marty Gillin**
Member Relations Chair

Lisa Tedesco addresses ARCS Foundation Luncheon



Lisa Tedesco, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Laney Graduate School at Emory University, spoke at the ARCS Foundation Atlanta's Annual Luncheon at Northern Trust on January 14, 2015. Her subject was graduate school education at Emory University, its importance for research, its strategic goals, along with its challenges and opportunities.

The Laney Graduate School has 1900 students, 40 degree programs and nearly 1,000 scholars and researchers as faculty. You can't be a great university without a great faculty, so Dr. Tedesco works with deans and faculty to fulfill Emory's vision to be a transformative university, contributing to innovation, development and social well-being, regionally, nationally and globally.

Dr. Tedesco's strategic goals are to continue Emory's strong tradition of authentic interdisciplinarity, to work for increasing professionalization, to build greater diversity and inclusion, and to widen global outreach. Her office promotes faculty working together across academic disciplines. She doesn't want to see faculty or students "siloe" in narrow fields of endeavor. She works to increase students' abilities to move into the corporate world as well as in academia. She leads the effort to recruit both faculty and students from under-represented groups. She said our support of Morehouse scholars is helpful in that respect. She also works for greater internationalization, supporting programs such as the Emory/Georgia Tech/Peking exchange program.

Dr. Tedesco sees a challenge in obtaining the resources necessary to meet these goals. She applauds ARCS Foundation's support of graduate education, both financially and by making the case for graduate education

- **Clare Whitfield**

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of beloved family members of ARCS Foundation Atlanta members, Cecy Jones and Elsie Gould. Cecy's mother, Cecile Gonzalez Malone, died on December 30, 2014. A Mass in her memory was held in Dothan, Alabama at St. Columba Catholic Church where Mrs. Malone had given years of devoted service. Stuart Gould, pre-deceased by his wife Elsie, died on December 27, 2014. His memorial service was held at St. Philip's Cathedral on January 8, 2015. Stuart served in leadership roles at St. Philip's Cathedral, the Boy Scouts of America, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and Habitat for Humanity. We offer deepest condolences to Cecy and to family and friends of both of these wonderful people. They will be greatly missed.



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tions and friends for outstanding fundraising success this year. A total of \$322,000 was contributed to sup-
port 45 scholars at Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Georgia, and Morehouse
College. We've come a long way from 1992, our founding year when we proudly raised \$15,000 to support
three scholars. Our cumulative total is now over \$3.9 million. Special thanks go to our superb Funds Devel-
opment team of Nancy Chambers, Sally McDaniel, and Anne Easterly.