



## To Our Members: A Heartfelt 'Thank You' for Your Continued Support in North Texas



BioNTX would like to express our deepest gratitude to our Members for their invaluable contributions to life sciences, North Texas, and our community. Your steadfast support fuels our mission to drive biotech excellence in North Texas and beyond. Together, we are forging a path of discovery and advancement, harnessing science to tackle global challenges.

The organization is thrilled to announce the launch of its new, enhanced, customer relationship management platform to expand its offerings to the regional ecosystem and continue providing top-quality events, programming, connectivity, and services. From Lubbock to Tyler, and everywhere in between, BioNTX is committed to connecting innovators across North Texas.

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## Welcome, New & Renewing BioNTX Members!



CEIV Pharma  
Community



## Lauren Adegoke, MS Joins BioNTX as New Membership Engagement Facilitator

BioNTX welcomes Lauren Adegoke as our first Membership Facilitator!

**WELCOME TO THE TEAM,  
LAUREN!**



Lauren Adegoke, MS

Her recent experience as the Chief of Staff of Black Women in Science and Engineering (BWSE), prepares her for working with the BHAINTE and our Good Jobs Challenge Grant Partners to ensure we accomplish the goals of placing underrepresented folks into industry training and entry level positions in the growing ecosystem.

A UNT graduate with both a bachelor's and master's degree in biomedical engineering, Lauren's brings scientific rigor and understanding to the position. Her extensive and diverse experience working in both industry and building member associations makes her unique and an excellent professional to serve our membership. You!

Please stay tuned for updates from Lauren regarding a member survey and information about your benefits, along with details on talent available in North Texas.

## BIONTX MEMBER NEWS

### Caris Life Sciences Partners with Pediatric Cancer Center to Advance Oncology Research



Caris Life Sciences® (Caris), a leading AI TechBio company, has partnered with the Beat Childhood Cancer Research Consortium, based at Penn State College of Medicine. Caris will provide molecular analysis for the consortium's pediatric cancer clinical trials, aiming to enhance precision oncology and therapeutic options for children with cancer treated at member hospitals, including Penn State Health Children's Hospital.

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## Creatives Align: The Impact of Branding and Messaging on Success in Life Sciences



Together with the BioLabs at Pegasus Park; BioNTX hosted creative and strategic marketing leaders from leading agencies in life sciences for a nuanced exploration of the value of effective branding and precise messaging in our industry. Executives discussed the importance of correct language for clinical trials, pharmaceutical entities, and emerging technologies, highlighting the vital function branding assumes in enhancing the visibility and resonance of these innovations within the scientific community and beyond.

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[Learn about Barton Creative](#)

## Form Bio Integrates Google Cloud's AI Models into Healthcare and Life Sciences Research



Form Bio, a Google Cloud Premier Partner, has announced the integration of Google Cloud's AI-based models for healthcare and life sciences research into its bioinformatics platform. The announced collaboration enables seamless utilization of Google Cloud's Vertex AI-based omics models through simple point-and-click workflows, representing a significant leap forward in accessibility and efficiency for life science professionals.

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## Shareholders Wanted: Island Pharmaceuticals Expands Base with New Exchange Filing

Island Pharmaceuticals announced the successful rights issue to Eligible Shareholders, raising approximately \$1.95 million (before costs) as previously disclosed to ASX on February 26, 2024. Existing shareholders were offered the opportunity to subscribe for 2 New Shares for every 5 existing shares held in the company. Dr. David Foster, CEO and Managing Director, expressed satisfaction with the strong support for the offer. With this capital infusion, Island Pharmaceuticals is well-positioned to advance its immediate clinical objectives for its lead asset, ISLA-101.

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## Johnson & Johnson Partners with NVIDIA on Surgical Data Analysis



**Johnson & Johnson**

INNOVATION



**nVIDIA**

Johnson & Johnson MedTech and NVIDIA announced a collaborative partnership to advance the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in surgery. The collaboration aims to improve access to real-time analysis and global availability of AI algorithms for surgical decision-making, education, and collaboration within operating rooms (ORs).

By employing NVIDIA's AI platform, the partnership will accelerate AI deployment across Johnson & Johnson MedTech's surgical technologies portfolio. Key to this effort is the use of advanced edge computing, allowing for localized data processing within the OR to enhance security and reduce latency in critical surgical procedures.

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## Deloitte Unveils CyberSphere™ Platform for Enhanced Operational Cybersecurity



**Deloitte.**



Deloitte has introduced CyberSphere™, an advanced platform designed to redefine how organizations approach cybersecurity management. Leveraging Deloitte's extensive expertise, CyberSphere™ offers a comprehensive solution to streamline and simplify the complex landscape of cybersecurity operations.

The platform empowers clients to efficiently manage cyber program data, workflows, and reporting. By harnessing the power of automation, artificial intelligence (AI), and machine learning (ML), CyberSphere™ enables organizations to swiftly identify and mitigate risks, thereby enhancing their cyber operational efficiency and effectiveness.

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# EisnerAmper: The Best Audit Firm for Startups

EISNERAMPER



Life sciences can be a challenging business, but the rewards of improving patients' lives are unparalleled. Hedgeweek has named EisnerAmper as 'Best Audit Firm - Start-Ups' at its 2024 European ceremony. This recognition, based on reader votes, highlights EisnerAmper's dedication to exceptional client service.

From Boston from San Francisco to North Texas, EisnerAmper serves pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device clients, as well as other companies operating at the intersection of technology, health care and life sciences. Peter Cogan, Managing Partner, emphasized the firm's growth and commitment to supporting start-ups, citing their Emerging Manager Program's pivotal role.

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## JLL Recognized for Third Consecutive Year by IWBI for Commitment to Health and Well-Being



JLL has once again been honored by the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) for its ongoing dedication to promoting health and well-being in the built environment, marking the third consecutive year of recognition. In 2023, JLL received prestigious awards, including the Global WELL Leadership Award and the WELL Concept Leadership Award. Annalise Dum, Vice President and Sustainable Buildings Practice Lead, North America, was also recognized with the Adoption of WELL Award for her commitment to advancing WELL for JLL's clients. JLL's leadership in creating sustainable, healthy, and well-being-focused office spaces has been celebrated for its transformative impact on health, equity, and quality of life in buildings, organizations, and communities.

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## The IP War: Polsinelli Launches Solare Brand Protection Platform



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### IP Protection & Business Evaluation

We partner with you to continuously refine the IP development strategy and evaluate contracts and agreements to reinforce protection measures.

### Online Enforcement

Utilize online monitoring via trained models to obtain data about brand threats.

### Offline Enforcement

Utilize analytics and other evaluation tools to elevate enforcement, as necessary and via the most strategic channels.



Polsinelli, an Am Law 100 firm, has introduced Solare, a specialized program crafted to help companies strategically manage brand threats online and offline. Developed by Polsinelli's experienced attorneys, Solare offers a range of services including Intellectual

Property Development & Business Evaluation, Online Enforcement, and Offline Enforcement, all overseen by the firm's IP attorneys.

Leveraging cutting-edge tools, Solare safeguards clients' IP portfolios across multiple channels, supported by one of the nation's largest IP practices with over 160 professionals. Additionally, Solare integrates expertise from licensing, commercial contracts, trade remedies, and antitrust practices, ensuring comprehensive brand protection.

## UNTHSC Explore Hyperbaric Oxygen as Potential Novel Alzheimer's Treatment

In a significant stride towards Alzheimer's treatment, researchers at The University of North Texas Health Science Center, led by Dr. Nathalie Sumien, are exploring the potential of hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Their study, featured in *GeroScience*, demonstrates notable cognitive improvements in Alzheimer's mouse models, particularly among females. Lead author Paapa Mensah-Kane underscores the therapy's promising implications, urging further investigation into its potential for clinical application.



Paapa Mensah-Kane

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## UT Dallas Researcher Uncovers Complexities of Age-Related Memory Decline



Sabina Sroková, PhD and Michael Rugg, PhD

Researchers from The University of Texas at Dallas Center for Vital Longevity (CVL) have unveiled a paradigm-shifting revelation regarding age-related memory decline. Under the leadership of Dr. Michael Rugg, their pioneering study, published in *The Journal of Neuroscience*, challenges established assumptions by elucidating that age-related neural dedifferentiation is not a singular phenomenon but is influenced by a multitude of mechanisms. Leveraging cutting-edge functional MRI (fMRI) technology, the team meticulously examined brain activity patterns in participants exposed to images of scenes and objects. Their findings not only offer profound insights into the complexities of age-related cognitive changes but also hold immense potential for shaping strategies aimed at preserving cognitive health in older individuals.

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## New Moncrief Mobile Screening Clinic to Ensure Equitable Healthcare Access





Keith Argenbright, MD

Moncrief Cancer Institute debuts its new Mobile Screening Clinic, funded by a \$9 million grant from Tarrant County as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. The clinic, costing \$1 million, aims to expand cancer screening programs for underserved Tarrant County residents. Dr. Keith Argenbright, Director of Moncrief Cancer Institute, highlights the grant's impact, which has facilitated nearly 10,000 cancer screenings. The addition of the second Mobile Screening Clinic will double screening efforts for breast and prostate cancer, crucial for women and men respectively.

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### BOYDS: Helping Develop and Commercialize Cell & Gene Therapies Around the Globe

Boyds is a global drug development consultancy supporting the development of cell and gene therapies, advanced therapies and orphan drugs. Founder, Professor Alan Boyd is a pioneer in this field having taken the first gene therapy product through development.

The experienced team at Boyds works with companies across the globe, and has strong ties with the FDA, EMA and MHRA in order to support client activities swiftly and effectively.



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## FUNDING AND MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### The Golden Ticket: Galvanizing Women-Led Healthcare Startups in Texas and Beyond

Application closes on April 4, 2024

Ignite is thrilled to unveil its Golden Ticket Competition, tailored for women-led digital healthcare and medical device startups situated in Texas and surrounding areas. This exclusive opportunity, integrated into Ignite's renowned Accelerator Program, offers a springboard for local companies and neighboring startups to join the program's cohort.



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# I2SL Seeks Sustainable Lab Innovators: Apply Now for Awards Program

Applications due April 5, 2024



International Institute for  
Sustainable Laboratories

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I2SL promotes sustainability within laboratory environments, emphasizing resource efficiency and environmental consciousness. Through their Sustainable Laboratories Awards Program, the organization seeks to acknowledge and celebrate outstanding individuals, projects, and initiatives that demonstrate innovative and exemplary practices in sustainable lab planning, design, engineering, operation, and use.

## Health Wildcatters Recognized as Nationally Ranked Accelerator for Startups

Application closes on April 15, 2024



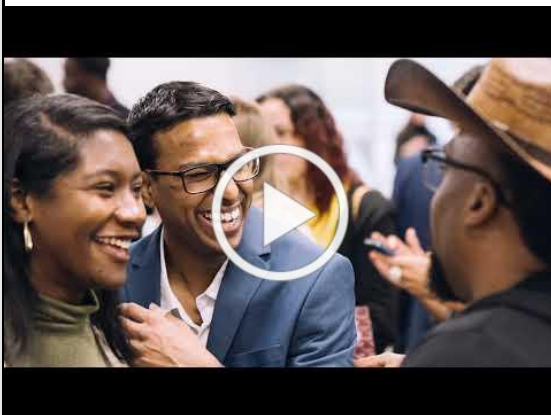
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In a concentrated three-month period, Health Wildcatters immerses participants in a dynamic ecosystem, facilitating connections with a vast network of seasoned mentors and investors. The program offers a meticulously curated curriculum, designed to accelerate growth and foster success.

## Techstars Accelerator: Investing in Entrepreneurs for Success

Application closes on May 22, 2024

**techstars**



Techstars accelerators are designed to support entrepreneurs in achieving success. Our three-month programs offer access to top mentors, a robust network of partners, investors, and alumni, funding opportunities, workshops, and peer learning experiences. With a track record of building thousands of successful companies globally, we invest \$120K in over 500 early-stage companies annually, providing hands-on mentorship and lifelong access to the Techstars network.

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## Health Focus Accelerator: Startup Prize Means Big Opportunity for Innovators

Application closes on July 1, 2024





# STARTUP PRIZE

## FOCUS ON HEALTH

Startup Prize: Focus on Health plays a pivotal role in catapulting health-related companies to success by offering a comprehensive support network. Through mentorship, entrepreneurs gain invaluable insights from seasoned professionals who provide guidance on navigating challenges and optimizing strategies for growth.

Additionally, access to potential investors enables startups to secure the vital capital needed to expand operations, develop innovative products or services, and scale their businesses. By facilitating these connections and providing essential resources, Startup Prize empowers companies to realize their vision, accelerate their trajectory, and make a meaningful impact in the healthcare industry.

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## The Hill Prizes: Recognizing Life Science Innovators & High-Impact Research in Texas

Applications open May 1, 2024



**TAMEST** *Texas Academy of Medicine, Engineering, Science & Technology*

The Hill Prizes, generously funded by Lyda Hill Philanthropies, aim to accelerate groundbreaking research ideas with high potential for real-world impact. These prizes celebrate the achievements of top innovators and researchers in Texas, spanning six categories: Medicine, Public Health, Engineering, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Technology. Each recipient of the prize will be awarded \$500,000 in funding to further their work and drive innovation.

[Learn more about the Hill Prizes](#)

## INDUSTRY EVENTS

### Inaugural BioNTX - University Texas at Tyler Program Underscores Innovation Ecosystem





BioNTX proudly hosted its inaugural ecosystem programming in Tyler, Texas in collaboration with UT Tyler, the UT Tyler School of Medicine, and Carter Deluca & Farrell, LLP. Centering on the best-practices for building a life science innovation community, the event identified critical value components, common set-backs, pitfalls, and the correct strategies for developing a thriving ecosystem. With North Texas life sciences expanding at the near speed of light, BioNTX is committed to fostering innovators and supporting cutting-edge research in Tyler, and across the Lone Star State.

## Life with a VISA: Navigating Challenges & Succeeding in Industry as an Foreign National

**Morgan Stanley**

**FRAGOMEN**

Join BioNTX for an empowering session designed for international students aspiring to enter the life science industry. Gain insights into overcoming challenges like visa requirements, cultural differences, and language barriers. Our session offers practical strategies and personalized advice to help you succeed. Hear firsthand experiences from a speaker who has navigated similar obstacles and learn how to leverage your international student status to your advantage in the life science job market.



Register Now

## Exclusive Tour of Retractable Technologies with BioNTX Facilities Advisory Committee



Join the BioNTX Facilities Advisory Committee on April 18th for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Retractable Technologies, a leading innovator in medical device technology focused on safety products. Following the tour, unwind and connect with fellow industry professionals at Little Elm's newest hospitality venue. Enjoy refreshments, engaging conversations, and the opportunity to forge valuable connections.

Register Now

# Unlocking Biotech: For the Non-Scientist

May 14, 2024 - May 15 2024



## What role do the FDA and NIH play in drug discovery?



Join Biotech Primer and BioNTX for the BioBasics 101 class, which explores the basic principles and scope of Life Sciences.

This course is designed for the Non-Scientist and delves into genetic engineering, biomanufacturing, and applying the fundamental biology principles used everyday in our industry.

[Learn more](#)

## Celebrating 10 Years of Innovation: the 2024 iC<sup>3</sup> Life Science Summit

October 3, 2024 - October 4, 2024



This year's 10th annual BioNTX iC<sup>3</sup> Life Science Summit will provide dynamic platform and a gorgeous setting for the North Texas bioscience community to share insightful discussion, cutting-edge research, and emerging technologies set to revolutionize the future of healthcare and biomedicine. With a new, international focus; the 2024 iC<sup>3</sup> Life Science Summit is proud to welcome the global life science community to North Texas.



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## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

### TECHF<sub>W</sub>

#### Tech TogetherHER Networking Event

Join TechFW for happy hour networking event designed to support and connect the innovative women in our entrepreneurial ecosystem.

**March 28, 2024**

**Fort Worth, TX**

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#### 2024 Texas Life Sciences Summit

Join THBI to listen to workforce issues and commercialization efforts and hear the plans for future growth of the life science industry.

**April 2, 2024**

**Austin, TX**

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#### BIO BREAK: Dallas' Life Sciences Happy Hour

Join us in celebrating the thriving Life Sciences community of Dallas with McDermott, Deloitte, and BioNTX at BIO BREAK, a monthly happy hour designed for networking and collaboration.

**April 4, 2024**

**Dallas, TX**

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#### Healthcare & Life Science Reimagined: AI, Equity and Access

Join Gwen Lily Foundation for a groundbreaking event where artificial intelligence meets healthcare innovation, inclusivity, and diversity.

**April 5, 2024**

**Dallas, TX**

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### BIOHOUSTON

#### The 19th Annual BioHouston Chili Cook-off

Join BioHouston to gather with the community for a good time and lots of chili.

### BIONTX

#### International Students' Guide to Life Sciences Success in North Texas

Join BioNTX for an empowering session designed for international students aspiring to



April 5, 2024

Houston, TX

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enter the life science industry.

April 8, 2024

Dallas, TX

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### The DEC Network @ Redbird Grand Opening

Join The DEC Network to celebrate their new and improved Redbird location and hear a few words from the leaders and sponsors who made this move a reality.

April 11, 2024

Dallas, TX

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### 2024 Biofest Invest

Join BioMedSA to connect with potential investors from across the nation and Texas bioscience companies seeking investment funding and hear best practices and valuable advice from experts.

April 17, 2024

San Antonio, TX

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### UTA Research & Innovation Expo 2024

Join UTA to discover the ingenuity and creativity of students, faculty, and staff firsthand.

April 22, 2024

Arlington, TX

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### Navigating the Federal R&D Funding Environment

Join BioNTX for an engaging webinar as our speakers delve into guiding organizations through the intricacies of funding agencies and crafting a funding pathway aligned with their development stage.

April 24, 2024

Virtual

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### 2024 Ignite Golden Ticket

Join Ignite Healthcare to hear women leading digital health and medical device startups to win The Golden Ticket to participate in their one-of-a-kind Accelerator Program.

May 2, 2024

Dallas, TX

[Learn more](#)



### BioBasics 101: The Biology of Biotech for the Non-Scientist

Join Biotech Primer to learn about the crucial roles of the FDA, NIH, academia, and drug sponsors and how they interact to promote scientific breakthroughs. This course culminates in genetic engineering and biomanufacturing, where all the essential biology principles learned are applied.

May 14 - 15, 2024

Irving, TX

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## Please Renewal Your Membership in 2024

Our members are the Foundation of our work and the driving force behind industry growth in North Texas. BioNTX provides members with opportunities to connect and collaborate to gain business insights, thought leadership, access vital resources, share innovations, and increase market visibility.



Welcome Spring 2024!

March 25, 2024

Stay Connected!



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