



THBI Summit and Luminary Dinner
Confirmed Topics of Discussions and Speakers
As of 2/5/2019

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

12:00: **Registration**

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

12:50-1:40: **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

1:40-2:05: **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 **The Texas Innovation Corridor: Powering the future in the heart of Texas**

Anchored to the north by Austin's Silicon Hills and to the south by San Antonio's biotech industry, the flourishing Texas Innovation Corridor boasts unprecedented growth, job creation, new business startups and economic expansion. President Denise Trauth discusses the future of the corridor, and the innovative research and development opportunities Texas State is contributing to the growth of the region.

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, Senior Policy Adviser, Federal/State Economic Development & Technology Transfer Lead, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)
COL (ret) George E. Peoples, MD, Founder and CEO, Cancer Insight
Benjamin Perkins, Managing Director, pHPartners
Jorge Varela, CEO, BioNorthTX
Moderator: Andrew Strong, Partner, Pillsbury



3:10-3:45 **Texas Life Sciences and the 86th Legislative Session**

The role of healthcare and innovation and its implications on legislation and the state budget.

Representative Donna Howard
Chairman Stephanie Klick
Chairman Senfronia Thompson
Moderator: Robert Popovian, PharmD, Vice President, US Government Relations, Pfizer

3:45-4:20: **The Cost of Healthcare**

Private sector solutions that will increase access, reduce healthcare costs, improve patient affordability and support biopharmaceutical innovation.

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4:20-4:50: **Keynote**

President Peter Pisters, MD, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center

4:50-5:00: **Summit closing remarks**

5:30-8:00: **Reception and Luminary Awards Dinner**

Honoree: Nobel Laureate Jim P. Allison, Ph.D., Immunotherapy Researcher, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
Honoree: Chairman John Zerwas, MD, Texas House of Representatives
Honoree: Senator Kirk Watson, Texas Senate
Honoree: Patient Advocate Debra Miller, Founder and CEO, CureDuchenne

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

9:00-9:30: **Chiefs of Staff panel**

Hal Talton, J.D./M.B.A., Chairman Four Price
Brigitte Dechant, Representative Sarah Davis
Bryan Shufelt, Chairman Stephanie Klick

9:30-10:00: **Policy Briefing and team breakouts**

10:00-12:00: **Capitol office visits**

12:00-1:30pm **Genomic Medicine Legislative Briefing sponsored by BIO, Robert E. Johnson Conf. Center**

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