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# AGENDA



**8:00 - 9:00 | REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST | STONE LOBBY | ZISKIND LOUNGE**

**9:00 - 9:30 | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS | METCALF HALL**

**Sunny Schwartz**, Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation

**Representative Ted Philips**, Massachusetts House of Representatives

**Debbie Durso-Bumpus**, LSWC Co-Chair; Chief People Officer, Blueprint Medicines

**Monique S. Cooper**, LSWC Co-Chair; Assistant Vice Provost for Academic and Career Advising, UMass Boston

**Teresa Mazur**, LSWC Co-Chair; Head of HR, Global Corporate Functions, Takeda Pharmaceuticals

**Jorgo Tollkuci**, Section Manager, Operations Training and Talent Pipelining, AbbVie



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**9:30 - 10:00 | 2024 MASSACHUSETTS LIFE SCIENCES EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK | METCALF HALL**  
**KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**John Brothers**

Senior Director of Workforce Development Strategy,  
Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation



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**10:00 - 10:45 | COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITY | METCALF HALL**

**BRIDGING EDUCATION AND BIOPHARM INDUSTRY NEEDS**

**Yolanda McLean**

Senior Director, Global Quality Control, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals

**(10:45 - 11:15) NETWORKING BREAK ZISKIND LOUNGE/METCALF HALL**

**11:15 - 12:00 |**

**BADGING AND MICROCREDENTIALING | EAST BALCONY**

**TOOLS TO SUPPORT SKILL-BASED HIRING**

**Jared Auclair**, Northeastern University

**Sasha B. Goldman**, Boston University

**Padraig Deighan**, Emmanuel College

**Elizabeth Landis**, Ginkgo Bioworks

**Michelle Mischke**, Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation

**PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE EVERCHANGING WORKFORCE | METCALF SMALL BALLROOM**

**CO-OP PROGRAMS AS BRIDGES BETWEEN EDUCATION & INDUSTRY**

**Monique S. Cooper**, UMass Boston

**Jim Boyle**, Northeastern University

**Dietmar Hoffmann**, Sanofi

**Linda Lee**, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center

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**Emerson Foster**, Takeda Pharmaceuticals

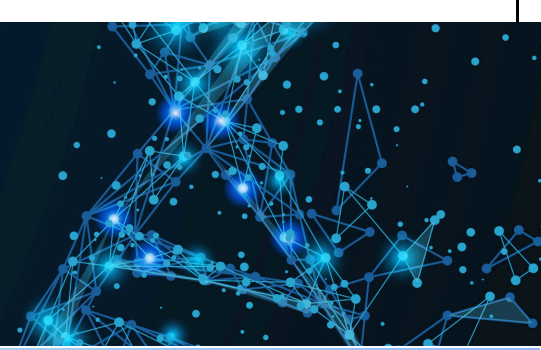
**Tom Browne**, MassBio

**Diana Cruz Solash**, Vertex Pharmaceuticals

**Subarna Malakar**, Sanofi

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(12:00 - 12:40)

LUNCH BREAK

ZISKIND LOUNGE/METCALF HALL

**12:40 - 1:35 | KEYNOTE FIRESIDE CONVERSATION | METCALF HALL**

**NAVIGATING INDUSTRY HEADWINDS FOR THE LONG TERM**

**Dr. Yvonne Greenstreet**, CEO, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals

**Julie Kim**, President of Takeda's U.S. Business Unit and U.S. Country Head

**Marian Nakada**, Moderator; Vice President, Venture Investments, Johnson & Johnson Innovation

**1:35 - 2:05 | STATE LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION | METCALF HALL**

**HOW MASSACHUSETTS IS STRENGTHENING OUR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN LIFE SCIENCES**

**Secretary Lauren Jones**, Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

**Senator Sal N. DiDomenico**, Massachusetts Senate

**Sarah Stanton**, Undersecretary of Economic Strategies, Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development

**Jeanne LeClair**, Acting CEO, Vice President of Economic Development & Partnerships, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center

**2:15 - 3:20 | ASSESSING YOUR SYSTEM FOR EQUITY | EAST BALCONY**

**PRACTICAL WAYS TO EVALUATE YOUR SYSTEMS FOR EQUITABLE OUTCOMES**

**Dominique Brewer**, Takeda Pharmaceuticals

**Lauren Celano**, Propel Careers

**Crystal Davis**, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals

**Lindsey Mastrototero**, Takeda Pharmaceuticals

**Meghan Scott**, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals

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**2:15 - 3:20 | INDUSTRY-EDUCATOR ADVISORY SESSION | METCALF SMALL BALLROOM**

Moderator: **Ryan Mudawar**, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center

(3:20 - 4:00)

NETWORKING AND RECEPTION

ZISKIND LOUNGE

## MASSBIOED UPCOMING EVENTS

**Life Sciences Career & Resource Fair | June 25, 2024 | 1:00 - 4:30**

135 William T Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA

**Champions for Biotechnology Education Awards Gala | October 17, 2024 | 6:00 - 9:00**

Museum Of Science, Boston, MA

**Life Sciences Apprenticeship Program Graduation | November 20, 2024 | 4:30 - 6:30**

Pfizer-Cambridge, 1 Portland Street, Cambridge, MA

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