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Welcome

Dear Attendees,

WELCOME TO THE 11TH ANNUAL BIOHEALTH CAPITAL REGION (BHCR) FORUM! This year's Forum, along with the 8th Annual Investment Conference and the 10th Annual Crab Trap Competition, is part of the 2025 BioHealth Capital Region Week taking place here at US Pharmacopeia (USP) in Rockville, MD from September 23rd–25th.

Our 2025 theme, “The BioHealth Capital Region, Where Human and Artificial Intelligence Converge in the BioHealth Industry”, reflects the transformative moment our industry is experiencing. Across biotech, life sciences, healthcare, and research, the integration of AI is reshaping the way we discover, develop, and deliver solutions that improve lives. This convergence is not a distant vision; it is happening here and now, and the BioHealth Capital Region is leading the way.

We are proud that for the third consecutive year, the BioHealth Capital Region has been recognized as a Top 3 GEN US BioPharma Cluster. This distinction is a testament to the collective innovation, collaboration, and commitment of our ecosystem; from startups to global leaders, academic institutions to government agencies, and nonprofits to investors.

Over the next three days, we invite you to immerse yourself in thought-provoking panels, engage with entrepreneurs at the Crab Trap Competition on September 24th, and build connections at the Investment Conference on September 25th. These events are designed to spark new ideas, foster partnerships, and accelerate the growth of our biohealth community.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors, whose generous support allows us to keep these events free and accessible to all. We also thank our dedicated planning committees, judges, and speakers for bringing their expertise, insight, and time to make this week possible.

Your presence here demonstrates your commitment to advancing innovation and collaboration. We look forward to the conversations, discoveries, and partnerships that will emerge from this year's Forum, Crab Trap, and Investment Conference. Together, we can shape the future in the BioHealth Capital Region and beyond.

Thank you for joining us, and welcome to BHCR Week 2025.

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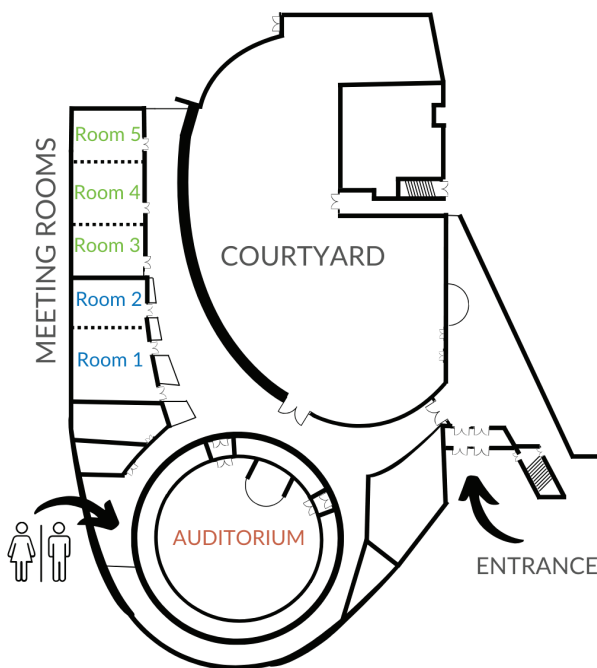
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September 23 at 5:00 PM

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WEDNESDAY RECEPTION, SPONSORED BY



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Featuring the USP Impurities Rock Band

September 24 at 5:00 PM

Please join us for our reception following the Forum program in the courtyard of USP.

LIVE MUSIC BY THE IMPURITIES, a USP-based band made up of talented staff members from U.S. Pharmacopeia stepping into the spotlight. The group features Ron Piervincenzi, Ph.D., CEO of USP, on guitar; Scott Bolgiano, Senior Manager of Publishing Technology, on guitar and backing vocals; John Daly, Supervisor of Lab Systems and Informatics, on drums; Tim Greiner, Senior Director of USP Education, on lead vocals and harmonica; Alyssa Lang, Executive Office Program Director, on vocals and saxophone; and Horacio Pappa, Senior Director of General Chapters, on keyboards. Together, they bring the spirit of community, creativity, and collaboration to the stage, showing that innovation isn't just in the lab, it's part of the culture. Don't miss the chance to unwind and network with music at our evening reception.

Program

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Tuesday, September 23

9:00 AM—9:35 AM

Welcome Remarks

SPEAKERS:

Rich Bendis, Founder, President and CEO, BioHealth Innovation, Inc
Anthony Lakavage, EVP, Global External Affairs; Secretary, Board of Trustees and USP Convention
Juan Pablo Segura, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Virginia

9:35 AM—9:55 AM

GEN Top 10 BioCluster Update

SPEAKER:

Alex Philippidis, Senior Business Editor, Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News

9:55 AM—10:15 AM

BioHealth Capital Region Update

SPEAKER:

Pete Briskman, Executive Managing Director, JLL

10:15 AM—10:25 AM

Q&A with Alex & Pete

SPEAKERS:

Alex Philippidis, Senior Business Editor, Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News
Pete Briskman, Executive Managing Director, JLL

10:30 AM—11:15 AM

Surviving and Thriving in the New Federal Environment

MODERATOR:

Brian Darmody, Chief Strategy Officer, AURP

SPEAKERS:

Kate Hudson, Deputy Vice President and Counsel for Government Relations and Public Policy, Association of American Universities
Matt Owens, President, COGR
Michael Ward, Director, U.S. Alliance Development, AstraZeneca
Maryam Ziaei-Moayyed, Portfolio Lead, Office of Commercialization, ARPA-H

11:15 AM—11:45 AM

NETWORKING BREAK

11:45 AM—12:15 PM

National Science and Technology Associations view of Current American S&T Environment for their Members

MODERATOR:

Rich Bendis, Founder, President and CEO, BioHealth Innovation, Inc

SPEAKERS:

Brian Darmody, Chief Strategy Officer, AURP
Steve Susalka, Chief Executive Officer, AUTM

Program



12:20 PM—1:00 PM

Bridging Academia and Industry: University Initiatives to Advance Life Science Innovation

MODERATOR:

Tatiana Litvin-Vechnyak, Vice President, Office of Technology Commercialization at Georgetown University

SPEAKERS:

Farhang Alem, Assistant Director of Scientific Operations, George Mason University

Mark Esser, CSO and Head of the Manning Institute of Biotechnology, UVA

Robert Miller, Vice President for Research, George Washington University

Dr. Amitash Varshney, Dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences, UMD

1:00 PM—2:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK *Sponsored by*



2:00 PM—2:45 PM

FDA Implications

MODERATOR:

Deb Autor, Chief Executive Officer, Healthcare Innovation Catalysts

SPEAKERS:

Ben Eloff, Head of Client Delivery & Quality, Healthcare Innovation Catalysts

Kelliann Payne, Partner, Hogan Lovells US LLP

Brendan O'Leary, Consultant, Healthcare Innovation Catalysts

2:50 PM—3:15 PM

Keynote: Decoding the Quantum Revolution—Unlocking the Future of Technology

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Whurley, Founder & CEO, Strangeworks

3:15 PM—3:45 PM

NETWORKING BREAK

3:45 PM—4:25 PM

Progress & Pitfalls: Impactful AI Applications from Drug Discovery through Manufacturing

MODERATOR:

Michael Levy, SVP, Digital & Innovation, USP

SPEAKERS:

Michael Bembien, Director, Data Science External Innovation, Johnson&Johnson

Katherine Duncan, Director, CMC Policy and Advocacy, GlaxoSmithKline

Michael Schatz, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor, Johns Hopkins University

Pratyush Tiwary, Professor, University of Maryland

4:25 PM—4:55 PM

Fireside Chat: USP Fostering Innovation in the BioHEalth Capital Region and Beyond

SPEAKERS:

Rich Bendis, Founder, President and CEO, BioHealth Innovation, Inc

Ron Piervincenzi, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, USP

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4:55 PM—5:00 PM

Day 1 Wrap Up

SPEAKER:

Rich Bendis, Founder, President and CEO, BioHealth Innovation, Inc

5:00 PM—6:30 PM

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FORUM AGENDA

Wednesday, September 24

9:00 AM—9:05 AM

Opening Remarks

SPEAKER:

Rich Bendis, Founder, President and CEO, BioHealth Innovation, Inc

9:05 AM—9:35 AM

Keynote

SPEAKER:

Matt Keesan, VP and GM Quantum Platform, IonQ

9:40 AM—10:20 AM

Putting Quantum Technologies into Practice: Solving Problems in Healthcare

MODERATOR:

Matt Cimino, Senior Manager, Business Development, Life Sciences, Maryland Department of Commerce

SPEAKERS:

Matt Keesan, VP and GM Quantum Platform, IonQ

Kimberly Mentzell, Director of Cybersecurity and Aerospace, Maryland Department of Commerce

John Sawyer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Quantum Alliance; Director, Strategic Research Initiatives, UMD

10:20 AM—10:50 AM

NETWORKING BREAK

10:50 AM—11:35 AM

The Role of Philanthropy in the Bio Health Capital Region: Catalyzing Research and Innovation

MODERATOR:

Brian Darmody, Chief Strategy Officer, AURP

SPEAKERS:

Mark Esser, CSO and Head of the Manning Institute of Biotechnology, UVA

John P. Fisher, Professor & Chair, University of Maryland

Michael Nestor, Board Director, The Government-University-Industry-Philanthropy Research Roundtable, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

11:40 AM—12:25 PM

Critical Medicines: Shortages and How Dependent We Have Become on Foreign Sources; Steps to Anticipate and Mitigate

MODERATOR:

Dennis Hall, VP, Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, USP

SPEAKERS:

Stephen Colvill, ReVAMP Consortium Lead, Duke-Margolis

Robby Demeria, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Phlow

Zeena Nisar, Policy Advisor, National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology

Vimala Raghavendran, VP, Digital and Innovation, US Pharmacopeia

12:25 PM—1:25 PM

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1:25 PM—2:10 PM

Improving Patient Care Using Emerging AI Capabilities

MODERATOR:

Sally Allain, Chief Health Sciences Growth & Innovation Officer, Virginia Tech

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Amal Isaiah, Innovation Lead, University of Maryland Institute for Health Computing

Dr. Sos Mbojana, Associate Chief Medical Information/AI Officer, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group

Dr. Kenny McKinley, Attending Physician, Children's National

Dr. Naren Ramakrishnan, Thomas L. Phillips Professor, Virginia Tech

2:10 PM—3:10 PM

CRAB TRAP

PRESENTING COMPANIES:

Aloe Therapeutics (Germantown, MD), www.aloetherapeutics.com

NioPath Inc. (Ashburn, VA), niopath.ai

Chariot Biosciences (Baltimore, MD), www.chariot-bio.com

GenAssist, Inc. (St. Louis, MO), www.genassist.co

Perfusion Medical (Reston, VA), perfusionmedical.com

MYoroface AB, International (Hudiksvall, Sweden), www.iqoro.com

3:10 PM—3:25 PM

NETWORKING BREAK

3:30 PM—4:00 PM

Accelerating CGT: Technology, Talent, and Transformation in Rockville

MODERATOR:

Brad Sibbald, Senior Vice President, Science Domain Leader, Kelly Science, Engineering, Technology & Telecom

SPEAKERS:

Rebecca Janney, US Talent Acquisition Lead, Focused on R&D, IT, and Operations Recruitment, AstraZeneca

Brian Stamper, Executive Director and GM, Cell Therapy Operations, AstraZeneca

4:00 PM—4:45 PM

Biohealth Investment Trends

MODERATOR:

Rich Bendis, Founder, President and CEO, BioHealth Innovation, Inc

SPEAKERS:

Joe Benevento, President and CEO, VIPC

Teddy Gresser, Senior Director, Seed Funds, Tedco

Matt MacMahon, SEED Director, NIH

Joe Siletto, Co-Managing Partner, Life Sciences Private Capital, JP Morgan

Tom Weithman, Chief Investment Officer and Vice President, Investment, VIPC

4:45 PM—4:50 PM

ATCC Conversation

SPEAKER:

Ruth Cheng, SVP & GM, Research & Industrial Solutions, ATCC

4:50 PM—4:55 PM

Closing Remarks

SPEAKER:

Rich Bendis, Founder, President and CEO, BioHealth Innovation, Inc

4:45 PM—5:45 PM

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FEATURING LIVE MUSIC BY THE IMPURITIES

Investment Conference

Thursday, September 19

Companies and investors will meet during pre-scheduled one-on-one meetings throughout the day. Simultaneously, pre-selected companies and investors will take the stage in the auditorium for a 7-minute quick-pitch.

9:00 AM	WELCOME REMARKS SPEAKER: Rich Bendis , Founder, President and CEO, BioHealth Innovation, Inc
12:35 – 1:10 PM	LUNCH
4:35 PM	END OF DAY





THE 2025 CRAB TRAP PITCHES AND LIVE JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE AT US PHARMACOPEIA ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, AT 2:10 PM EDT.

Special thanks to our panel of judges:



Richard Bendis MODERATOR
President & CEO
BioHealth Innovation



Teddy Gresser
Senior Director
TEDCO



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Life Sciences at J.P. Morgan

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2025 Crab Trap Finalists



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NioPath Inc.

Ashburn, VA

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Biosciences**

Chariot Biosciences

Baltimore, MD

Redefining biologic drug delivery with its SIMMBIONS™ platform, engineered symbiotic microbes that safely live in the bloodstream and continuously secrete therapeutic proteins. This novel approach eliminates frequent injections and cold-chain dependence, offering a programmable, reversible, and sustained treatment option for chronic and rare diseases like type 1 diabetes, obesity, and Gaucher disease.

Learn more: www.chariot-bio.com



GenAssist

GenAssist, Inc.

St. Louis, MO

Developer of MyoSponge, a first-in-class implant designed to regenerate skeletal muscle after severe trauma. Built from muscle-relevant extracellular matrix proteins, MyoSponge provides a scaffold that attracts and aligns cells, resorbs naturally, and leaves behind functional muscle rather than scar tissue. Validated across multiple species and supported by NSF SBIR funding, MyoSponge represents a new category of trauma care with the potential to restore strength and mobility to patients facing debilitating injuries.

Learn more: www.genassist.co



Perfusion Medical Reston, VA

An emerging biopharmaceutical company developing PM-208, a novel therapy to reestablish blood flow and oxygen delivery in critical care settings. Built on technology from Virginia Commonwealth University, PM-208 targets the "no re-flow phenomenon" that follows severe blood loss, ischemia, or acute kidney injury, offering the potential to save lives and reduce long-term complications. Backed by more than \$10 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Defense, NIH, and private investors, Perfusion Medical is advancing toward clinical trials to transform trauma and intensive care medicine.

Learn more: <https://perfusionmedical.com>

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MYoroface AB, International Hudiksvall, Sweden

MYoroface is the developer of IQoro®, a patented neuromuscular device that treats the root causes of reflux disease, dysphagia, snoring, and sleep apnea. The device strengthens the diaphragm and activates 148 swallowing muscles through 90 seconds of daily training, offering a non-drug, non-surgical option.

Learn More: <https://www.iqoro.com/about-us/>

Past Crab Trap Winners:



2024

Linshom Medica: Linshom Medical is the first to deliver a wearable, FDA-cleared, operating room quality respiratory profile to the patient's bedside. This provides early warning of respiratory problems and may help avoid costly rapid response activations, rescue events (codes), ICU transfers and deaths.



2023

Luminoah: Luminoah is a MedTech company on a mission to revolutionize the enteral feeding market with a wearable system that combines durable medical equipment, consumable nutrition pouches, and remote patient monitoring to optimize compliance and clinical outcomes.



2022

Neuroene Therapeutics: Neuroene Therapeutics was formed after its co-founders discovered a new class of compounds to improve mitochondrial health in multiple animal models of difficult-to-treat neurological diseases. The company's long-term objective is to develop its mitochondrial modulator drug discovery platform to identify clinical candidates for diseases of underlying mitochondrial dysfunction. Neuroene Therapeutics' portfolio includes issued and pending patents covering hundreds of analogs aimed at the treatment of numerous disease indications and the corresponding methods.



2021

NanoChon: Nanochon, founded in 2016, is on a mission to revolutionize cartilage replacement and repair for young, active patients with knee damage. Their Chondrograft™ device is a groundbreaking solution, serving as both an orthopedic load-bearing implant and a tissue growth scaffold. This innovative technology, driven by nanomaterials and 3-D printing, not only replaces lost or damaged cartilage but also stimulates new growth. Unlike traditional joint replacements with a limited lifespan of 15 years, Nanochon's approach offers the potential for a more successful, faster, longer-lasting, and cost-effective solution to joint disease and injury, benefiting patients aged 18 to 55 who currently have limited treatment options.



2020

BrainScope: BrainScope is a medical neurotechnology company focused on improving brain health by providing objective diagnostic insights that enhance patient care. BrainScope is at the forefront of rapidly and objectively assessing brain-related conditions, starting with mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI), using integrated assessment capabilities, artificial intelligence (AI), and digitization. The Company's technology aligns with the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Choosing Wisely® campaign to minimize the need for CT scans in Emergency Department patients with minor head injury. BrainScope's innovative neurotechnology platform utilizes EEG-based AI-derived algorithms, enabling physicians to quickly and accurately assess head injuries, covering both structural (brain bleed) and functional (concussion) injuries, offering a complete injury picture without radiation and in less time.



2019

Floreo, Inc.: Floreo, founded by Vijay Ravindran, was inspired by his child's positive engagement with virtual reality, sparking a vision to create a novel medium for teaching and therapy. Today, Floreo's immersive experiences offer thousands of individuals and practitioners engaging ways to develop essential skills that can be challenging to acquire in traditional settings. Beyond continuously enhancing therapy lessons and tools, Floreo is committed to increasing the affordability and accessibility of their services for families, clinics, and educational institutions globally. Leveraging virtual reality, Floreo teaches social, communication, behavioral, and life skills through scientifically supported techniques, making them applicable in therapy, educational, and family contexts.



2018

Galen Robotics: Founded in 2016, Galen Robotics commercialized research from Johns Hopkins University's Laboratory of Computational Sensing and Robotics. Drs. Kevin Olds and Russell Taylor invented the Robotic ENT Microsurgical System (REMS) to enhance surgical procedures by improving ergonomics and tool stability in narrow corridor surgeries. Galen Robotics' mission is to simplify surgeons' lives with assistive technology in the operating room. Their cooperative surgical assist device is designed to meet unaddressed needs in various surgical areas, from neurosurgery to spine surgery, enhancing stability and ergonomics with standard surgical instruments. The company has applied for FDA clearance for its platform and anticipates launching it as a pioneering cooperative surgical platform "as a service." Galen Robotics also collaborates with research organizations, including Johns Hopkins University, to explore future applications for this platform.



2017

LifeSprout: LifeSprout, Inc. is a privately held company at the forefront of developing groundbreaking products for aesthetic and regenerative medicine. Their proprietary Regenerative Matrix platform utilizes biometric, biocompatible materials crafted to closely resemble natural tissue. Lumina™, the first product from this platform, represents a next-generation aesthetic dermal filler that combines the safety of hyaluronic acid with biostimulatory properties. LifeSprout is expanding this technology to create a range of products aimed at addressing tissue losses due to aging, cancer treatment, and trauma, benefiting millions of patients. The company enjoys support from notable institutions like Redmile Group, Triskelion Investments, Catalio Capital Management, Emerald Development Managers, and other prominent family office firms.



2016

Sonavex: Sonavex, Inc., a Baltimore-based medical device company originally spun out of Johns Hopkins University, is dedicated to empowering clinicians to provide superior care and deliver savings to the healthcare system. The company has developed a portfolio of innovative ultrasound solutions that enhance patient care by providing essential visual and quantitative data to improve outcomes and reduce costs. Sonavex's novel and automated ultrasound technology equips clinicians with actionable data to inform treatment decisions, while its culture is driven by values that support each team member and our collective mission.

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BioHealth Capital Region

The BioHealth Capital Region (BHCR)—Recognized as a top 3 U.S. biohealth cluster from the past 3 years, the BHCR continues to lead in areas such as advanced biomanufacturing, infectious disease research, precision medicine, and AI-driven healthcare solutions—anchored by institutions like NIH, FDA, BARDA, ARPA-H, and world-class academic centers. Encompassing Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., The BioHealth Capital Region is one of the nation's top biohealth hubs, home to a unique concentration of federal labs, top-tier research institutions, emerging startups, and global industry leaders. With over 2,300 life science companies, 78 federal laboratories, and a talent-rich workforce, the region thrives on public-private collaboration and groundbreaking innovation in biotechnology, diagnostics, digital health, biomanufacturing, and therapeutics. This ecosystem is where discovery meets impact, and where startups, investors, government, and academia converge to shape the future of human health.



BioHealth Innovation

BioHealth Innovation, Inc. (BHI)

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Biohealth Innovation, Inc. (BHI) is a regional non-profit innovation intermediary that brings scientists, start-up veterans, and industry experts together to support the translation of research from labs to patients. Our strategic focus on commercially relevant growth-stage companies results in entrepreneurs who are more likely than their peers to commercialize new technologies and advance their healthcare innovations. BHI is home to the only private-sector-led NIH Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) program, which has expanded to include 12 experts in various disciplines located throughout the United States. Together, BHI's staff, EIRs, and network of professionals help de-risk the technical and business elements of product development.



Biotech Corridor

biotechcorridor.com

Located in Rockville, Maryland, the Biotech Corridor is the epicenter of life science discovery, research, and commercialization in the region. Anchored by top institutions, bold innovators, and a pipeline of talent, this is where more become possible. With visionary minds, world-class infrastructure, and unmatched access to federal research and regulatory agencies, the Biotech Corridor is shaping a future where the extraordinary is inevitable.



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Blackbird Laboratories

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Blackbird Labs seeks to bridge the gap between pioneering academic science and industry by providing capital, program management, and strategic scientific and business input from its team of life sciences professionals. The company employs a value-driven model centered on several core principles: de-risking innovative technology for commercialization, attracting investment and creating start-ups, entering into meaningful public-private partnerships, and fostering a success-based ecosystem in Baltimore.



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BRAINBox Solutions

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CvilleBioHub

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CvilleBioHub accelerates the development and commercialization of innovative biotech and medtech solutions that improve human health and well-being by connecting entrepreneurs, scientists and investors, providing access to funding and resources, and advocating for policies that support life sciences. CBH is the leading catalyst for the growth and development of the biotech, medtech, and life sciences ecosystem in Charlottesville and Central Virginia, fostering a vibrant and collaborative environment where all companies can thrive and grow.



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The City of Frederick Maryland government is dedicated to serving its residents by providing essential services, fostering community development, and promoting economic growth. The government operates under a mayor-council system, focusing on transparency, sustainability, and improving the quality of life for all citizens. It manages various aspects of city life, including public safety, infrastructure, and community services, while also encouraging civic engagement and planning for the city's future.



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The Georgetown University Office of Technology Commercialization

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The Georgetown University Office of Technology Commercialization is dedicated to advancing GU's innovations through strategic alliances and new venture creation. It facilitates the translation of research breakthroughs into tangible solutions and cultivates a dynamic and inclusive environment for entrepreneurship. The office advances this mission in support of the GU community and for the benefit of society. Its goal is to be effective partners in innovation and research translation through continuous engagement, knowledgeable and accessible staff, and a supportive network.



The George Mason University Institute for Biohealth Innovation (IBI)

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The Institute for Biohealth Innovation (IBI) unites 300 faculty and thousands of students across 34 departments and centers who conduct research with the goal of advancing human health and wellbeing at multiple scales, from individuals to populations. The team works with national and international collaborators to address six major areas of research to include infectious diseases, brain and behavior, cancer, injury and performance, environmental, reproductive and family health, and metabolic and cardiovascular health.



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Howard County Economic Development Authority

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The mission of the Howard County Economic Development Authority (HCEDA) is to promote economic growth and stability in Howard County by supporting existing businesses, attracting targeted new businesses and attracting corporate and/or regional headquarters. We serve as a bridge between public and private sectors, providing resources and strategic guidance to accelerate business success and advance Howard County as a leading hub for MedTech innovation.

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The Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) is dedicated to fostering economic growth and innovation in Montgomery County, Maryland. MCEDC connects businesses, entrepreneurs, and investors with resources, talent, and opportunities to thrive in the region. By supporting a diverse range of industries, including life sciences, technology, and cybersecurity, the organization plays a key role in driving the local economy forward. MCEDC is committed to creating a vibrant business environment that attracts and retains top talent and enterprises.



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University of Maryland Institute for Health Computing

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VirginiaBio

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Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation

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The Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPC) supports Virginia's vision for innovation, opportunity, and job creation. As a non-profit, VIPC develops technology-based economic strategies to accelerate innovation and growth for tech companies. By providing commercialization and seed funding, VIPC helps entrepreneurs launch high-growth companies and create future high-paying jobs. VIPC also fosters national innovation leadership and technology adoption through partnerships with startups, ecosystems, and advanced technology consumers. VIPC operates as the non-profit arm of the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (VIPA).



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Women In Bio

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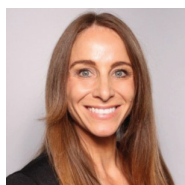
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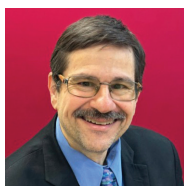
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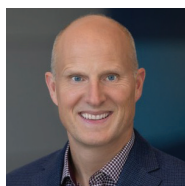
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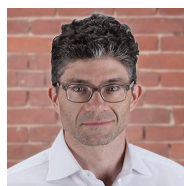
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