

# Agenda

## Unlocking Talent in the Life Sciences Connections | Opportunity | Equity

8:30 am

### Breakfast and Registration

9:00 am

### Welcome and Introduction

Sunny Schwartz  
Chief Executive Officer, MassBioEd

Joseph Berger  
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UMass Boston

Monique S. Cooper  
Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Career Advising, UMass Boston

Emerson Foster  
Head of Human Resources, U.S. Business Unit, and U.S. People Advisory Group, Takeda

9:30 am

### 2023 Massachusetts Life Sciences Employment Outlook *Workforce Challenges and Demands*

John Brothers  
Senior Director of Workforce Development Strategy, MassBioEd

Alicia Sasser Modestino  
Associate Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs and Economics;  
Research Director, Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy,  
Northeastern University

10:15 am

### Industry Best Practices to Attract and Develop Talent

**Moderator:** Zach Stanley, Executive Director, Bioversity, MassBio

#### The Workforce Needs for a Successful Biotech Future

Chris Garabedian, Venture Portfolio Manager, Perceptive Advisors;  
Chief Executive Officer, Xontogeny

#### Best Practice Presentations

Jennifer Shevlin, SVP, Human Resources, Blueprint Medicines

Kaye Cullum, Head Talent Acquisition – North America, Sanofi

Cory Siddons, Vice President of Internal Manufacturing, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals

Marissa MacGauley, Director, Talent Acquisition, Cell Therapy Franchise, Bristol Myers Squibb

Angela Perkins, Associate Director, Talent Acquisition, Ginkgo Bioworks

Ahmad Hussin, Sr. Director and General Manager, Viral Vector Services, Thermo Fisher Scientific

Mike Convicer, Head of University Talent Acquisition, Biogen

Jimmy Zhang, Vice President, Head of Global Talent Acquisition, Takeda

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### Networking Break

11:30 am

### Looking Outside the Box: Accessing Untapped Talent

#### Three Successful Partnerships: Education Providers Working with Industry

**Moderator:** Jeanne LeClair, Senior Director of Business Development and Workforce Partnerships, Massachusetts Life Science Center

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### **MassBioEd Apprenticeship Program**

Germaine Palmer, Associate Director of Life Sciences Apprenticeship Program, MassBioEd

Marc Creegan, Manufacturing Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific

Wendell Tanks, Biomanufacturing Technician Apprentice, Takeda

### **Northeastern University**

Jared Auclair, Vice Provost of Research Economic Development, Northeastern University

Sarav Narayanan, Principal Scientist, Biologics In Vitro Pharmacology, Takeda

Dany Bassous, Senior Research Associate II, Biologics In Vitro Pharmacology, Takeda

### **Quinsigamond Community College**

Kwesi Foster, Program Manager for Biomanufacturing Workforce Development Programs, Quinsigamond Community College

Jorgo Tollkuci, Section Manager, Ops Training & Talent Pipelining, AbbVie

Lorena Hoxhalli, Biomanufacturing Technician II, AbbVie

**12:15 pm**

### **Lunch and Networking Break**

**1:10 pm**

### **Public Policies: How Do Industry, Government, and Educators Work Together to Prepare Talent for 2033?**

**Moderator:** Sunny Schwartz, Chief Executive Officer, MassBioEd  
**Government**

Secretary Lauren Jones, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

Kenn Turner, President & CEO, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center

Mike Firestone, Chief of Policy and Strategic Planning, City of Boston

### **Industry**

Chris Garabedian, Venture Portfolio Manager, Perceptive Advisors;  
Chief Executive Officer, Xontogeny

Emerson Foster, Head of Human Resources, U.S. Business Unit, and  
U.S. People Advisory Group, Takeda

### **Higher Education**

Philip Sisson, President, Middlesex Community College

Matt Fenlon, Assistant Chancellor, UMass Boston

**2:25 pm**

### **Industry-Educator Advisory Session**

**Education providers and companies meet 1:1**

*24 schools meet with 24 companies for 1:1 advising sessions.*

*(all session attendees must have pre-registered)*

### **Reducing Structural Inequity through Systems Designs and Workshop**

**Students' Insights on Connecting with Biotech**

Augusta Meill, Executive Director, Agency

Jeralmi Canela, Designer, Agency

Joey Fennell, Design Researcher, Agency

### **Dessert and Networking Reception**