



Texas Biotech: Driving Innovation, Putting Patients First
AT&T Hotel and Conference Center, Grand Ballroom

Schedule of Events

12:00-1:00 Registration and Networking

1:00 Welcome

- Victoria Ford, MPA, President and CEO, Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute

1:20-2:10 Texas Universities Pioneering Research for Patients

Learn how Texas Universities are leading the way to a healthier future for patients in Texas by supporting researchers and driving commercialization of next generation medical breakthroughs.

Panelists:

- Dillon Gee, Class of 2026, College of Science and Engineering, Texas State University
- Anokhi Kholwadwala, Class of 2028, School of Engineering Medicine, Texas A&M University
- Jennifer Litton, MD, MHCM, Vice President for Clinical Research, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Eric Peterson, MD, MPH, Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research and Vice President for Health System Research, UT Southwestern
- Moderator: Shreek Mandayam, PhD, Vice President for Research, Texas State University

2:20-2:30 Proposition 14 Spotlight

Alzheimer's Association will share how you can support Proposition 14 to authorize the creation of the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas.

- Claudia Knowlton-Chike, Patient Advocate and Former Caregiver

2:30-3:20 Federal Policy Changes Impacting Texas Biotech

Learn more about the unprecedented changes occurring at the federal level and how those could impact your business and the broader implications for patients and Texas's biotech industry.

Panelists:

- John Guy, Policy Director, Incubate Coalition
- Bailey McCue, Director, Federal Government Relations, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)
- Gene Olinger, PhD, Director, Galveston National Laboratory, The University of Texas Medical Branch
- Moderator: Victoria Ford, MPA, President and CEO, Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute

3:35-4:25 Biotech Innovations Improving Outcomes for Patients

Learn more about how life science and biotech companies are driving a new era of patient care and the critical obstacles that prevent these innovations from effectively reaching and benefiting patients.

Panelists:

- Chase Bearden, Executive Director, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
- Scott Holter, Principal Medical Science Liaison, Genmab
- Sharon Lamberton, Deputy Vice President, State Policy and External Outreach, PhRMA
- Megan Ryan, Community Volunteer and Patient Advocacy Leader
- Moderator: Jesse Lewis, Director, State Government Affairs, Bristol Myers Squibb

4:30-6:00 Reception

6:00-7:30 Luminary Awards Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Casey McPherson, To Cure a Rose Foundation

2025 Luminary Award Recipients:

- Texas State Senator Molly Cook
- Texas State Representative Todd Hunter
- Larry Schlesinger, MD, Texas Biomedical Research Institute
- In Memoriam: Ann Tanabe, BioHouston