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WELCOME TO THE 2023 UTAH LIFE SCIENCES SUMMIT

On behalf of BioUtah, we welcome you to the 2023 Utah Life Sciences Summit. This is the 14th year the industry has gathered in such a Summit to network, learn and share. This year there is something for everyone – regardless of the life sciences discipline with which you identify.

We will kick off the Summit with a welcome from Governor Cox followed by a virtual, but live, town hall meeting with Dr. Jeff Shuren, Director of CDRH for the FDA. This has always proven to be a popular portion of every Summit.

We have then scheduled presentations that address key segments of our industry. Joseph Smith, Chief Scientific Officer for BD will talk about medical device innovation. Nicole Lambert, COO of Myriad Genetics and Andrea Kendell, CFO of bioMerieux will explore diagnostic developments. We will conclude the plenary session with Dr. David Bearss of Halia Therapeutics interviewing Lesley Stolz, VP of Early Innovation Partnering for J&J Innovation regarding technological advancements in therapeutic development. It is a strong lineup that will address significant topics of interest in our industry.

Interspersed between morning presentations, we will be recognizing the 2023 BioUtah Industry Awards to some very deserving industry leaders. Join us in honoring them!

We are offering four afternoon tracks this year: “Regulatory and Quality Track” which is always a big draw and organized by the Utah RAPS chapter; “Medical Device Track” featuring presentations about GPO’s and highlighting our diagnostic companies; a “Utah Track” focusing on workforce, pharmaceutical development in Utah, patient stories and a reveal of a new Kem C. Gardner study about the life sciences industry in Utah. A bonus track is the “University Track” which is recording 15-minute talks by our academic partners around the state on a variety of topics.

We express appreciation to all our sponsors who have made the Summit possible. A special thanks to the law firm of Mayer Brown who stepped up again this year as our Title Sponsor.

Please enjoy the Summit and look for our follow-up survey so you can provide feedback to help us make future Summits even better. **Thanks for joining us.**

Kelvyn Cullimore

Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr.
President & CEO, BioUtah

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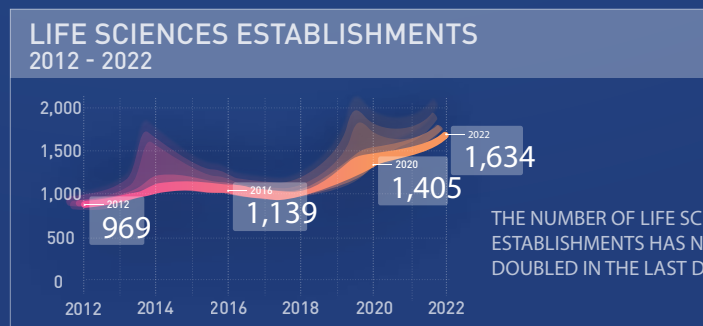
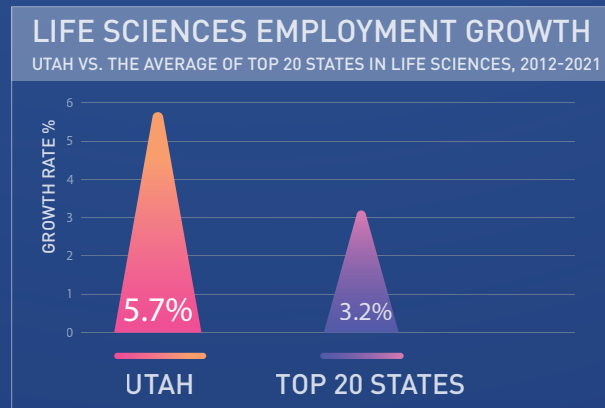
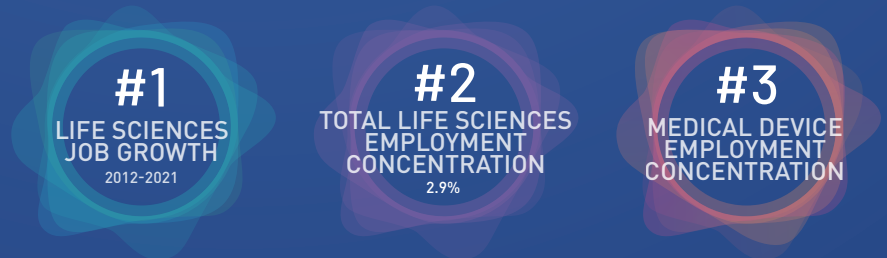
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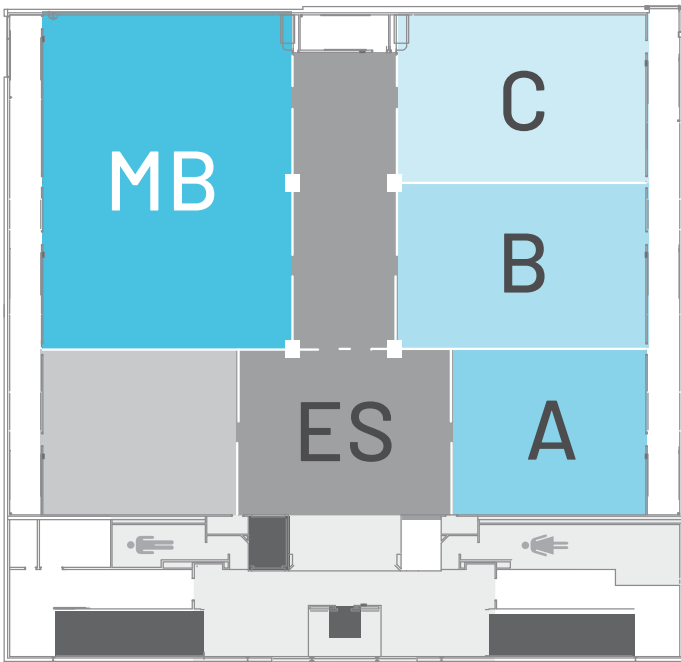









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PLENARY SESSION: MAIN BALLROOM

7:30 AM	Buffet Breakfast	
8:30 AM	Welcome	Kelvyn Cullimore, CEO, BioUtah
8:40 AM	Chairman's Report	Andrea Kendell, CFO, North America, SVP Finance for Global Mfg., Quality & Supply Chain, bioMérieux
8:50 AM	Welcome Remarks	Spencer Cox, Governor, State of Utah
9:00 AM	Lifetime Achievement Award Daniel Simmons, Ph.D., President & Chief Scientist, Intronex Laboratories	
9:05 AM	FDA Virtual Town Hall	Jeff Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA
9:55 AM	Executive of the Year Award Mark Paul, Executive Director, Center for Medical Innovation, University of Utah, and Former President, Stryker Neurovascular	
10:00 AM	The Future of Medical Device Innovation	Joseph Smith, Chief Scientific Officer, BD
10:45 AM	Entrepreneurs of the Year Award Andrea Mazzocchi, Ph.D., VP of Partnership, Pathos AI, and Co-founder, Known Medicine; Katie-Rose Skelly, VP, Data Platform Insights, Pathos AI, and Co-founder, Known Medicine	
10:50 AM	A Utah Viewpoint of Progress in Diagnostics	Nicole Lambert, Former COO and President, Myriad Genetics Andrea Kendell, CFO, North America, SVP Finance for Global Mfg., Quality & Supply Chain, bioMérieux
11:35 AM	Innovation Impact Award Civica, Inc. and Dan Liljenquist, Founder	
11:40 AM	A World View of Pharmaceutical innovation	Lesley Stolz, VP Early Innovation Partnering, Johnson & Johnson Innovation, Interviewed by David Bearss, CEO, Halia Therapeutics
12:35 PM	Friend of Industry Award Jefferson Moss, Associate Commissioner for Innovation & Commercialization, Utah System of Higher Education and Majority Whip, Utah House of Representatives	
12:40 PM	Networking Lunch	

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LOCATION: SALON A

HOST: CHRIS PHILLIPS, EPITEL

1:30 PM **MDR/IVDR Implementation for Decision Makers**

Jessica Smith, VP & Chief Regulatory Officer, Integra Life Sciences (Moderator)
Victor Garcia, VP Regulatory Affairs, Varex Imaging
Kate Benedict, VP/GM Strategic Initiatives, BD
Karli Plenert, Director of Regulatory Affairs, bioMérieux
Rob Becker, VP of Quality, Edwards Life Sciences

2:15 PM **The Digital Health Environment, Including Predetermined Changes**

Alex Smith, Partner, Hogan and Lovells

3:00 PM **Break**

3:15 PM **Clinical Trials Into the Future**

Michelle Comas, Chief Regulatory Officer, Signpath Pharma (Moderator)
Hollie DeSmet, CEO, HJD Consulting
Neeraj Rama, Chief Investment Officer, CBCC Global
Erika Keith, Director of Business Development, Curavit

4:00 PM **Impact of AI on Regulatory & Quality Professionals**

Chris Phillips, VP, Regulatory Affairs and Quality, Epitel (Moderator)
Eric Henry, Sr. Quality System & Compliance Advisor, King & Spalding
Shweta Maniar, Director, Healthcare & Life Sciences Solutions, Google

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LOCATION: SALON C

HOST: KELVYN CULLIMORE

1:30 PM Market Access: Navigating the World of GPOs

Todd Ebert, President, Healthcare Supply Chain Association (Moderator)
Chad Mitchell, VP Medical/Surgical, Vizient, Inc.
Eric Swaim, VP of Strategic Sourcing, HealthTrust

2:15 PM Developing Products for Pediatric Care: Challenges and Opportunities

Ronald Day, Professor Emeritus, University of Utah (Moderator)
Chester J. Koh, Director, Pediatric Robotic Surgery Program, Texas Children's Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine
Juan Espinoza, Chief Research Informatics Officer, Stanley Mann Children's Research Institute, Northwestern University Fineberg School of Medicine
Anne Blaschke, Professor of Pediatrics and Pediatric Infectious Diseases, University of Utah School of Medicine
Cory Jones, VP Data Science, Owlet Care

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM Developments in Diagnostics

Greg Critchfield, President, Gregory C. Critchfield, M.D. Inc., Board Member, Sera Prognostics (Moderator)
Tracy George, President, Innovation Business Unit & Chief Scientific Officer, ARUP Laboratories
Mark Poritz, Chief Scientific Officer, Co-Diagnostics
Jared Bauer, CEO, Seek Labs
Kyle Berg, R&D Manager, Quansys Bioscience
Andrew Hemmert, Senior VP, R&D Molecular Biology and Programs, bioMérieux

4:00 PM From Conception to Launch: The Marketing Thread

Stacy Boothe, CMO, Savvy Marketer Studio (Moderator)
Russ Bjorklund, VP, Marketing & Strategy, Fluidx Medical Technology
Kelly Himle, Head of Marketing & Strategy, Transit Scientific;
Aimee Kilpack-Francis, Director of Global Product Management, Scientia Vascular

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LOCATION: SALON B

HOST: KEITH MARMER, UVB CAPITAL/SEEK LABS

1:30 PM **Understanding Utah's Workforce Resources**

Vic Hockett, Executive Director, Talent Ready Utah, Utah System of Higher Education (Moderator)
 Aaron Davis, Associate Dean, College of Science, Engineering & Technology, Utah Tech University
 Melisa Stark, Commissioner of Apprenticeship Programs, Utah Division of Workforce Services
 Jenni Abbott, Assistant VP of Workforce Training and Education, Salt Lake Community College
 Scott England, VP of Molding, Merit Medical
 Darcy Carter, Department Chair, Health Administrative Services, Weber State University
 Peter Trapa, Dean, College of Science, University of Utah

2:15 PM **The Growing Pharmaceutical Industry in Utah**

Paul Laikind, Retired CEO and Serial Entrepreneur (Moderator)
 David Bearss, CEO, Halia Therapeutics
 Flagg Flanagan, CEO/Chairman, Discgenics
 Rob Etherington, CEO, Clene Nanomedicine
 Simerdeep Singh Gupta, Associate Director, Product Development, Teva Pharmaceuticals
 David Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, Biolaxis Therapeutics

3:00 PM **Break**

3:15 PM **The Voice of the Patient**

Bo Nemelka, Partner, Intermountain Health Strategy Office
 Allen Eskew, Retired, USAF & Northrop Grumman
 Ethan Bruns, Student

4:00 PM **Kem C. Gardner Industry Report**












Andrea Brandley, Senior Education Analyst, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, University of Utah

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	LOCATION: BALLROOM	HOST: AIMEE EDWARDS, BIOHIVE
1:35 PM	 From Sci-Fi Dream to Real-World Impact	Jake George, Director of NeuroRobotics Lab Josh Miller, CEO, Biological Input Output Systems
1:50 PM	 Tools for Understanding Carbon Monoxide As a Signaling and Therapeutic Molecule	Lisa Berreau, Vice President for Research
2:05 PM	 Biomedical Optics at Utah Valley University	Vern Hart, Associate Professor of Physics Dustin Shipp, Assistant Professor of Physics Vince Rossi, Assistant Professor of Physics
2:20 PM	 Students, Startups and Successes – Why it's easier to launch life sciences ventures partnering with BYU	Mike Stark, Assoc. Dean, College of Life Sciences Dave Brown, Director of Tech Transfer Tim Jenkins, Associate Professor
2:35 PM	 Sethera: a Platform for Synthesis of Stable Peptide Therapeutics	Karsten Eastman, CEO, Director of Product Development, Sethera
2:50 PM	 Integrating Functional Genomics Research into the Undergraduate Experience	Aaron Davis, Associate Dean, College of Science, Engineering, and Technology
3:05 PM	Break	
3:15 PM	 Medtech Innovation in Utah: Extending the Focus Beyond the University Lab	Jacob Sheffield, Co-founder/CEO, Bloom Surgical Ian Esplin, Co-founder, Bloom Surgical
3:30 PM	 Bloom-B-Gone - A Bioengineered Product for Preventing Utah Lake Toxic Blooms Created by the UVU-iGEM Team	Eric Domyan, Associate Professor of Biology Colleen Hough, Assoc. Professor/Biotech Program Director
3:45 PM	 Discovering the Next Generation of CRISPR-based Biotech Tools	Ryan Jackson, Associate Professor
4:00 PM	 Nature's Sunscreen	James Gagnon, Assistant Professor
4:15 PM	 Toward Educational Innovation in Bioscience Workforce Training and Development	Casey Sayre, Program Director, MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences

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In partnership with the Utah Food Bank and BioUtah, BioHive will hold its first annual food drive at the 2023 Utah Life Sciences Summit. Attendees are encouraged to stop by the BioHive table with non-perishable food donations (monetary donations are available as well). The two attendees who donate the most food will win a highly coveted Chubby Baker gift card.



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Dr. Jenni Abbott's career has included researching labor market data and working collaboratively with employers to design training programs based on industry need. Dr. Abbott has been successful writing grants and creating innovative training and support programs to help job seekers meet their individual career goals. She has championed transparent information for both employers and job seekers, including designing a career exploration workshop that teaches potential students how to research salaries, industry demand, and skills needed for specific occupations.



DAVID BEARSS
PRESIDENT & CEO,
HALIA THERAPEUTICS

Dr. David J. Bearss is a seasoned entrepreneur and drug developer with over 20 years of experience in academic and industry settings. He founded Tolero Pharmaceuticals, which he later sold to Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma. Dr. Bearss has discovered 16 compounds with accepted INDs by the FDA and has worked on two approved drugs. Dr. Bearss has co-founded eight biotech companies and is an inventor with over 75 patents and an author with 85 peer-reviewed research publications. He has won several awards for his entrepreneurial and scientific efforts, including the 2022 BioUtah Entrepreneur of the Year, and was recently awarded the Utah Governors Medal of Science.



JARED BAUER
CEO, SEEK LABS

Jared Bauer is CEO of Seek Labs, a diagnostics and therapeutics development company co-founded by Jared in 2016. He also currently serves as the CEO of Ioniq Sciences, trustee of The Oliver Fund (a non-profit he co-founded with his wife Sarah), Chairman of BioHive, and previously served as an adjunct professor of entrepreneurship at Ensign College. Jared has focused his professional endeavors on the medtech industry and is passionate about healthcare innovation. In 2012, he acquired BurnFree Products, and led the team to expand BurnFree distribution to 58 countries before a successful exit in 2016. He holds a BS in Economics from the University of Utah, and an MBA from Boise State University.



ROBERT BECKER
VICE PRESIDENT, QUALITY,
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Robert has 25+ years of experience in manufacturing and operations quality in a variety of industries including satellites, appliances, and disk drives prior to transitioning into the medical device industry. His background includes a mix of high and low volume manufacturing, supplier management, project management, and roles in both quality engineering and quality assurance. A significant portion of Robert's career has been engaged in the transfer of design into manufacturing and the subsequent scale up and continuous improvement of operations on a global scale. His education includes a BS in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University, an MBA for the University of Utah, and a Master Black Belt certification.



KATE BENEDICT
VP/GM - STRATEGIC INITIATIVES,
BECTON DICKINSON (BD)

Kate is an inspirational and strategic leader with over 25 years of progressive career experience in the healthcare industry spanning medical device, diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, and biologics. She is known as a change agent who can encourage positive, customer-focused cultures that create innovative solutions while producing above market growth. Kate joined Becton Dickinson (BD) in 2016 as VP/GM Preamerical Systems. In 2021, Kate was appointed VP/GM for BD's \$2B global Vascular Access Device (VAD) business headquartered in Salt Lake City, UT and shortly thereafter was appointed VP/GM MDS Strategic Innovation and VAD where she led the VAD business and Salt Lake City site while concurrently developing and synthesizing the global innovation strategy for BD's \$4.5B Medication Delivery Solutions business.



KYLE BERG
MANAGER OF RESEARCH
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Dr. Berg completed his master's degree in molecular biology at Utah State University where he studied spiderweb glue protein. He then received his Ph.D. from the University of California San Diego where he investigated the memory enhancing properties of a small molecule and its interactions with the protein Fascin1 as a potential tool for treating neurodegenerative disorders. Kyle then obtained a position at Quansys Biosciences. At Quansys he has acted as Scientist, Senior Scientist, and Manager of Research and Development. Outside of work, Dr. Berg loves to spend time with his wife and four kids at home and thinks his home in Cache Valley is in one of the most beautiful places in the world situated next to the Wellsville Mountains.



LISA BERREAU
VICE PRESIDENT FOR
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UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

In her current role, Dr. Berreau works to advance USU as a Carnegie R1 research institution. She also maintains an active research program with current interests in the development of carbon monoxide delivery molecules for biological applications. Her research has been supported by multiple sources including the NSF and NIH. Dr. Berreau has published more than 85 peer-reviewed journal articles and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Chemical Society.



RUSS BJORKLUND
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Russ has a diverse medical device background which includes two decades of R&D, marketing, and business development / corporate strategy experiences at both large and small medical device companies. He led the development and commercialization of many successful new product platforms, strategic programs, and business expansion initiatives. Russ is passionate about improving the delivery of healthcare and loves working with clinicians to uncover and address unmet needs. He received his Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Utah, and a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Technology Commercialization from the Gore School of Business at Westminster College.



ANNE BLASCHKE
PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS
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Dr. Blaschke completed her medical and graduate degrees at the University of California, San Diego and her Pediatric residency and fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Utah. She is currently a Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Utah. Dr. Blaschke's research interests include the development of rapid diagnostic testing to improve the management of bacterial and viral infections in children. She worked closely with BioFire Diagnostics to develop the FilmArray®, a high-order multiplex molecular testing platform for pathogens causing infectious illness that is used around the world.



STACY BOOTHE
FOUNDER, CHIEF MARKETING
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With over 12 years of experience in the med-tech industry, Stacy brings a wealth of knowledge to support large and start-up companies in launching new products. As the Founder of The Savvy Marketing Studio, she has honed her skills in comprehensive marketing strategies that drive results. With a master's degree in integrated strategic communications and expertise in content and digital marketing, she is a go-to in the field. As an adjunct professor, she shapes the minds of future marketing gurus.



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DAVE BROWN
 DIRECTOR OF TECH TRANSFER,
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Dave Brown graduated from Brigham Young University with a political science degree, received his Juris Doctor at Georgetown University and earned an MBA in finance at BYU. For the past 13 years he has protected and commercialized technologies invented at BYU and currently serves as Director of the BYU Technology Transfer Office.



ETHAN BRUNS
 STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Ethan is a sophomore, majoring in Biology with an emphasis in genetics. He also works in a lab studying bee and pollination metagenomics as part of the Scientific Research Initiative. He plans to complete a PhD degree in biology and genetics and work in gene therapy research for a biotech. Ethan was diagnosed with an ultra-rare genetic disease called Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (aHUS) at the age of eight. As an advocate, he has spoken for Utah Rare, the Rare and Undiagnosed Network and others.



DARCY CARTER
 DEPARTMENT CHAIR,
 WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Darcy Carter has spent the last 18 years as a Professor in the Health Administrative Services Department at Weber State University teaching a variety of courses. She currently serves as Chair of the Department, as well as MHA Program Director. She is actively involved on campus and serves on, and leads, multiple committees. She is also involved (as member or committee member) at the local and national level of several professional associations, including AHIMA and AUPHA, among others. Darcy has co-authored textbooks and chapters on the topics of quality and performance improvement in healthcare and health information management.



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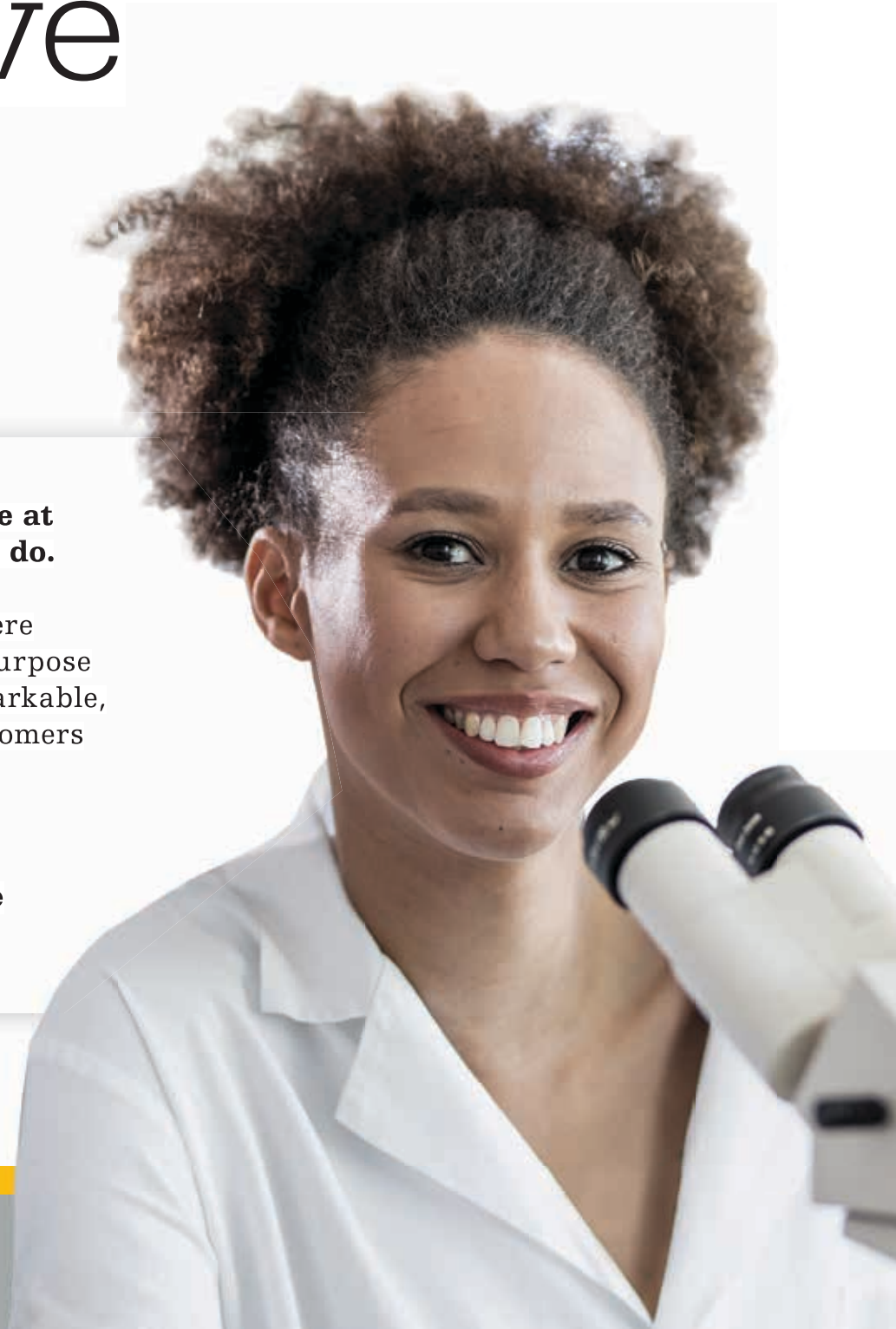
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Dr. Gregory Critchfield received a bachelor’s degree in Microbiology from Brigham Young University in 1976, an MD degree from the University of Utah in 1980, and a master’s degree in Biophysical Sciences at the University of Minnesota in 1985. There he completed fellowships in Clinical Chemistry and Health Information Sciences sponsored by the National Library of Medicine. He is boarded in Clinical Pathology. He served as a reviewer and study section chair for the NIH for 15 years in biomedical computing programs for SBIR, STTR and R01 programs. He has served on the faculty of University of Minnesota, Wayne State University and Duke University. He worked as a practicing clinical pathologist with Intermountain Healthcare for nine years, where he became Director of Clinical Pathology. Dr. Critchfield recently served as Chairman and CEO of Sera Prognostics and continues to serve as a board member. Prior to that, he served as President of Myriad Genetic Laboratories and chief medical and science officer at Quest Diagnostics.



AARON DAVIS
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Aaron Davis has spent his career in academia, and currently serves as the Associate Dean for the College of Science, Engineering, and Technology at Utah Tech. He is committed to the advancement of genomics and biotechnology and is the founding director of the Center for Precision Medicine and Functional Genomics at Utah Tech. Aaron is a strong advocate of the life sciences industry and its strong impact on Utah’s economy.



KELVYN CULLIMORE
PRESIDENT AND CEO, BIOUTAH

Kelvyn H. Cullimore Jr. was named President and CEO of BioUtah, the state trade association for life science companies in Utah, in October 2018. In that capacity, he also serves on the board of the World Trade Center Utah and on the advisory board of the Center for Medical Innovation at the University of Utah. Prior to his position with BioUtah, Cullimore served for over 20 years as CEO of Dynatronics Corporation, a publicly traded medical device company. He also served for 13 years as the first Mayor of Cottonwood Heights, UT.



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RONALD DAY
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Dr. Day is a pediatric cardiologist. He graduated from medical school at the University of Utah in 1984. He trained in pediatrics and pediatric cardiology at the University of California, Los Angeles. He provided care for children with congenital heart disease and pulmonary vascular disease at the University of Utah and Primary Children’s Hospital for 31 years. He is now advancing ideas for oxygen delivery to children with pulmonary hypertension. He is a member of the Utah Rare Disease Advisory Council.



KARSTEN EASTMAN
 CEO, DIRECTOR OF PRODUCT
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Karsten Eastman graduated from Utah Valley University in 2016 with bachelor’s degrees in Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in Chemistry in 2023 working under Professor Vahe Bandarian at the University of Utah. In 2023, alongside Professor Bandarian, Karsten co-founded Setherera.



HOLLIE DESMET
 QUALITY & REGULATORY
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Hollie is an independent consultant with 12 years of experience in Phase I-IV clinical research studies. She has extensive experience working with Institutional Review Boards, processing essential documents, project management, implementation of quality systems, and coordinating FDA inspections. Hollie is formerly the corporate senior director of regulatory and quality for a clinical site network comprised of 18 sites.



ERIC DOMYAN
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Dr. Eric Domyan received his Ph.D. in Genetics at University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2011 studying mouse respiratory development, then went to the University of Utah from 2011-2015 for a Postdoc, studying the genetic and evolutionary basis of diversity in domestic rock pigeons. He has been at UVU since 2015.

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 PRESIDENT AND CEO,
 HEALTHCARE SUPPLY
 CHAIN ASSOCIATION (HSCA)

Todd is a nationally recognized supply chain leader, a group purchasing industry expert, and a registered pharmacist with more than 40 years of healthcare experience. Ebert joined HSCA in 2015 from Amerinet Inc. (now Intalere), a national healthcare solutions organization and HSCA member, where he served as President and CEO from 2007 until joining HSCA. After joining Amerinet from Intermountain Healthcare in 1991, Ebert served in various leadership roles, including: president and chief operating officer. Ebert has worked as a pharmaceutical consultant to foreign government officials and healthcare providers. Ebert served as former Chair of HSCA and was the immediate past Chair of the Healthcare Industry Supply Chain Institute (HISCI). Ebert holds bachelor's degrees in pharmacy and business management from the University of Utah, and a Master of Science degree in pharmacy administration.



AIMEE EDWARDS
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BIOHIVE

Aimee Edwards is leading BioHive's mission to brand, build and bring together the life science and healthcare innovation ecosystem. Prior to joining BioHive, she served as the External Affairs Director at Western Governors University. In this role, she launched the university's first community affairs department which was vital in securing national partnerships, expanding social impact and advancing education and workforce development programs. She previously held multiple positions of increasing responsibility at the Utah Governor's Office and Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity including leading strategic outreach, communications and marketing, and legislative strategy.

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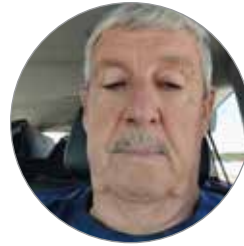
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SCOTT ENGLAND
VP MOLDING, MERIT MEDICAL

Scott has 35 years' experience in the Injection Molding Industry with 26 years of experience in Medical Device. Training and development of technicians and engineers has been an important part of operational success. He has been very active in developing and/or implementing training systems including mentoring programs, career ladders, Community College IMM Courses, RJG courses, computer-based training, Medical Innovation Pathway (Medical Device & Laboratory), and soon an Apprenticeship Program.



ALLEN ESKEW
RETIRED, USAF & NORTHROP GRUMMAN

After a career in the Air Force and working for Northrop Gurmman, Allen has been involved with the rare disease community. In 2019 it was determined that his great niece had a condition called XLH. Subsequent testing determined that 32 family members also have XLH inherited from his maternal grandfather. XLH can impact the skeletal, muscular and dental health of children and adults throughout their lives.



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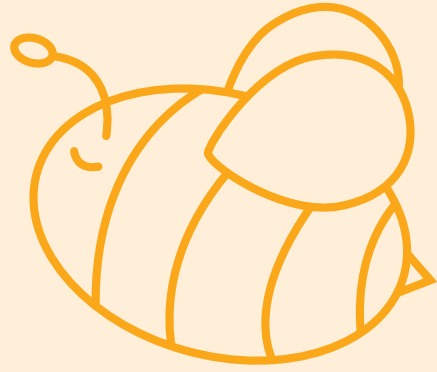
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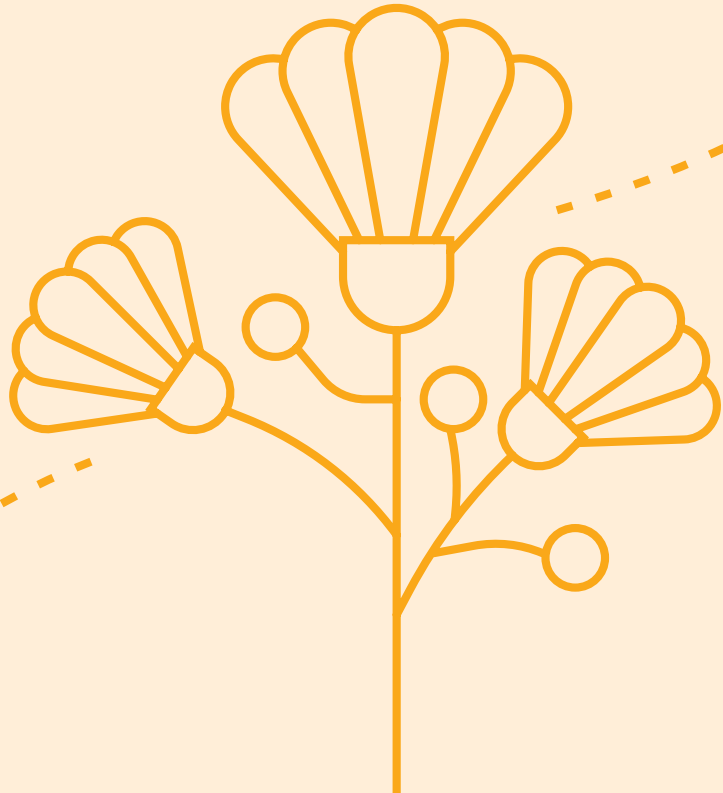
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Juan Espinoza, MD, is the Chief Research Informatics Officer at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, and Director and Principal Investigator of The Consortium for Technical & Innovation in Pediatrics. Over the last decade, Dr. Espinoza has immersed himself in pediatric medical device development from concept to commercialization, with a particular focus on the role of data and real world evidence in accelerating pediatric innovation.



IAN ESPLIN
 CO-FOUNDER, BLOOM SURGICAL

Ian oversees commercialization and fundraising for Bloom Surgical. Before Bloom, Ian founded a biotechnology startup that developed novel bactericidal agents. He ran the business for six years and oversaw fundraising, product development (from early-stage research and development to product launch), the FDA investigational drug approval process, manufacturing, and IP strategy.



ROB ETHERINGTON
 CEO, CLENE

Rob Etherington is the founding CEO of Clene, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company pursuing drug therapies for Multiple Sclerosis and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. As CEO of Clene, Rob raised ~\$115M privately and ~\$18M in grants/direct support to fund Clene's drug development efforts prior to taking CLNN public on the NASDAQ in late 2020. Rob started at Pfizer, where he was a Team Leader for the drug Lipitor. He joined Actelion Pharmaceutical in 2000 to be the founding commercial leader; Actelion became the largest EU biopharm until Johnson & Johnson purchased Actelion. Rob is a past Board Chair of BioUtah.



FLAGG FLANAGAN
 CEO, DISCGENICS

Mr. Flanagan has over 30 years of experience in the medical device and biopharmaceutical fields as an entrepreneur, executive and advisor. He founded Flanagan Instruments in 1981, which he built into a leading neurosurgical device distribution business before selling it to Itochu International in 2005. He is currently on the boards of Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation, TrueDigital Systems, Peleton Medical, and Steribite. He has also served on the boards of the Alliance for Regenerative Medicine, as well as TrueVision Systems, Image Stream Medical, and Triad Life Sciences, which were acquired by Alcon, Olympus, and Convatec, respectively. He completed the Owner/President Management Program at Harvard Business School.

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JAMES GAGNON
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,
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James Gagnon trained as a developmental biologist as a graduate student at Brown University and as a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University. He is currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Utah and a member of the Henry Eyring Center for Cell & Genome Science. His research has been funded by grants from NIH, NSF, and several foundations.



VICTOR GARCIA
GLOBAL VICE PRESIDENT
REGULATOR, EHS & QUALITY,
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Global Vice President for Medical Device & SW imaging company with subject matter expertise in regulatory policies affecting medical product classifications across global markets. Foundational experience in biopharmaceuticals, combination products, and companion diagnostics throughout their respective product lifecycles from concept to full commercialization and post market support. Previous Chair of the Utah Regulatory Affairs Professional Society (RAPS) Chapter and founding member since October 2018. Member of the BioUtah Life Sciences regulatory, compliance and quality committee supporting over 1,000 life sciences local companies to assure the needs of industry and talent pipeline are met through education, program development, and governmental policies.

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JACOB GEORGE
DIRECTOR, UTAH
NEUROROBOTICS LAB,
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH AND CHIEF
SCIENTIST, BIOS

Jacob A. George, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor at the University of Utah with a joint appointment in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering and the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. He is also a foundational researcher for the Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital and the director of the Utah NeuroRobotics Lab. Dr. George's research is at the intersection of sensorimotor neural engineering, rehabilitation robotics, and bioinspired artificial intelligence. His team develops assistive, rehabilitative, and diagnostic technologies for individuals suffering from life-altering neuromuscular disabilities.



TRACY GEORGE
PRESIDENT, INNOVATION
BUSINESS UNIT AND CSO, ARUP
LABORATORIES

Dr. Tracy George is the president of the Innovation Business Unit and chief scientific officer (CSO) at ARUP Laboratories, and a professor of pathology at the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine at the University of Utah. Dr. George joined ARUP in 2018 as the executive director of PharmaDx/ Clinical Trials and led significant growth of that segment of ARUP's business before being named chief medical officer in 2020. In 2022, she became the CSO and president of ARUP. On Sept 2023, ARUP announced the formation of the new Institute for Research and Innovation in Diagnostic and Precision Medicine, which is within the newly formed Innovation Business Unit led by George.

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SIMERDEEP SINGH GUPTA
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,
PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, TEVA
PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.

Simerdeep Singh Gupta, Ph.D., is an experienced pharmaceutical scientist and leader based in Salt Lake City, Utah, with a robust background in formulation design and product development. Simerdeep currently holds the position of associate director of product development at Teva Pharmaceuticals. In this capacity, he oversees project teams and emphasizes formulation and process development, regulatory compliance, as well as collaboration with cross-functional teams to attain clinical development goals. Simerdeep's academic credentials include a Ph.D. in Industrial Pharmacy from St. John's University, NY, where his research contributed to enhancing the solubility of BCS class II drugs using the hot melt extrusion technique. His Master's degree in Industrial Pharmacy involved research on nanoparticles for brain targeting in Alzheimer's disease treatment.



VERN HART
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
OF PHYSICS, UTAH VALLEY
UNIVERSITY

Dr. Vern Hart has a background in medical physics and imaging science. Prior to his academic appointments, he worked in the department of radiation oncology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and was involved in cone-beam CT image registration. He is currently pursuing non-invasive early cancer detection through optical scattering, Mie theory, and machine learning. His lab at UVU is also developing new techniques for quantitative phase imaging and diffuse optical tomography.



ANDREW HEMMERT
SR VICE PRESIDENT, R&D
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND
PROGRAMS, BIOMERIEUX

Andy Hemmert actively leads multiple research and development teams globally, developing infectious disease molecular diagnostic systems. Andy has participated as a key player in bringing game-changing solutions to the market, by leading the design, development, optimization, validation, transfer, and operational support of multiple in vitro diagnostic solutions, to assist healthcare professionals in identifying infections quickly, to ensure optimal patient care.



ERIC HENRY
SR. QUALITY SYSTEM &
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KING & SPALDING LLP

Eric Henry is a Senior Quality Systems and Compliance Advisor in the FDA and Life Sciences practice of the law firm King & Spalding. In this role Eric advises King & Spalding client staff, management, and boards on a variety of regulatory compliance matters. Eric is an industry veteran, with over 33 years leading and coaching global organizations through quality and compliance challenges.

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KELLY HIMLE
 HEAD OF MARKETING AND
 STRATEGY, TRANSIT SCIENTIFIC

Kelly began her career working for brand and marketing agencies throughout the upper Midwest before landing in Utah and the medtech space. Prior to joining the Transit Scientific team, she spent 9 years working for Bard (acquired December 2017) and BD (Becton Dickinson) in various brand and marketing roles including corporate branding, brand architecture, product launches, global/regional marketing collaboration, marketing campaign development, and execution. Kelly has extensive experience with company and product branding as well as integrated marketing communications strategy development. She is passionate about the “so what” behind products and making the connection between the technology, the clinician, and most importantly, the patient.



COLLEEN HOUGH
 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/
 BIOTECH PROGRAM DIRECTOR,
 UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

Colleen is originally from Los Angeles and earned her BS in Biology from UC Irvine. She then went to Washington State to work as a lab technician and ultimately received a MS in Microbiology studying tetracycline resistance mechanisms. Colleen went back to UC Irvine and earned a Ph.D. in Developmental and Cell Biology working on a Drosophila tumor suppressor and its role in junction formation and function. She took a postdoctoral position at the National Institute on Aging identifying genes upregulated in epithelial ovarian cancer (EOC) and obtaining a patent on EOC markers that was licensed to a company in California. She moved to Utah to work as a criminalist in the state crime lab. She has also worked in a biotech startup company, at the Huntsman Cancer Institute, and more.



VIC HOCKETT
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
 TALENT READY UTAH

Hockett oversees Talent Ready Utah, a center created to represent the voice of industry in developing short-term and long-term workforce development strategies. Hockett has over 15 years of operations and executive leadership experience in the advanced manufacturing sector. He owned a corporate consulting company specializing in organizational leadership, quality management implementation, lean six sigma, and safety compliance. While in industry, he served as an adjunct instructor for Dixie State, wrote curriculum and developed manufacturing programs for Dixie Tech College, and later served five years as the Executive Vice President of Dixie Tech College before returning to industry to lead a large manufacturing company as COO. Hockett excitedly returned to the public sector in 2021 to pursue his passion for workforce development and statewide impact as he accepted the Executive Director, Talent Ready Utah role at the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity. Talent Ready Utah has subsequently been moved to the Utah System of Higher Education.

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TIM JENKINS
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Dr. Jenkins is an associate professor in the department of cell biology and physiology at Brigham Young University. His research focus is on identifying epigenetic biomarkers of tissues and disease for use in early and accurate diagnostic tests. Dr. Jenkins also oversees the bio-innovations course series at BYU. Dr. Jenkins previously served as Assistant Professor at University of Utah School of Medicine and as VP of R&D at Wasatch Biolabs.



CORY JONES
VP OF DATA SCIENCE, OWLET

Cory completed his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Utah where his dissertation focused on Image Processing, Machine Learning, and Visualization. His previous work has included color image correction, scanner image testing, motion correction, peer-to-peer network analysis and process automation. Cory leads the data science team at Owlet which has collected the largest data set of infant health in the world and they're using it to develop innovative solutions to address the most crucial health problems.

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ERIKA KEITH
 DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS
 DEVELOPMENT, CURAVIT
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Erika Keith is the director of business development for Curavit Clinical Research, a digital-first clinical trials company. Erika has 20 years of experience in healthcare, technology, and the pharmaceutical industry. She has been instrumental in driving multiple start-up ventures working with decentralized clinical trials (DCTs), active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), home health care, telemonitoring, medical wearables, patient monitoring technologies and data processing solutions that capture and analyze human vital biometrics for clinical trials and remote health care. Erika graduated from the University of Colorado with a BS in Chemistry.



ANDREA KENDELL
 CFO, NORTH AMERICA, SVP
 FINANCE FOR GLOBAL MFG,
 QUALITY & SUPPLY CHAIN,
 BIOMÉRIEUX; CHAIR, BIOUTAH

Andrea Kendell, CFO, North America, SVP Finance for Global Mfg, Quality & Supply Chain currently provides oversight and leadership to the company's finance and accounting, commercial controlling, and inventory control teams for North America and Canada in a region representing over \$1B in annual revenues. In addition, leads the finance teams responsible for financial controlling of 14 manufacturing sites globally. Andrea has been with bioMérieux over 10 years and has been a key contributor in leading the company to 20X revenue and 5X growth in headcount, has led, with the support of incredible teams, several critical site construction projects, key business system implementations and company integration projects to facilitate the growth of the company. Andrea currently serves as chairman of the board of BioUtah.



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Aimee has 18 years of marketing and advertising experience, with focus areas in KOL development, product management, digital marketing, peer-to-peer education and commercial excellence. Aimee has served in multiple marketing leadership roles within the medical device sector. Prior to joining Scientia, Aimee was the director of the Peripherally Inserted Central Line Category at Becton Dickinson. While there, she received the MDS Presidential Award for her work in vessel preservation and venous pharmaceutical delivery.



CHESTER KOH
 PROFESSOR OF UROLOGY;
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SWPDC,
 TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL -
 BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Dr. Chester Koh is a pediatric urologist and "physicianeer." Dr. Koh received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from UC Berkeley, his MD from Tufts University School of Medicine, and completed his urology residency at USC, and his pediatric urology fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital. His clinical area of expertise is in robotic / minimally invasive surgery in children and the device needs in this area. He is also the founder of the Southwest National Pediatric Device Innovation Consortium (SWPDC.org) which is a FDA P50 grant-supported multi-institutional consortium that supports pediatric device innovators in creating novel pediatric medical devices.



PAUL LAIKIND
 RETIRED CEO AND SERIAL
 ENTREPRENEUR

Biotechnology entrepreneur and pioneer. Most recently, President and CEO at cell therapy company ViaCyte (retired September 2020). Prior to ViaCyte, founder of three pharmaceutical companies, each of which went public before eventually being acquired.



NICOLE LAMBERT
 FORMER CHIEF OPERATING
 OFFICER AND PRESIDENT,
 MYRIAD GENETICS

Nicole Lambert recently stepped down as chief operating officer of Myriad Genetics. She is a wife, mother and a breast cancer previvor. Nicole joined Myriad Genetics in June 2001 and until November 1, 2023, oversaw the company's laboratory operations, along with the Oncology, Women's Health and International business units. In addition to being an inspiring person in the precision medicine industry, Nicole is a certified genetic counselor. Prior to joining Myriad Genetics, she was a practicing Certified Genetic Counselor at LabCorp in the Houston Medical Center. Nicole received her bachelor's degree in Biology and Sociology from Boston College and earned a master's degree in Genetic Counseling from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine at New York University. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Arcus Biosciences.



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GREG LARSEN
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS
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Greg transitioned from his career in Healthcare Administration to join five other pharmaceutical professions to build Civica's innovative, patient-focused business model. As the Director of Business Operations, Greg directs various components of business infrastructure including IT, business licensing, facilities management, shared services, and internal communications systems. Greg Larsen is accepting the 2023 BioUtah Innovation Impact award on behalf of Civica.



KEITH MARMER
MANAGING PARTNER, UVB
CAPITAL, PRESIDENT, SEEK LABS

Keith Marmer has more than 30 years of experience as an entrepreneur, executive and investor. Keith is currently Managing Partner of UVB Capital, a life sciences venture capital fund and president of Seek Labs. Prior to co-founding UVB Capital, Keith was Chief Innovation Officer at University of Utah. During his tenure, he led the creation of five technology accelerators and a wet lab incubator, as well as oversaw hundreds of transactions. As an entrepreneur, Keith launched and scaled two life science companies. Following his exit from his second company, Keith co-founded an advisory firm working alongside CEOs to execute growth strategies and raise investment capital. He also co-founded a venture fund, SG3 Ventures, to invest in life science companies. Keith has an MBA in Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Management, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Physical Therapy and B.S. in Health Sciences from St. Joseph's University.

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The Center for Medical Innovation and Stryker would like to thank BioUtah for recognizing Mark Paul as Executive of the Year for his contribution to the life science industry in Utah.



ANDREA MAZZOCCHI
VP OF PARTNERSHIP,
PATHOS AI

Andrea Mazzocchi, Ph.D. has spent the last decade focused on cancer biology, tissue engineering, and biomaterials. Based on advances in these fields, Mazzocchi founded and was CEO at Known Medicine, a cancer precision medicine platform that married patient-specific wetlab approach with data science to generate biological, computational, and clinical insights to improve cancer patient lives. Known Medicine was acquired in 2023 by Pathos AI where Mazzocchi is VP of Partnership. Mazzocchi is the recipient of the 2023 BioUtah Entrepreneur of the Year Award.



JOSH MILLER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, BIOLOGIC
INPUT OUTPUT SYSTEMS

Prior to founding BIOS, Josh has been a repeat entrepreneur, having founded and successfully exited several businesses across multiple industries. After earning his MBA from BYU, Josh joined the Central Intelligence Agency as an Operations Officer. While at CIA, he served throughout Europe, Central Asia & the Middle East, as well as a variety of management roles. Josh is also an accomplished climber and mountaineer, having climbed on all seven continents. In 2018, Josh summited both Mt. Everest and Lhotse in under 24 hours.



CHAD MITCHELL
VICE PRESIDENT, MEDICAL/
SURGICAL - CORE ESSENTIALS,
VIZIENT

Chad joined Vizient in December 2018 as Sr. Director - Sourcing Operations, Med/Surg Distribution. In this capacity he had oversight for contracting initiatives and standards, strategic supplier partnerships and the integration of all areas of distribution. Chad has been a key contributor in shaping Vizient's future strategy across his business unit.

He led Vizient's Covid-19 Response War Room, a cross-functional team of 60+ subject matter experts, sourcing staff and clinicians. In 2021, Chad was promoted to AVP - Sourcing Operations. In 2023, Chad was promoted to Vice President - Core Essentials. Additionally, Chad is developing a distribution practice where his team will lead manage related provider engagements. Prior to joining Vizient Chad worked in supply chain distribution with Owens & Minor.



JEFFERSON MOSS
ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER
OF INNOVATION AND
COMMERCIALIZATION, UTAH
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In his role as Associate Commissioner, Jefferson Moss helps to drive economic development and commercialization efforts across the state. He helps to deepen partnerships across education, industry, and government. In addition, he's helping build the innovation ecosystem at The Point. Formerly, Moss served as AVP of central advancement at UVU and the COO for the UVU Foundation. Prior to UVU, Moss served as a wealth strategist at Key Bank and Credit Suisse and launched several successful businesses. Moss has served for seven years in the Utah House of Representatives where he is currently the Majority Whip. Commissioner Moss is the recipient of the 2023 BioUtah Friend of Industry Award.



BO NEMELKA
STRATEGY OFFICE PARTNER,
INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH

Bo works at Intermountain Health as a Partner in the Strategy Office. In this role, Bo leads enterprise strategy, business development, and innovation initiatives in partnership with caregiver teams across the organization. Prior to Intermountain Health, Bo spent 9 years with Leavitt Partners where he was the Managing Principal of the Leavitt Partners' Salt Lake City office. In this role, Bo was responsible to lead consultants and serve clients around the country who sought help developing strategic growth plans and executing on healthcare projects.



MARK PAUL
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTER
 FOR MEDICAL INNOVATION,
 UNIVERSITY OF UTAH HEALTH

Prior to becoming the Executive Director at the Center for Medical Innovation in April, 2023, Mark was the President of Stryker Neurovascular, a pioneer in the development of technologies for the treatment of Hemorrhagic and Ischemic Stroke. For the past 15 years Mark has led one of the largest neurosurgery organizations in the world resulting in significant revenue growth from \$230m to \$1.3b. Mark had full P&L responsibilities for all operational functions internally along with sales and marketing teams in +60 countries around the world. Mark is a 32 year veteran of the Less Invasive Medical Device industry. Over that time, he has led organizations focused on technologies and market development for the less invasive treatment of neurovascular, peripheral vascular and cardiology, including peripheral embolization, and more. Mark is the recipient of the 2023 BioUtah Executive of the Year Award.



CHRIS PHILLIPS
 VP, REGULATORY AFFAIRS
 AND QUALITY, EPITEL

Chris Phillips is an experienced leader in medical device regulatory affairs, clinical affairs and quality assurance. Chris has helped bring innovative medical devices to market in the USA, Europe, Canada, Australia, Brazil and other global markets; and has built and maintained ISO 13485- and 21 CFR 820-compliant quality management systems. Chris has played key roles in designing, developing, and launching novel software-based medical devices, digital health software, implantable medical devices and disposable medical devices. Chris completed a Master of Science degree in Health Sciences from the George Washington University focused on regulatory affairs and holds RAC and CMDA certifications. Chris is currently chair of the Utah Chapter of the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society.

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KARLI PLENERT
DIRECTOR, REGULATORY
AFFAIRS, BIOMÉRIEUX

Karli Plenert leads the US, EU, and Global regulatory submissions teams for the BioFire IVD product line. She joined bioMérieux in 2015 and has since played a key role in helping to bring innovative devices to market including the first SARS-CoV-2 test to be granted a de novo authorization by the US FDA. Karli has experience successfully transitioning products from IVDD to IVDR, supporting notified body audits, developing global regulatory strategy, and assessing the global impacts of product changes.



MARK PORITZ
CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER,
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Dr. Mark Poritz was appointed Chief Scientific Officer in November 2022. Previously, he served as CSO of the Co-Diagnostics subsidiary, Idaho Molecular, where he was supervising the development of the biochemical reagents for the Co-Dx PCR platform. Dr. Poritz has spent the last 25 years working on infectious disease therapeutics and diagnostics. He joined Idaho Technology in 2002 to write the NIH grant that funded the initial development of the FilmArray IVD platform. He led the development of the chemistry and molecular biology aspects of the first FilmArray product (the respiratory pathogen panel). After the acquisition of Idaho Technology/BioFire by bioMérieux, Dr. Poritz moved to BioFire Defense where he led the assay design effort for the US Department of Defense FilmArray Global Fever panel.



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VINCE ROSSI
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
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Vincent M. Rossi received his Ph.D. in Physics from Oregon State University in 2015. His Ph.D. research included work in Digital Fourier Holographic Microscopy, Optical Scatter Imaging, Light-Tissue Interactions, Monte Carlo simulations, Diffusion Theory, Diffuse Reflectance Spectroscopy and Photodynamic Therapy through the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Oregon Health & Science University. In 2023, Vince moved his biophotonics lab to Utah Valley University, where he is an Assistant Professor of Physics.



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Casey L. Sayre, PharmD, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Program Director, MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program. He earned his BS degree in Biology from Brigham Young University and his PharmD at Idaho State University. He then completed a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Manitoba, Canada. Dr. Sayre has expertise and experience in the development of quantitative analytical methods, pharmacokinetic characterization, and pharmaceutical compounding.



JACOB SHEFFIELD
COFOUNDER & CEO,
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Jacob Sheffield is an innovator, entrepreneur, inventor, and engineer. He has co-founded various companies, including KLŌS Innovations, Sego Innovations, and Bloom Surgical, which aims to improve scope optic disruptions during minimally invasive surgery. Jacob holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Brigham Young University with a specialized research background in compliant and developable mechanism technology. His research has been published across various publications and patents. Jacob has been named one of Utah's 20 in Their 20s, and has received various awards, including BYU's Student Entrepreneur of the Year and Student Innovator of the Year, and first place in ASME's International Mechanism and Robot Design Competition.



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DUSTIN SHIPP
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Dustin Shipp is a professor of physics at Utah Valley University. His research focuses on developing novel techniques to use light for medical diagnoses. Using Raman spectroscopy and other methods, he has studied platelet degranulation, mitochondrial swelling, and intraoperative assessment of tumor margins. His lab is also looking at non-biological samples including environmental microplastics and fossils. Dustin received his BS in Physics and Mathematics from Brigham Young University and his Ph.D. in Optics from the University of Rochester.



JEFFREY SHUREN, MD, JD
 DIRECTOR, CDRH, FOOD AND
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Jeffrey Shuren, MD, JD is the Director of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) at FDA. He previously served as Acting Center Director. Dr. Shuren has held various policy and planning positions within FDA from 1998 to 2009, including Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Planning, and Budget; Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning; and Special Counsel to the Principal Deputy Commissioner. Dr. Shuren is board certified in Neurology and served as an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Cincinnati. In 1998, Dr. Shuren joined FDA as a Medical Officer in the Office of Policy.



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DANIEL SIMMONS
PRESIDENT, CHIEF SCIENTIST,
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The discovery of COX-2 began in 1980 where Dan Simmons started his Ph.D. work on drug metabolizing enzymes. He learned early on how to clone cDNA and genes. It was there Dan first studied cyclooxygenase. The actual cloning of COX-2 was done by Simmons assisted by an undergraduate Dan Levy at Harvard University, from 1986-1989. From 1989-1991 at BYU, Simmons, assisted by graduate student Weilin Xie and undergraduate Jeffery Chipman, did research that resulted in the identification of the enzyme known as COX-2. The discovery formed a scientific starting point that led to the development of technology licensed by Pfizer to create the drug known as Celebrex. This discovery revolutionized the study of aspirin-like drugs and prostaglandins. Dan retired as a professor of biochemistry at BYU in 2017 and then started Intronex Laboratories, a biotech company dedicated to finding and developing new drug targets for medical intervention. Dr. Simmons is the recipient of the 2023 BioUtah Lifetime Achievement Award.



KATIE-ROSE SKELLY
VP, DATA PLATFORM INSIGHTS,
PATHOS AI

Katie-Rose co-founded Known Medicine, a high-throughput tumor organoid screening company acquired by Pathos AI in 2023. Prior to Known, she spent several years as a data scientist at Recursion, where she collaborated with their high throughput screening team to evaluate scaleups and improvements to their platform and ensure the production of a consistent biological dataset. Katie-Rose is the recipient of the 2023 BioUtah Entrepreneur of the Year Award.



ALEX SMITH
DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY
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As a former process and software engineer at GlaxoSmithKline and Human Genome Sciences, Alex's primary practice involves assisting companies with medical device and pharmaceutical submissions that involve software such as AI/ML submissions and 21 CFR Part 11 concerns. During his time at Hogan Lovells, Alex has provided software architecture and lifecycle advice on substantial variety of devices such as AI radiological imaging, 3D adaptive manufacturing, infusion pumps, and individualized vaccines involving AI.



JESSICA SMITH
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Integra LifeSciences (Princeton, NJ) is a \$1.5B revenue multinational company and global provider of neurosurgical solutions, regenerative technologies, and surgical instrumentation. Jessica oversees all global regulatory activities and serves as a member of the executive leadership team.



JOSEPH SMITH
CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER,
BECTON DICKINSON

Joe joined BD in November, 2021, where he works to identify, develop, and scale transformational medical technology solutions. Joe holds degrees from Johns Hopkins (B.E.S.), MIT (S.M. in Electrical Engineering; Ph.D. from the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology) and Harvard Medical School (M.D.). Joe has dozens of publications and 11 medical technology patents. He is an advisor to Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (where he also holds an adjunct faculty appointment), as well as the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology.



MELISA STARK
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Stark has over 27 years experience working closely with state leadership, education and multiple industries to build workforce pathways, registered apprenticeships and other on-the-job training programs. She participates in numerous advisory boards and has been recognized as a leader locally and nationally for apprenticeship and workforce development efforts.



MICHAEL STARK
 ASSOCIATE DEAN, COLLEGE OF
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Michael Stark has a Ph.D. in Developmental & Cell Biology from UC Irvine. He has been a faculty at BYU for over 20 years, with a research focus on early nervous system development. He resides in the Department of Cell Biology & Physiology, where he served as Chair for five years, and is affiliated with the BYU Neuroscience Center. He was appointed as Associate Dean of Life Sciences in October, 2022.



LESLEY STOLZ
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In Lesley's current role, she leads identification, incubation, due diligence, negotiation, execution and on-boarding for high-impact partnerships and collaborations in external innovation. Lesley also oversees the regions partnership portfolio and is responsible for a wide range of deal-making solutions.



ERIC SWAIM
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Eric is a member of the Strategic Sourcing leadership team and oversees the Surgery, Radiology, Medical Distribution, and Infusion Portfolio, as well as oversight over Sourcing Information Strategy. As VP of Strategic Sourcing, Eric and his team work alongside HealthTrust membership and clinical team members to ensure HealthTrust has value added contract coverage across the portfolio, as well as monitoring the performance of those agreements to ensure operational excellence.



DAVID TAYLOR
 CFO, BIOLEXIS THERAPEUTICS

David Taylor has been in the startup world for over 15 years, playing key management roles in a variety of companies. Prior to working in startups, David spent 14 years in investment banking, working in Strategic Planning and as Business Manager to the CEO of Commerzbank during the acquisition Dresdner Bank. He also served as Vice President in the Principal Finance & Securitization group managing a portfolio of structured transactions totaling over \$12 billion. David earned an MBA from the Stern School of Business at New York University.



PETER TRAPA
 DEAN, COLLEGE OF SCIENCE,
 UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Peter Trapa joined the University of Utah in 2001 after completing his graduate work at MIT and postdoctoral appointments at Harvard University and the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. Prior to becoming Dean of the College of Science in 2019, he chaired the Department of Mathematics (2011-2017) and the Department of Physics & Astronomy (2018-2019).

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