

Schedule as of April 24, 2025



= Keynote Speaker



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= Panel Discussion

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Main AM

Centennial Ballroom
1st Floor



Emcee: Judy Fortin

Chief of Communications, UCLA Health & DGSOM



Welcomes

Steve Dubinett, Dean, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Rachna Khosla, Senior Vice President, Head of Business Development, Amgen

Michele LeSueur, Vice President & Global Head of Portfolio & Commercial Strategy, Kite, a Gilead Company

Amir Naiberg, Associate Vice Chancellor, CEO & President, UCLA TDG

Mark Wisniewski, Senior Director, Bio Pharmaceuticals, UCLA TDG



Keynote Speakers

Julio Frenk, Chancellor, UCLA

Daniel O'Day, Chairman & CEO, Gilead Sciences

Jonathan A. Epstein, Executive Vice President, University of Pennsylvania Health System



A CAR T Patient's Journey

Cindy Perettie, Executive Vice President & Global Head, Kite, a Gilead Company

Laurie Adami, CAR T Patient



The Business of Bioscience: Present & Future

PANELISTS:

Biren Amin, Managing Director & Senior Research Analyst, Piper Sandler

Howard Chang, SVP Global Research & Chief Scientific Officer, Amgen

Ivan Farman, Global Co-head of Mergers & Acquisitions Group, Bank of America

Helen Kim, Senior Managing Director, Vida Ventures

Antonio Ribas, Director, Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy Center, UCLA

MODERATED BY

Arie Belldgrun

Chairman

Bellco Capital

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CAR-T Therapy Application for Solid Tumors and Autoimmunity

PANELISTS:

David Barrett, Vice President for Cell Biology Research, Kite, a Gilead Company

Zachary Roberts, EVP of R&D and CMO, Allogene Therapeutics

Jim Robinson, CEO, A2 Biotherapeutics

Lili Yang, Professor of Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics, UCLA

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Abla Creasey

Cell & Gene Therapy

Strategy Advisor



BioSuccess in LA

PANELISTS:

Dina Leeds, CEO, CleopatraRx

Bethany Mancilla, CBO, Capsida Biotherapeutics

Ken Schultz, Chairman & CEO, Trethera Corporation

Nathan Wheeler, VP of Operations, Pelage Pharmaceuticals

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Amir Naiberg

AVC, CEO & President

UCLA Technology

Development Group

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Translating GeroScience into the Clinic

PANELISTS:

Denis Evseenko, Vice Chair for Research of Orthopaedic Surgery, USC

Bill Lowry, Associate Director, Education & Technology Transfer,
UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center

Erin Overstreet, Executive Director, USC Stevens Center for Innovation

MODERATED BY

David Changhan Lee

Associate Professor
of Gerontology
USC



Looking Beyond the Hype: In the Trenches of AI Application in Healthcare

PANELISTS:

Roger Kuan, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright

Paul Lukac, Applied AI, Office of Health Informatics & Analytics,
UCLA Health Information Technology

Simon Nazarian, Chief Digital Officer, City of Hope

MODERATED BY

Zahra Eftekhari

Executive Director
Applied AI & Data Science
City of Hope

Bioscience Showcases

Showcase PM

Legacy AB
2nd Floor
South Wing



Startup Ecosystem

Welcome Remarks and Introduction

Marcella Ayala, National Director of Life Sciences, Swinerton



SHOWCASE KEYNOTE

Harold Monbouquette, Professor of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering/Special
Advisor for UCLA Research Park, UCLA



Developing Los Angeles into a Core Market

PANELISTS:

Alborz Mahdavi, Vice President Lilly Research Labs & CEO, Protomer Technologies

Rohit Shukla, Founder & CEO, Larta Institute

Susan Windham-Bannister, Board of Directors, BioscienceLA



Building a Thriving Biotech Startup Ecosystem in Los Angeles: Insights from Key Partners

PANELISTS:

Rene Hubert, Scientific Director Early Career Talent & Strategic Alliances,
Large Molecule Development & Research Data Sciences, Amgen

Duncan Huston-Paterson, Business Development, Amgen

Cynthia McKee, Manager, Amgen Ventures

Rubayath Mohsen, AVP, Business Development & Technology Transfer,
The Lundquist Institute

David Stover, Founder & CEO, Nammi Therapeutics

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Rohit Shukla

Founder & CEO
Larta Institute

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Exploring Design Trends in Life Sciences: Mass Timber and Low Carbon Construction

PANELISTS:

Sam Dicke, Business Development Manager, Timberlab

Adam Jongeward, Principal, DCI Engineers

Ryley Poblete, Senior Associate, Global Sciences Leader, Gensler

William Silva, Regional Director of Preconstruction, Swinerton

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How to Build in LA: Navigating the Planning & Permit Process in Greater Los Angeles

PANELISTS:

David Klug, Economic Development Director, City of Pasadena

Andrew Powers, City Manager, City of Thousand Oaks

Danny Santana, Assistant City Manager, City of Torrance

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Nancy Moses
Principal
Trammell Crow
Company

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Hot Topic: Metabolism

Orian Shrihai, Professor, Molecular & Medical Pharmacology, UCLA

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First Look SoCal Innovation Showcase

For the first time ever, we are partnering with UCLA to host the First Look SoCal Life Science Showcases at UCLA's LABEST Week

- Biomark Oncology
- EndoFold
- Nectaris, Inc.
- NeuroAirmid
- OncoXome, Inc.
- Paralos Bioscience Inc
- Silver Spur Therapeutics

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Pitch Gym Live by UCLA Ventures and Women in Bio

Pitch Gym Live will allow the opportunity to pitch live in front of an audience and receive real-time feedback and engagement from knowledgeable industry experts and investors.

📍 Laureate Classroom
1st Floor



Learning Lounge

Gain insights on alternative funding sources, due diligence and building your personal brand.

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