

## Trail Blazing Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams to be Inaugurated as President of UNTHSC



Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD

The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth will host an inauguration ceremony on March 7th to honor Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams' role as president of one of the country's premier health science centers.

"This ceremony is a way of reaching out to the community and casting a spotlight on all of the important work we're doing at HSC," Trent-Adams said. "It's truly an honor to lead this great institution and advance our mission to create solutions for a healthier community. Though we as a university continue to work tirelessly on behalf of our students, patients and community, I'm grateful for the opportunity to pause and celebrate our shared goals and values."

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## Reata Pharmaceuticals Announces FDA Approval of SKYCLARYS, first approved Treatment for Friedreich's Ataxia



Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing novel therapies for patients with severe diseases, announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved SKYCLARYS™ for the treatment of Friedreich's ataxia in adults and adolescents aged 16 years and older. With this approval, the FDA granted a rare pediatric disease priority review voucher.

"The approval of SKYCLARYS, the first therapy specifically indicated for the treatment of Friedreich's ataxia, is an important milestone for patients affected by this disease as well as their families and caregivers," said Warren Huff, Reata's Chief Executive Officer.

[Read full press release](#)

## Lantern Pharma and TTC Oncology Collaborate to Expand Clinical Development of TTC-352

Lantern Pharma Inc., a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company using its proprietary RADR® artificial intelligence and machine learning platform to transform the cost, pace, and timeline of oncology drug discovery and development, announced that it has entered into a research and development collaboration with TTC Oncology.

The collaboration will focus on leveraging RADR® AI insights to advance TTC Oncology's first- and best-in-class drug candidate TTC-352 for recurrent ER+ breast cancer patients and additional patient populations potentially identified by RADR®.

[Read full press release](#)

## MASSCHALLENGE Accelerator Application Deadline is March 3rd



The MassChallenge U.S. Early Stage accelerator is a 3-month mentor-based program that provides intensive support, guidance, tools and connectivity to the MassChallenge community in order to drive startup business traction.

The program is industry agnostic with a focus on supporting approximately 200 startups per cohort that range in stage from those currently engaged in customer discovery work to validating a technology or service. Applications due **11:59 PM Friday, March 3, 2023**.

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## In Celebration of International Women's Day



**Good Morning Texas!** WFAA-GMT invited BioNTX to discuss the upcoming Women Driving Innovation program celebrating International Women's Day, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The clip includes three of next week's speakers sharing their experiences and will air next Tuesday morning, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Join BioNTX next week in celebrating the role that women play in shaping the culture and economic success of our industry in our State.

**Pegasus Park**  
3000 Pegasus Park Drive  
Dallas, TX, 75247

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## BioNTX Welcomes Aaron BenComo, MD



Aaron BenComo, MD

### BioNTX Welcomes new team member!

Aaron E. BenComo, MD, has joined BioNTX as Director of Business Development and Industry Liaison, effective March 1, 2023.

Dr. BenComo is a multilingual physician, academic researcher, public health servant and business executive with extensive clinical and business start-up experience.

"As BioNTX enters its next phase of growth, Dr. BenComo brings relevant knowledge and expertise to the North Texas bioscience and healthcare innovation community," said Kathleen M. Otto, CEO, BioNTX. Aaron will be working with our Good Jobs Challenge partners and leading BioNTX's role in the BioWorks for North Texas project.

*Welcome Dr. BenComo to BioNTX!*

Learn more about the BioWorks for NTX

## Raising Rare Disease Awareness with UTSW



BioNTX was proud to join the UT Southwestern Medical Center's NORD Center for Excellence "Show Your Stripes" day at the Dallas Zoo to spread awareness of UTSW's work in supporting patients with rare diseases and the cutting edge research being done in North Texas to alleviate suffering.



BioNTX hosted a Happy Hour to bring together researchers and companies working in gene therapy and rare disease indications.



## Supporting Company Growth and Relocation to North Texas



Maryland based RS Biotherapeutics welcomed by UNTHSC and industry stakeholders as they consider relocating HQ's to North Texas.

## UNT Expands with new Frisco Campus





Audhesh Paswan, PhD, MBA

The University of North Texas named longtime UNT faculty leader Audhesh Paswan as dean of New College, effective March 1, 2023.

With a student-centered curriculum and forward-thinking faculty tuned in to current and future workforce trends, UNT at Frisco is evolving into a hub for knowledge and innovation in the North Texas region that bridges the gaps between the university and the public and private sectors.

“Our mission at UNT at Frisco is to develop programs that will help our students become better equipped to handle the needs of the future,” Paswan said.

[Learn more about UNT Frisco](#)

## DFW Economic Development Commits to the Life Science Industry



In a Big Way! The Dallas Regional Chamber has launched a new economic development campaign to bring more life science and biotech jobs and companies to North Texas, by leveraging the region's abundant, world class tech talent.

[View new website!](#)

## Transform the Future of Health with ARPA-H



ARPA-H accelerates better health outcomes for everyone by supporting the development of high-impact solutions to society's most challenging health problems.

ARPA-H is looking for a Program Manager who will champion a core idea to improve health, frames the challenge, and awards projects to new multidisciplinary teams, with measurement and evaluation conducted throughout the process to ensure the best solutions advance. Program Managers coach program performers through obstacles and efficiently define and recognize progress, success, and failure.

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## Upcoming Events & Opportunities in North Texas

**UNTHSC's President  
Inauguration Ceremony**  
*UNTHSC*

Join UNTHSC to celebrate Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams becoming the seventh president.

**March 7, 2023**

[Learn more here](#)

**How Much Will a Data Breach  
Cost Your Business?**  
*MyData-Trust*

Join MyData-Trust to learn the key aspects of a clinical study in the US and show in practice how much a data breach may cost you.

**March 9, 2023**

[Learn more here](#)



**2023 MCBIOS**  
*MCBIOS*

Join MCBIOS to listen to engaging keynote speakers, plenary speakers, and attend workshops on AWS Sagemaker, Bioinformatics tools for education and career development for trainees.

**March 17, 2023**

[Learn more here](#)



**How North Texas Became a Biotech Hub**  
*D Magazine*

Join D Magazine to hear from a group of entrepreneurs, managers, and funders in the life science space share their first-hand experience and expertise.

**March 21, 2023**

[Learn more here](#)



**Fostering & Funding  
Innovation in Life Sciences & Biotech**  
*Texas Tech University Innovation Hub*

Join BioNTX to hear real world examples from the trenches in life science & biotech funding.

**March 30, 2023**

[Contact us for more details](#)

*BioNTX works to build a strong bioscience and healthcare innovation community through collaborative peer to peer networking events and educational programming.*

[Let us know about your event!](#)

[View the North Texas community calendar of events](#)

[Look at upcoming BioNTX events](#)



## Join BioNTX

BioNTX delivers opportunities for Members to connect across the State. Join us and collaborate with others, receive industry insights and visibility. We serve as the voice and champion for the life science community in NTX.





March 3, 2023

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