

Life Science Washington Announces New Board Members

New executives bring industry expertise and diversity to represent life science innovation across Washington

SEATTLE – January 18, 2021 – [Life Science Washington](#), the state’s life science industry association, today announced the addition of eight new members to its Board of Directors. New directors represent prominent universities, research institutions and funders in addition to highly-regarded life science companies across Washington.

“We’re excited to welcome this impressive and diverse group of leaders to our board. Life Science Washington is committed to ensuring our directors represent the diversity in our region, and we’ve been very intentional in our efforts to invite more diversity to our leadership,” said Dr. Leslie Alexandre, President & CEO of Life Science Washington. “We are proud that our board is 40 percent female and 15 percent BIPOC, but while we’ve made progress, we recognize there is still more work to be done to ensure a wide range of voices have a seat at the table.”

This year the association will concentrate on building on the strong momentum that Washington’s life science industry experienced in 2020, with over [\\$2.8 billion](#) in equity, debt, M&A and IPO investment in the industry. Focus areas include workforce development, empowering entrepreneurs and continuing to advocate for policies that support a vibrant industry. When it comes to building a more equitable, diverse and inclusive industry, Life Science Washington will lead by example and support its member companies through trainings with experts, educational programming and a focus on bringing more diversity to Life Science Washington’s [mentorship program](#) for entrepreneurs.

Life Science Washington’s newly elected board members include:

- Nancy Allbritton, MD, PhD, Frank & Julie Jungers Dean, College of Engineering, Professor of Bioengineering, University of Washington
- Paul Buckley, PhD, Vice President, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- Jonathan Drachman, MD, CEO & President, Neoleukin Therapeutics
- Heather Franklin, MS, MBA, Co-founder, President & CEO, Blaze Bioscience, Inc.
- Steven R. Haydon, JD, LL.M., Vice President and General Counsel, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- Loretta Little, MBA, Managing Director, WRF Capital
- Scott Maloney, MBA, Director of Innovation and Private Sector Research Engagement, Washington State University
- Linda Zuckerman, PhD, Vice President, Business Development, Just-Evotec Biologics

For a full list of Life Science Washington’s board members, go [here](#).

About Life Science Washington

Life Science Washington connects its hundreds of members to each other and to funding, talent, partners and essential business services. Life Science Washington elevates the industry by promoting

policies that strengthen the environment for ground-breaking research and product development that improves and saves lives. For more information, visit <https://lifesciencewa.org/>.

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