



THBI Summit and Luminary Dinner  
*Confirmed Topics of Discussions and Speakers*  
As of 1/8/2019

February 11, 2019- Summit and Luminary Dinner @ Stephen F. Austin Hotel

12:30-12:50: **Lunch**

12:50-1:30: **Lunch Continues | Texas' Innovation EcoSystem and Its Impact on the Texas Economy**

The Texas' Innovation Ecosystem will include conversations from industry experts from different regions of Texas coming together to highlight the innovation taking place across and how it enables Texas to be a world-class leader in healthcare and biotechnology.

Emma Schwartz, President and Executive Director, Medical Center of the Americas  
Frank Grassler, Vice President for Technology Development, UT Southwestern  
Tom Luby, PhD, Head of JLABS @ TMC  
Chris Laing, PhD, Executive Director, Capital City Innovation  
Larry Schlesinger, MD, President and CEO, Texas Biomedical Research Institute  
Moderator: Ann Tanabe, CEO, BioHouston

1:30-1:45: **Break**

1:45-2:05: **The Success, Impact and Future of The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas**

As the second largest publicly funded cancer research organization in the nation, CPRIT's investments are showing a significant impact on Texas' life sciences intellectual capital and the biotech industry by increasing innovation, creating clinical trials, increasing prevention opportunities, providing jobs and positively impacting the Texas economy. CPRIT is now looking at future funding prospects and new opportunities for a reauthorization to enable the continuation of its success.

Wayne Roberts, CEO, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)

2:05-2:30 **Keynote 2**

President Denise Trauth, PhD, Texas State University

2:30-3:10: **Business of Research and Development and Its Impact on Innovation**

Research and development are the drivers of innovation. This panel will discuss the inner-workings of bringing products to the marketplace and how collaboration creates a world class environment for Texas bioscience innovation.

Pete Pellerito, Interim Vice President for State Government Relations and Alliance Development, BIO (Biotechnology Innovation Organization)  
COL (ret) George E. Peoples, MD, Founder and CEO, Cancer Insight  
Moderator: Andrew Strong, Partner, Pillsbury



- 3:10-3:30: **The Cost of Healthcare**  
Private sector solutions that will increase access, reduce healthcare costs, improve patient affordability and support biopharmaceutical innovation.  
  
Robert Popovian, PharmD, Vice President, US Government Relations, Pfizer
- 3:30-4:20: **Panel 3: Texas Life Sciences and the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**  
The Role of healthcare and innovation and its implications on legislation and the state budget.  
  
Representative Sarah Davis  
Moderator: Robert Popovian, PharmD, Vice President, US Government Relations, Pfizer  
*Additional Legislators to be announced*
- 4:20-4:50: **Keynote 4**  
President Peter Pisters, MD, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 4:50-5:00: **Closing Remarks**
- 5:30-8:00 pm **Reception and Luminary Awards Dinner**  
*Honorees to be announced*

#### February 12, 2019- Life Science Capitol Day @ Capitol Grill, Texas Capitol

- 9:00-9:30: **Chiefs of Staff panel**  
*Chiefs of Staff to be announced*
- 9:30-11:00 **Policy Briefing and team breakouts**
- 10:00-12:00 **Fly-in, walk the halls**

#### February 11-12, 2019- Life Science and Patient Advocate Display, Ground Floor Rotunda, Texas Capitol