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→ On Feb. 3, Discover Collaboration Opportunities at Universities



Don't miss a unique opportunity next week to demystify the process of collaborating with universities and learn the best strategies for partnering with academia on research and development.

On Wednesday, February 3, Georgia Bio and the Atlanta Clinical & Translational Science Institute (ACTSI), will present a half-day conference titled *Academic & Industry Intersection: Accessing Partners* at the Emory Conference Center from 11:30 am to 7 pm. The event includes lunch and a closing reception.

ACTSI is an inter-institutional collaboration among Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Morehouse School of Medicine aimed at concentrating basic, translational, and clinical investigators; community clinicians; professional societies; and industry collaborators in clinical and translational research projects.

Company executives can talk to university officials about their faculty expertise, research and design planning, research facilities and tools, clinical trials, intellectual property, start-ups, commercialization assistance, incubator space and commercial real estate.

The conference will begin with a keynote address from **Dennis W. Choi, MD, PhD**, Vice President for Academic Health Affairs at Woodruff Health Sciences Center. Renowned for his groundbreaking research on brain and spinal cord injury, he joined Emory University in 2007 as Executive Director for the Comprehensive Neurosciences Initiative. Dr. Choi previously served as Executive Vice-President for Neuroscience for Merck Research Labs.

The program will include panels from academia, federal and state governments, and industry discussing the challenges and successes of their relationships. In addition, university and industry representatives will discuss what each has to offer throughout the afternoon with table-top displays in an exhibit area of the conference center.

For more information on the program and the exhibitors, [click here](#).

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→ Share Your Excitement About Science With Students!

Georgia Bio has many opportunities for you to share your work, career options, and excitement about science with students in our region's schools. We are seeking volunteers for the following classroom visits:

- **Atlanta Public Schools (Decatur)** - Charles R. Drew Charter School - Middle grades after school program to speak about science careers.
- **DeKalb County Schools (Chamblee)** - Chamblee Middle School - a) Seventh grade life science class to talk about careers and/or any life science research or topic, and b) participation in May 10 Career Day
- **DeKalb County Schools (Stone Mountain)** - Champion Theme Middle School - Seventh grade life science class to speak on any life science topic.
- **DeKalb County Schools (Doraville)** - Sequoyah Middle School - Seventh grade class to speak about various possible topics including careers in life sciences, science and business, entrepreneurship, genetic testing or drug development.
- **Cobb County (Marietta)** - Osborne High School - Ninth grade biology class to speak about careers in life science or any science based topic.

We can provide you with information and resources for these visits. If you are interested in inspiring young minds, contact Cinda Herndon-King, Director of Education Programs, at cinda.king@gabio.org.

→ Awards Dinner and Legislative Breakfast Start New Year on High Notes

More than 360 professionals attended the annual Georgia Bio Awards Dinner January 21 to celebrate the accomplishments of individuals and organizations in the life sciences community. Photos of the event will be posted on www.gabio.org next month.

The top award, the GaBio Industry Growth Award, honored **Louis W. Sullivan**, M.D., President Emeritus of Morehouse School of Medicine and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (1989-1993) and **John P. Richard**, Managing Director of Georgia Venture Partners. The Industry Growth Award recognizes individuals in the public and private sectors who have made extraordinary contributions to the growth of Georgia's life sciences industry. Read the press release on the [Industry Growth Awards](#).

Press releases are also posted on www.gabio.org for the [Emerging Leader of the Year](#), [Legislators of the Year](#), [Deals of the Year](#), and [Community Awards](#).

Legislative Breakfast

GaBio's annual state legislative event was a breakfast January 27 at the State Capitol. GaBio members discussed life sciences issues with members of the General Assembly and Gov. Sonny Perdue's administration. The event was organized by the Government Affairs Committee.

[Click here for GaBio's legislative agenda and industry information for the 2010 General Assembly session.](#)