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## SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

**9:30 am – 10:00 am**  
**Registration Desk Open**

**10:00 am – 10:15 am**  
**Welcome to San Diego**

BIO Health Caucus Co-Chairs and San Diego region bio science leaders



**Mark Romney**, Chief Industry Alliance Officer, Aggie Square, University of California, Davis

**Stanley Maloy**, Associate VP for Research, San Diego State University

**Paul Roben**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Innovation & Commercialization, University of California, San Diego

**10:15 am – 11:15 am**  
**THE STATE ROLE IN BUILDING BIO ECOSYSTEMS**

Driving the Bioscience Economy Forward During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Best practices in State and Regional Bio Economic Development Initiatives



**Berrett Stadford**, Director of External Affairs, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)

Roundtable with other State Bioscience Association members including



**Elyse Blazeovich**, President and CEO, Colorado Bio Science Association

**Maria Thacker** – Goethe, President and CEO, Georgia Bio; Chair, Council of State Bioscience Associations

**John Newby**, Chief Executive Officer, Virginia Bio

**Arti Santhanam**, PhD, Executive Director, Maryland Innovation Initiative, TEDCO

**11:15 am – 12:00 pm**  
**SEFA LAB OF THE YEAR**

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**Celebrate with us our past 40 years of Developing Innovation and our future of growing thriving Bio and Life Sciences clusters**



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

**12:00 pm – 1:15 pm**

### Group Lunch with Guest Speaker



Building Inclusive Bio Ecosystems in Chicago, San Diego and Beyond

*Suzet McKinney, DrPH, MPH, Principal, Director of Life Science, Sterling Bay*

**1:15 pm – 2:15 pm**

### SUPPORTING BIO ENTREPRENEURS

Increasingly non-profits are playing in the early-stage capital space and tying capital to programming. Explore the unique legal and community-based challenges that can be expected, how to determine the appropriate size for a fund, and where research parks can play a critical role in the capital continuum.



*Tiffany Wilson, President and CEO, The University City Science Center*

**2:15 pm – 3:15 pm**

### BUILDING AND SUSTAINING BIO INCUBATORS AND FACILITIES

Financing and building 'research ready' space for principal investigators and bio entrepreneurs is a critical factor for building regional bio ecosystems. Learn about the challenges and opportunities in life science development.



*Howard Kozloff, Co-Founder and Principal, HATCHspaces LLC*

*Dina Uzri, Site Director, BioLabs in San Diego*

*Louis P. Kassa III, President, Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center, Blumberg Institute, Hepatitis B Foundation*

**3:15 pm – 3:45 pm**

### Networking Break



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## SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

**3:45 pm – 4:30 pm**

### **INVESTMENT IN BIO TECH: A CRITICAL PATHWAY FOR COMMUNITIES OF BIO INNOVATION IN THE U.S.**

Join a discussion with Lindsay Androski, Chair of the Board of Incubate, and Founder and CEO of Roivant Social Ventures. Incubate is a nonprofit representing the patient, corporate, and investment communities to educate policymakers on the role of venture capital in bringing promising treatments to patients in need, and Roivant Social Ventures is a social impact investor and incubator working to improve healthcare access and health outcomes for underserved groups.



**Lindsay Androski**, President and CEO, Roivant Social Ventures

**4:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

### **BIO IN CANADA: THE ROAD TO TORONTO**

Biotechnology in Canada is growing, representing over 1 million jobs in Canada and \$87 billion of Canada's gross domestic product. Discover how Canada's bio ecosystem is supporting economic growth and new technologies serving the globe. Plus preview AURP's 2022 International



Conference bio tracks taking place in Toronto, Canada, September 19-22.

**Andrew Casey**, President and CEO, BIOTECANADA

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

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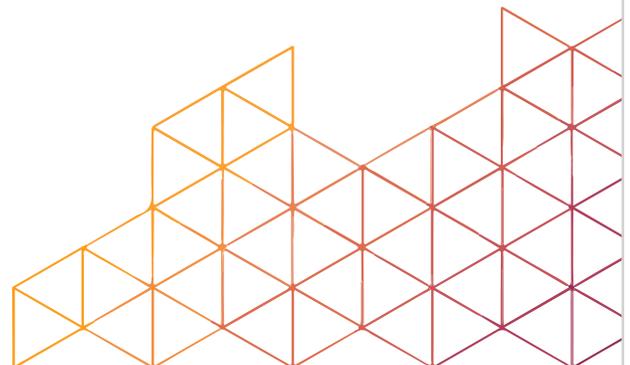
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## MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022

**8:00 am**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING**  
Registration Desk Open

**8:30 am – 9:15 am**  
**BIO SCIENCE RESEARCH AND FACILITY FUNDING: THE OUTLOOK FROM WASHINGTON**

Gain knowledge on NIH, ARPA-H, EDA Regional Tech Hub funding and other federal initiatives and policies supporting bio health cluster development



**Leslee Gilbert**, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates

**9:15 am – 10:15 am**  
**BIO MANUFACTURING IN NORTH CAROLINA, OHIO, AND BEYOND: REVIVING COMMUNITIES THROUGH LIFE SCIENCE INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING**



**John Balchunas**, Workforce Director, National Institute for Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals

**Tyler Allchin**, Managing Director, Healthcare, JobsOhio

**Ashley Cagle**, Assistant Executive Director, Wake County Economic Development; Vice President, Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce

**Leah Burton**, President, AURP; Director, Office of Partnerships, Centennial Campus, North Carolina State University (moderator)

**10:15 am – 10:30 am**  
**Networking Break**

### AURP Staff Members

Should you have any questions or need any assistance please let us know. We would be happy to assist you!



**Vickie Palmer**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Brian Darmody**  
Chief Strategy Officer



**Diana Horn**  
Meetings and Membership Manager

**10:30 am – 11:50 am**  
**BIO MANUFACTURING IN SPACE: THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE US AND ABOVE US**



**Christine Kretz**, Vice President, Programs and Partnerships, International Space Station, US National Laboratory

**Jana Stoudemire**, Commercial Innovation Strategy Lead, Axiom Space

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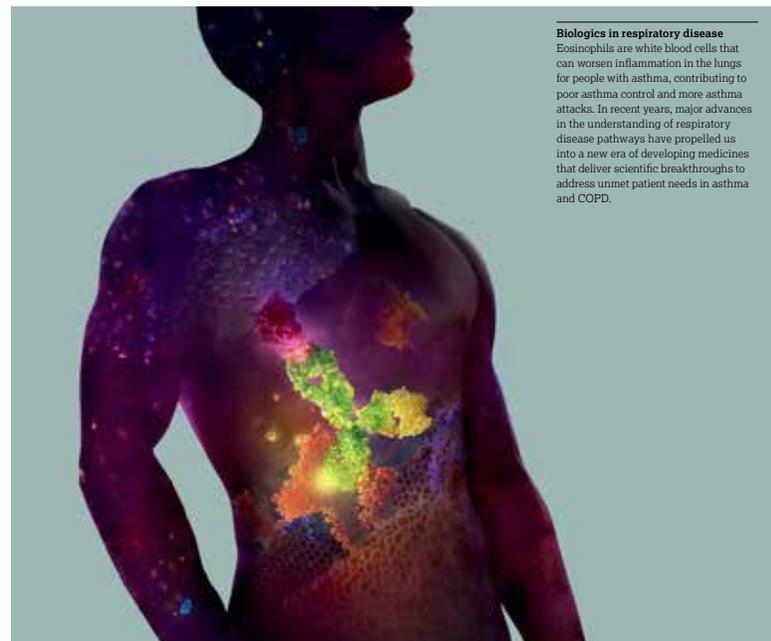
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# SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS



## **LINDSAY ANDROSKI, President and CEO, Roivant Social Ventures**

Lindsay Androski is President and CEO of Roivant Social Ventures, a social impact investor and incubator focused on expanding healthcare access and improving health outcomes. In 2016, Ms. Androski joined the founding team at Roivant Sciences, where she built and led the deal team that successfully licensed or acquired 35 clinical-stage drug programs, and launched 16 subsidiary biotechs during her tenure, resulting in five new approved drugs to date. Before joining Roivant, Ms. Androski served as a federal prosecutor in Alexandria, Virginia, focusing on cybercrime and national security cases, and as a trial lawyer and practice group co-chair at law firms in Washington D.C. and Los Angeles.



## **TYLER ALLCHIN, Managing Director, Healthcare, JobsOhio**

Tyler Allchin is Managing Director, Healthcare, at JobsOhio, the state of Ohio's private economic development entity. The JobsOhio healthcare team works to grow the industry sector around the state's world-class care providers (Cleveland Clinic, Cincinnati Children's Hospital), research universities (Ohio State, Case Western Reserve), and corporates (Steris, Cardinal Health, Medpace).

Most recently, JobsOhio announced nearly \$1b in catalytic investment into three innovation districts adjacent to the state's healthcare research institutions. These investments seek to help scale the talent and research needed to fuel Ohio's next generation of growth.

Prior to joining JobsOhio, Tyler helped lead strategy and development at BioEnterprise, Cleveland's life science business accelerator and industry convener. Tyler is an attorney, a former healthcare industry lobbyist, and graduate of The University of Akron (JD, MPA) and Kent State University (BA).



## **LESLIE ASHOR, AIA, LEED AP, Director of Science & Technology, HOK**

Based in San Francisco, Leslie is a director of HOK's global Science + Technology practice.

Leslie has dedicated the past two decades of her career to research and laboratory facilities. She has led the lab planning, programming and design for more than 150 projects, including several R&D Magazine "Lab of the Year" award winners.

Leslie has spoken at dozens of worldwide conferences and authored numerous articles and reports. She is a member of the Architectural Board of the Scientific Equipment and Furniture Association (SEFA), the International Institute for Sustainable Labs (I2SL), Society for College and University Planning (SCUP), American Institute of Architects (AIA) and Australian Institute of Architects (AIA).



## **JOHN BALCHUNAS, Workforce Director, National Institute for Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals**

John is the Workforce Director for the National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL). In addition, John is responsible for business development and industry partnership for the professional development program at North Carolina State University's Biomanufacturing Training and Education Center (BTEC). Prior to joining NCSU in 2014, John served as the Director of Workforce Development for the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBiotech). As part of NCBiotech's Education and Training Program for nearly 10 years, John forged an array of partnerships with industry to understand and communicate biopharmaceutical manufacturing workforce needs. John holds a Master of Science in Technical Communication and a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from North Carolina State University and was selected as a Marano Fellow in the Aspen Institute's 2012-2013 Sector Skills Academy.



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**ALAIN BERINSTAIN, PhD, Chief Innovation Officer, Space Tango**

Alain Berinstain, Ph.D. leads the identification of new markets in low-Earth orbit and opportunities for automated in-space manufacturing for health and technology products, as well as corporate strategy, stakeholder relations, and program implementation (science, engineering, and project management). He brings over 25 years of experience in both interdisciplinary science and technology and global business development strategy.

Previously, Berinstain served as the Vice President, Global Development at Moon Express, a privately held company dedicated to developing scalable robotic spacecraft for missions on the Moon and beyond, where he developed and managed corporate agreements with global stakeholders. Berinstain has also held multiple leadership roles in a variety of organizations including the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) as the Director, Planetary Exploration and Space Astronomy, and Director, Science & Academic Development; as well as serving as the Director of Policy for Canada's Minister of Transport, Hon. Marc Garneau, former president of the Canadian Space Agency and Canada's first astronaut.

Berinstain holds a doctorate in physical organic chemistry from the University of Ottawa, a master's degree in space studies from the International Space University, and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Biochemistry from Concordia University. He is married with two children and lives on the Space Coast in Florida.



**ELYSE BLAZEVOICH, President & CEO, Colorado Bio Science Association; Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer, Securisyn Medical**

Elyse Blazeovich is responsible for oversight of all daily operations of the business, including product development, manufacturing and supply chain, regulatory compliance, quality control, marketing, and general operations at Securisyn. Backed by a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership with a specialization in Applied Business Management, Elyse has successfully led the company from concept to commercialization and secured more than \$10.0 million of private capital plus nearly \$2.0 million of federal and state grant funding for a robust medical device portfolio.

Prior to co-founding Securisyn, Elyse was second in command of the second largest regional Chamber of Commerce in the State of Colorado. As the South Metro Denver Chamber's Director of Investor Relations, Elyse was instrumental in improving the strength and stability of the local business community through delivery of programs and services driving unprecedented benefits and opportunities for its 1,500+ members to prosper. Additionally, Elyse was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Colorado Bioscience Association in August 2019 and Chairs the

Membership Committee. She also serves as an Editorial Advisory Board Member for Medical Product Outsourcing Magazine, as an alumna of the Colorado Bioscience Executive Leadership Program, and as Strategic Advisor & Past-Chair of the Young Professionals Board for Project C.U.R.E., an international non-profit organization that delivers donated medical supplies and equipment to medical professionals and the patients under their care in more than 125 developing countries.



**LEAH BURTON, President, AURP; Director, Centennial Campus Partnership Office, NC State University**

Leah Burton is the Director of Centennial Campus Partnerships at NC State University.

In this role, she manages the campus-wide strategy for corporate and government interactions with NC State, including the University's award-winning Centennial Campus. Prior to joining NC State in 2000, Leah was the Director of Marketing and Communications at the Research Triangle Regional Partnership, a regional economic development organization marketing the 13-county Research Triangle region. Before moving to North Carolina, she was the Public Affairs Manager for telecommunications company US West. Leah has a communications degree from the University of Colorado.



**ASHLEY CAGLE, Assistant Executive Director, Wake County Economic Development; Vice President, Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce**

Ashley leads Wake County Economic Development's comprehensive business expansion, recruitment, and relocation efforts focused on four key market segments: Information Technology, Life Sciences, Cleantech, and Advanced Manufacturing. As a component of this, she also oversees Wake County's talent attraction, retention and pipeline strategy, focused on growing and recruiting highly skilled talent in the Triangle.



**ANDREW CASEY, President and CEO, BIOTECCanada**

Andrew Casey became president and CEO of BIOTECCanada in August, 2012. In this role, Andrew is responsible for the strategic operations of the Association which represents Canada's biotechnology sector. As the head of BIOTECCanada, he is the lead spokesperson for Canada's biotechnology industry communicating on the industry's behalf with government, regulators, international bodies, media and the Canadian public. Prior to joining BIOTECCanada, Andrew served from 2004-2012 as Vice President, Public Affairs and International Trade with the Forest Products Association of Canada.

# SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS



## **BRIAN DARMODY, JD, Chief Strategy Officer, AURP**

Brian Darmody joined AURP as CEO in February 2019. In his newest role as Chief Strategy Officer Brian will lead AURP into new initiatives including expanding membership, international partnerships and funding in order to build out additional member benefits.

Previously, he was the University's AVP for Corporate and Foundation Relations in the Division of University Relations, AVP for Research and Economic Development, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Technology Development, Director of State and Federal Relations in the President's Office and has served in the university's legal counsel office. He serves on national and state boards, including: Fraunhofer USA, the Maryland Economic Development Association, and the Maryland Tech Council.

He holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore and he received his bachelor degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.



## **LLOYD FISK, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Principal, Research Facilities Design**

Lloyd Fisk joined RFD in 2005 with 11 years of architectural experience on Science & Technology projects. Lloyd's focus on architectural design allows him to collaborate with leading architects to deliver high-quality projects for our clients. At RFD, he has completed over 50 research, education, and testing laboratory projects for both domestic and international clients. Lloyd is professionally affiliated with such organizations as AALAS, AWI, and SEFA – for whom he has served as a Board Member for many years. Lloyd has delivered conference presentations worldwide on topics such as Barrier Vivarium Facilities, Biosafety Level 3 Laboratory Design, and Global Trends in Research Buildings.

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**LESLEE GILBERT, Vice President,  
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Leslee K. Gilbert has an extensive background in higher education, research, technology development, and politics. She has nearly 12 years hands-on experience in the Washington policy-making process, and over 20 years of experience working in and with institutions of higher education. She uses her insider's understanding of academia and government policy to help her clients navigate the changing world of Washington. As a Vice President at VSA, Leslee focuses on federal research, development, and competitiveness. In addition to helping clients navigate Congressional policy making, she has developed a research and development consulting practice focused on federal agencies. Through partnerships with former officials from several key agencies, she assembles teams of experts to meet clients' unique needs. By coordinating and managing these teams, Leslee helps clients identify federal funding trends across multiple agencies and maximize their comparative advantages.



**MARC GIULIANOTTI, Senior Manager,  
In Space Biomanufacturing Sierra Space**

Marc Giulianotti is Senior Manager, In Space Biomanufacturing at Sierra Space. His primary efforts are focused on positively impacting humankind by advancing transformative technologies in the area of in-space biomanufacturing. Previously Marc was Program Director with the International Space Station (ISS) U.S. National Laboratory. Part of his activities in this role include managing the Chips in Space programs cosponsored by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences and National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering as well as the Tissue Engineering and Mechanobiology in Space Programs cosponsored by the National Science Foundation. Prior to joining the ISS National Lab Marc spent 20+ years working in early drug discovery efforts at the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies. He received his BS in Chemistry/Biochemistry from UCSD, his MBA from SDSU and his PhD in Chemistry from USF.



**LOUIS P. KASSA III, Chief Executive Officer/  
President, The Pennsylvania Biotechnology  
Center, Baruch S. Blumberg Institute,  
Hepatitis B Foundation**

Louis P. Kassa III is the Chief Executive Officer/President of The Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center, Baruch S. Blumberg Institute, and Hepatitis B Foundation, three related and managed non-profits. Kassa has been with the organizations since 2014, prior to the CEO position, he was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In 2017, Kassa co-founded Family Foundations Partnership and is currently the Chief Executive Officer. He previously served as State Director and Chief Operating Officer at VisionQuest

National, Ltd, an national behavioral health company. In 2020, Kassa was named one of "The 10 Best COO's of 2020" by Industry Era, a global technology media outlet. Kassa received his undergraduate degree from Penn State University and received a Masters in Public Administration from Villanova University in December 2007.



**HOWARD KOZLOFF, Co-Founder and  
Principal, HATCHspaces LLC**

Howard Kozloff has over 20 years of development and consulting experience, Howard works at the intersection of urban planning and real estate development, also known as entrepreneurial planning. He identifies and creates value-add opportunities in urban environments by providing solutions for challenging real estate scenarios. His work explicitly builds upon local initiatives, with expertise gleaned from experiences across the country and throughout the world.



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## **CHRISTINE KRETZ, Vice President, Programs and Partnerships, International Space Station, US National Laboratory**

Christine Kretz is the Vice President of Programs and Partnerships at the Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS), manager of the International Space Station (ISS) U.S. National Laboratory. Christine's role is to identify opportunities for leveraging ISS facilities to enable science and technology research that will benefit life on Earth while maximizing taxpayer investment in the ISS. Christine's team helps interested organizations determine how best to approach research on the ISS and work through the process to accomplish the desired objectives. Prior to joining CASIS, Christine worked for IBM, starting in 1998 as a manager in the Research Division, where her responsibilities included IT security for eight labs globally. From the Research Division, Christine took a corporate position and was named the global operations manager for IBM Life Sciences, an emerging business area for IBM at that time. Christine has also held the positions of healthcare solutions executive on the IBM Global Healthcare Industry team, as well as roles as a client executive and complex opportunity manager in Healthcare/Life Sciences. Most recently, she managed the Research Division Healthcare and Life Sciences organization.

Christine holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Carnegie Mellon University and an MBA in operations from Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh, where she is a member of the business school alumni board of directors. She is also a board member of the Girl Scouts Citrus Council.



## **STANLEY MALOY, Associate VP of Research, San Diego State University**

Stanley Maloy is a Professor of Biology and Associate Vice President for Research & Innovation at San Diego State University. Prior to this position, he was Dean of the College of Sciences for 11 years. Maloy obtained a PhD in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from UC Irvine, did a postdoctoral fellowship in Genetics at the University of Utah, then moved to a faculty position at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign where he was a Professor in the Microbiology Department for 18 years. Prior to moving to SDSU, he served as Director of the Illinois Biotechnology Center.

Maloy is a former President of the American Society for Microbiology, one of the largest international scientific societies. He has served as an advisor for U.S. and international agencies on research, biosafety, biodefense, health, and graduate education, and has testified before the U.S. House Appropriations Committee.



## **SUZET MCKINNEY, DrPH, MPH, Principal, Director of Life Sciences, Sterling Bay**

Dr. Suzet M. McKinney is a public health expert, medical executive, thought leader, strategic thinker and nationally recognized expert in emergency preparedness and response.

As Principal and Director of Life Sciences for Sterling Bay, Suzet oversees relationships with the scientific, academic, corporate, tech, and governmental sectors involved in the life sciences ecosystem. She also leads the strategy to expand Sterling Bay's footprint in life sciences nationwide. She previously served as CEO and Executive Director of the Illinois Medical District, where she managed a 24/7/365 environment that included 560 acres of medical research facilities, labs, a biotech business incubator, universities, raw land development areas, four hospitals and more than 40 healthcare-related facilities. Within two years of leadership, Suzet accomplished a financial turnaround of the IMD, successfully retiring more than \$40 million in debt.

In 2020, Suzet was appointed by Illinois Governor JB Pritzker as Operations Lead for the State of Illinois' Alternate Care Facilities, a network of alternate medical locations designed to decompress the hospital system during the COVID-19 pandemic. She worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and multiple construction, architecture and project management teams to prepare five facilities to open for overflow patient care.



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Working with the Vice Chancellor for Research, Paul is transforming the functions provided by the Technology Transfer Office, Industry Research Alliances, and Industry Contracting into an integrated organization to include patenting, strategic corporate research partnering and industry contracts. He oversees the Division of Innovation and Commercialization, which will establish a campus-wide innovation platform to build a systemic and sustainable innovation culture, create a vibrant regional ecosystem, and accelerate the commercialization of UC San Diego inventions.

Previously he was Senior Director of Office Technology Development at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, working with multiple academic institutes to develop strategic processes to drive innovation alliances, and help translate their research programs into products for patients and society. He guided the formation of multiple new start-up companies and was responsible for the negotiation of a broad spectrum of technology licenses to industry.



**MARK ROMNEY, Chief Industry Alliance Officer, Aggie Square — University of California, Davis**

Mark Romney, Chief Industry Alliance Officer with UC Davis Health in Sacramento, has been actively engaged in facilities planning for 26 years, including a special concentration on research facilities. He co-authored several NIH CO6 Grant Applications, resulting in grant awards exceeding \$6 million. Romney co-authored the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine's Shared Lab Facility Grant and the Large Facilities Grant, providing over \$25 million in grant funding for the construction of the stem cell program facilities, and he has stewarded the process of planning and implementing an innovation district master plan on the UC Davis Health campus.



**ARTI SANTHANAM, PhD, Executive Director, Maryland Innovation Initiative, TEDCO**

Dr. Arti Santhanam is the Executive Director at the Maryland Innovation Initiative program at the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO), the technology commercialization and investment instrument for the state of MD.

She currently directs the Maryland Innovation Initiative (MII) fund investing in commercialization and start-up companies spun out of five participating universities; Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland College Park, Baltimore and Baltimore County campuses, as well as Morgan State University. Established in 2012, MII has invested \$43M that has resulted in 119 startups, >\$570M follow-on funding and 7 exits to date. At TEDCO, Arti has served various roles over the years including Investment Analyst for the Maryland Venture Fund and Director for the Life Science Investment Fund.

In addition, she serves on the Maryland Governor's Life Science Advisory Board (LSAB), the Maryland Energy Innovation Initiative (MEI2) investment committee, SpringBoard Enterprises' Women's Health initiative and Leadership Maryland '20. She is also an active member of the Women in Bio- Capital region chapter and the ADVamed Business Development working group.



**JANA STOUDEMIRE, Commercial Innovation Strategy Lead, Axiom Space**

As the Commercial Innovation Strategy Lead for Axiom Space Jana is helping to create the commercial space economy in low-Earth orbit for biomedical and technology in-space manufacturing applications on the world's first commercial space station. She transitioned from pharma to lead life science research in microgravity as part of the team managing the International Space Station U.S. National Laboratory (ISS-NL), then joined Space Tango where she successfully established the initial foundational partnerships that are helping to define an emerging biomedical market on orbit. Jana is a member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on Biological and Physical Sciences in Space, Regenerative Medicine Manufacturing Society member, a WOMEN In Advanced Therapies (WIAT) leadership mentor, and past New Organ Alliance Oversight Committee Member along with co-chair of the Microgravity Enabling Technology Committee.



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**BERRETT STRADFORD, Director of External Affairs, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)**

Berrett Stradford serves as the Director of External Relations for BIO. In this role, she works closely with the Council of State Bioscience Associations. Additionally, Berrett serves as the alliance liaison for BIO's science and regulatory team to ensure we are working closely with the patient advocacy community on currently regulatory issues. Before coming to BIO, Berrett was the Director, External Affairs for Friends of Cancer Research (Friends) for 7 years. In this role, Berrett led external engagement and alliance development with key partners from every healthcare sector to help Friends' advance science, policy, and regulation that speeds life-saving treatments to patients.

Prior to joining Friends, Berrett was the Development and External Relations Manager at Critical Path Institute (C-Path) in Tucson, Arizona. In this role she partnered with C-Path's leadership team to foster external relationships with individuals, academia, industry, and government to support the organizations multiple scientific consortia and their efforts in creating safe and effective drug development tools. Berrett began her career in health care at the University of Arizona Health Network (UAHN, now Banner) in government

relations. Her primary focus included legislative affairs and special projects across an integrated health system. This role was integral to UAHN during numerous changes in Arizona's Medicaid program and the merging and rebranding of two hospitals. Berrett is originally from New Mexico which inspires her affinity for open spaces and warm weather. She holds a BA and MPA from New Mexico



**DAVID SUTTON, Executive Director and General Counsel, SEFA**

David J. Sutton, CAE, JD has been providing legal and management services for SEFA for more than 30 years. Mr. Sutton is a regular speaker at conferences and trade shows throughout the world concerning important association initiatives such as the SEFA Lab of the Year, the Global Market Survey; SEFA Recommended Practices as well as other pertinent topics. In addition, Mr. Sutton arranges for SEFA's most prominent members to be featured as keynote speakers at various global industry events.

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Maria Thacker Goethe has over 16 years of experience in non-profit management and development. She was appointed president and CEO for Georgia Bio and the Georgia BioEd Institute in February 2019 after over 12 years of work in supporting roles. Maria has helped build the organization into one of the top state bioscience and medtech associations through her community outreach and engagement, member development, and leadership on various special projects and programs to increase community connections and resources. Additionally, she oversees the organization's STEM Institute and its sister organization, the Georgia Global Health Alliance. Maria has a diverse background including environmental health, women's health and health communications and marketing. Prior to joining Georgia Bio, Maria participated in a fellowship at Centers for Disease Control & Prevention/ Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry in environmental investigations, working closely with the National Center of Environmental Health in Chemical Demilitarization.

Maria received her dual Master in Public Health in health education/communication, and maternal and child health from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and her Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from Sweet Briar College. Additionally, Maria volunteered for over 11 years with the Junior League of Atlanta in leadership and programming roles working to empower Latina teens. When she is not busy working or volunteering, she spends her time with her daughter Cecilia and husband Patrick.



**DINA UZRI, Site Director, BioLabs San Diego**

Dina Uzri joined the dynamic and growing BioLabs team as the San Diego Site Director in October 2021. With firsthand experience as a biotech entrepreneur in San Diego and at BioLabs, Dina leverages this knowledge to help BioLabs residents reach their milestones, and she is an active promoter of life sciences innovation in SoCal. Prior to joining BioLabs, Dina spent three years at Hologic, where she held responsibilities in marketing analytics and commercial operations within the Diagnostics division. Dina was previously involved in business development for biomanufacturing and synthetic biology technologies at Viridos (formerly Synthetic Genomics). Earlier in her career, Dina was the first employee and COO at Abreos Biosciences, a startup in the precision drug monitoring space and one of the early residents at BioLabs San Diego. Dina has a B.S. in Cell and Molecular Biology from the University of Texas at Austin, a PhD in Virology from Harvard Medical School, postdoctoral training from Stanford University School of Medicine, and an MBA from the Rady School of Management at UC San Diego.



**TIFFANY WILSON, President and CEO, The University City Science Center**

Tiffany brings more than 18 years of leadership transitioning innovative medical technologies from benchtop to bedside, building partnerships across academia, industry and economic development organizations.

She most recently served as CEO of Global Center for Medical Innovation (GCMI), an Atlanta-based non-profit dedicated to supporting the development and commercialization of innovative medical products. She joined GCMI in 2011 to lead its startup phase, establishing an overall vision, building strategic relationships and bringing together key stakeholders of the medical device ecosystem. Wilson's strong background in medical devices, commitment to fostering innovation and understanding of business strategies propelled her into a leadership role in the Southeast and brought her into the national spotlight. Wilson served on the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (NACIE) of the U.S. Department of Commerce. She was recognized by Inc. Magazine as one of "17 Inspiring Women to Watch in 2017" and one of Becker Hospital Review's "110 Women in Medtech to Know in 2017."

Wilson serves as Past President of the Board of the Southeast Medical Device Association (SEMDA), Founding Member of Medtech Women @ SEMDA, Chair of the Advisory Board for GCMI's preclinical testing facility, and as a member of the Georgia Bio Board of Directors. In 2015 Wilson received the prestigious Georgia Bio Community Award and in 2017 she was presented with the Industry Growth Award, the highest honor bestowed each year by Georgia Bio.

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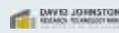


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