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## NEWSLETTER

January 2020

Greetings friends and colleagues and welcome to the new year! Get it started right and check out all the news, meetings, webinars, seminars, and networking events that you'll find in this January newsletter!

We're excited to share this month's news and updates with you, but first we want to thank our readers and participants as we enter the eighth year of this collaborative newsletter effort. Thanks to at least a dozen people who pitch in throughout the year, we have the privilege of serving nearly 2,000 recipients each month! We are committed to informing—and making a difference to — the life sciences and health technology community in Austin and Texas.

See you at the first **TMDA Meeting**? Join us on **February 20, 2020**  
**Conversation with Austin Medical Device Pioneers**

[Register today](#)

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## LIFE SCIENCE INDUSTRY NEWS

### In Our Neck Of The Woods....

#### [Austin Innovation District December Updates](#)

Austin Innovation District gets recognized as Emerging Innovation District, CCI Executive Director gives his farewell, and local health startups advance in the latest Network News.

#### [Texas Health Catalyst Demo Day 2019 Highlights Health Advancements](#)

Held in November, Demo Day showcased local innovators tackling pressing health care challenges in the yearlong Texas Health Catalyst Program.

#### [MassChallenge HealthTech Announces 2020 Cohort of Top Digital Health Startups](#)

27 startups were chosen for a global zero-equity accelerator program. Local startup Think and Zoom was among them.

## INDUSTRY RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

#### [Texas Health CoLab Learning Series Blog Recaps](#)

Miss out on the monthly Health Learning series in 2019? Don't fret. Check out these videos and write ups for health innovators and entrepreneurs.

#### [Applications Now Open for MedTech Innovator 2020 Program](#)

All early and mid-stage medical device, diagnostic, and digital health companies are eligible to apply. Companies do not have to relocate, and there is no equity required for participation. Additionally, there's a chance to compete for up to \$500,000 in non-dilutive cash prizes and in-kind awards! **Deadline Friday, January 17, 2020 to submit an application.**

#### [Mask Challenge Seeking Industry Experts](#)

MassChallenge Texas seeking industry experts to support the startups in the Lone Star State. Experts offer volunteer support as judges, mentors, and classroom facilitators.

## WOMEN IN LIFE SCIENCE & WOMEN'S HEALTH

#### [Female Founded Club Application](#)

If your company is selected to be in the Female Founded Club, you will become part of a public database that showcases excellent female founded startups that are raising venture capital.

#### [Physicist Accused Wikipedia Editors of Sexism](#)

Notable women scientists were removed after being placed on the website by Wikipedia editors.

## SPOTLIGHT

### CAI

CAI is passionate about helping development-stage companies get their product to market faster. Any misstep on the path to commercialization drains capital, impacts valuation, and delays time to revenue. Most importantly, delays can impact patient access to novel, life-saving therapies.

Our industry experts work with you to characterize your product and process, and to apply the principles of quality by design, quality risk management and industry best practices to help you reach each milestone on the path to commercialization in the most efficient manner. Our integrated project delivery model enables you to accelerate process validation, tech transfer, manufacturing scale-up, vendor selection, quality system implementation and regulatory affairs from early clinical trials through scale-up to commercial manufacturing. CAI has over 20 years of experience and is an employee owned company. We have a reputation for exceeding customer expectations. CAI is the partner you need to meet a higher standard.

Since our founding in 1996, CAI strives to help our clients design, deliver, operate, and maintain quality, critical manufacturing facilities by pooling our global resources of nearly 500 employee-owners. Our engineering, technical, and consulting services encompass all aspects of operation. We integrate people, process, equipment, systems, and facilities into a high-performance manufacturing operation. The result is a superior level of operational performance and reliability.

With offices in the US, Canada, Ireland, Italy, China, Singapore, and Malaysia, we have been able to serve the needs of clients all over the world. CAI is involved in each part of the project when you need to meet a higher standard.

Our service offerings have evolved out of the needs of the customer for over 20+ years. Every service offering is considered a Business Area. A business area consists of a set of services that requires a unique quality system, a set of personnel with skills and experience, and a potentially unique client base. A business area requires unique knowledge of and approaches to a market segment. Within a business area there may be multiple areas of technical focus; these focus areas are mutually supportive of the business area but are not distinct business areas themselves.

CAI serves clients in the following business areas:

- Commissioning & Qualification
- Building Commissioning
- Asset Management & Reliability
- Quality, Regulatory, & Compliance
- Human Performance
- Process & Manufacturing Technology
- Owner's Project Management
- Automation & Information Technology

For more information please visit [www.cagents.com](http://www.cagents.com)  
or contact **Dwayne.Ariola@cagents.com**. Cell 214-449-8139

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Capital City Innovation has compiled partner and community events relevant to innovation in health and life sciences. [Check out the calendar!](#)

### [Checkout 40+ Medical Device Conferences Happening in 2020](#)

Plan your 2020 conference calendar from east to west coast.

January 23, 2020 | Austin, TX

#### **Silicon Hills News 2020 Austin Tech Calendar Party**

[Register today](#)

January 28, 2020 | Austin, TX

#### **MedTech Reimbursement: What Entrepreneurs Need to Know and When they Need to Know It Lunch & Learn**

RSVP to [tamia@templebioscience.org](mailto:tamia@templebioscience.org) by Monday, Jan. 27, no later than 3:00 p.m. to join on location at THBD: 1802 South First Street, Temple, Texas 76504 Or register to join online or via phone. [Register today.](#)

January 29, 2020 | Austin, TX

#### **The Market Potential of Connected Medical Devices**

Join a for a dynamic discussion at the next Healthcare Device & Data Meetup as three early stage companies present their solutions to a select panel of providers, administrators, investors, and technologists who will share their insights and recommendations. [Register today.](#)

February 13, 2020 | College Station, TX

#### **French American Innovation Day 2020**

[Register today](#)

February 19-20, 2020 | Tampa, FL (\$338)

#### **2020 Life Science Women's Conference- Save the date!**

An unparalleled opportunity for women to accelerate their careers in the life science field through mentoring, networking, and education. [Learn more & RSVP.](#)

February 20, 2020 | Austin, TX

#### **Texas Medical Device Alliance Q1 | Conversation with Austin Medical Device Pioneers**

Join the first TMDA meeting of the year to be held at MedtoMarket! [Register today.](#)

February 26, 2020 | Austin, TX

#### **Blockchain and Digital Transformation in Health 2020 conference**

[Learn more & register.](#) Use code M2MVIP1 for 10% off your ticket.

April 23, 2020 | Houston, TX (\$150-\$349 non-members/\$75-\$275 AWIS members)

#### **Innovation & Inclusion Summit & Awards Dinner - Save the date!**

The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) Summit is an impactful opportunity to further conversation, build networks and celebrate women in STEM while learning from thought-leaders and decision makers from industry to academia including panels with leaders from Los Alamos National Laboratory and NASA's Johnson Space Center. [Learn more & register.](#)

## CAREER CORNER

### **Abbott**

Multiple Positions

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### **Aeglea Biotherapeutics**

Multiple positions

[View positions](#)

### **ALKU**

Multiple positions

[View positions](#)

Contact Logan Blake, Regulatory & Scientific Recruiter at [lblake@alku.com](mailto:lblake@alku.com)

### **Asuragen**

Multiple Positions

[View positions](#)

### **Babylon Health**

Multiple Positions

[View positions](#)

### **Luminex**

Multiple Positions

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### **Molecular Templates**

Multiple positions

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### **Syneos Health**

Multiple positions

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### **QA Consulting, Inc.**

Multiple position

Contact: Mallori Groh; [mgroh@qaconsultinginc.com](mailto:mgroh@qaconsultinginc.com)  
<https://qaconsultinginc.com/careers/>

### **Skills Alliance**

Multiple positions

[View positions](#) or Contact [sarah.fletcher@skillsalliance.com](mailto:sarah.fletcher@skillsalliance.com)

### **FDA Quality and Regulatory Consultants (FDAQRC)**

Stay up to date with job openings at FDA Quality + Regulatory Consultants

[Join the FDAQRC CAREER NETWORK](#)

### **Life Sciences & Technology Black Diamond Networks**

Multiple positions

[View positions](#) or Contact Recruiter, Alex Magoon  
[Amagoon@blackdiamondnet.com](mailto:Amagoon@blackdiamondnet.com)

### **Quantitative Radiology Solutions**

Medical Image Analysis Intern/Co-op

[View position](#)

### **Manager, Clinical Quality Assurance, Kelly Scientific, Ft. Worth, Texas**

The Clinical Quality Assurance Manager is responsible for assuring the quality of clinical development systems, processes and related activities in the USA. This position does not manage personnel but manages the Quality Program. Looking for someone with a passion for QA experience in clinical development, and CRO experience. Must have performed audits, report results of audits, and good communication.

Please send resumes to [jason.ines@kellyscientific.com](mailto:jason.ines@kellyscientific.com)

### **Software Developers/Engineers - full-time and part-time, perm and temp**

**Advanced Scanners** is looking for software developers to continue development on their Optical Machine Vision System for neurosurgeons. Ideally an experienced C++ and python developer; 3D modeling and imaging is a plus. Contact Jeff at [jeffl@advancedscanners.com](mailto:jeffl@advancedscanners.com)

CAI is seeking a pharmaceutical PM, commissioning and qualification engineer, and automation project manager. See links attached to CAI's Careers Page. Pharmaceutical Project Manager (Dallas, TX) [Read job description here.](#)

Commissioning & Qualification Engineer (Dallas, TX) [Read job description here.](#)

Automation Project Manager (Coppell, TX) [Read job description here.](#)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **Austin Chamber: Opportunity Austin Survey**

The Chamber is partnering with local school districts to connect your business with regional opportunities to make sure our school curriculum teaches the right skills, includes industry-based certifications that pay a good wage, and helps our working-age populations earn while they learn. Please complete this three-minute survey so that the Chamber may connect your company with the right opportunities and recognize your company as a **TALENT AMBASSADOR**. For questions, please email Kwee Lan Teo, VP of Talent/Workforce at [kteo@austinchamber.com](mailto:kteo@austinchamber.com).

[Complete Survey Here](#)

### **BioAustin/TMDA/AHT/CCI/TX Health Catalyst/Capital Factory/ Health Tech Austin**

We are mapping the Austin's landscape in healthcare/life sciences/biotech/MedTech. Anyone interested in volunteering to collect/compile this information as a team? If you are, please contact Scott Collins at [scott@bioaustin.com](mailto:scott@bioaustin.com).

### **ATX Women in MedTech**

Looking for volunteers to support community outreach, event management, PR, sponsorship and more. Email [womeninmedtech@gmail.com](mailto:womeninmedtech@gmail.com) for details.

### **BioAustin**

We are seeking volunteers to maintain our website. If interested, please reach out to Scott Collins at [scott@bioaustin.com](mailto:scott@bioaustin.com)

### **AWIS**

AWIS Austin is growing quickly and there is a need for women mentors to meet and connect with other women in STEM that are early in their careers in a relaxed, fun setting. We are announcing the formation of a mentoring circle for the 2020-2021 year. There is a pool of 31 mentees from the University of Texas at Austin who are very excited to meet women in STEM careers in Austin and receive your guidance.

Mentors and mentees will initially attend events to connect with one another and establish mutually beneficial partnerships. Following the establishment of mentor/mentee pairs, which we will help facilitate, pairs will be expected to meet monthly on their own. Mentors will offer their advice, tips, and knowledge gained through experience. This is not a large time commitment for mentors, just a nice way to share your knowledge in a fun setting and help another lady in STEM to succeed.

**RSVP to Margo Lee at [awisaustin.president@yahoo.com](mailto:awisaustin.president@yahoo.com)**

## TEXAS LIFE SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS

**ATX Women in MedTech**  
[womeninmedtech@gmail.com](mailto:womeninmedtech@gmail.com)

**Austin Health Tech Meetup**  
<https://www.meetup.com/Austin-Health-Tech/>

**Austin Technology Incubator (ATI)**  
<https://ati.utexas.edu>

**BioAustin LinkedIn Group**  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6535301/profile>

**BioHouston**  
<http://biohouston.org/>

**BioMed San Antonio**  
<http://www.biomedsa.org>

**BioNorth**  
<https://bionorthtx.org/>

**Capital City Innovation (CCI)**  
<https://www.capitalcityinnovation.org/>

**Health Technology Forum Meetup**  
<https://www.meetup.com/HealthTechnologyForum-Austin/>

**Health Wildcatters, Dallas**  
[www.healthwildcatters.com](http://www.healthwildcatters.com)

**Temple Health & Bioscience District (THBD)**  
<http://www.templebioscience.com/>

**Texas Biomedical Research Institute, San Antonio**  
<https://www.txbiomed.org/>

**Texas Health Catalyst**  
<https://dellmed.utexas.edu/thc>

**Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA) LinkedIn Group**  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6952028>

**The Health Cell, San Antonio**  
<http://thehealthcell.org>

**TMCX/TMCX+, Houston**  
<http://www.tmc.edu/innovation/innovation-programs/tmcx-plus/>

**Top Austin-Area Medical Device Companies**  
<https://tinyurl.com/yagv2s5u>

**Velocity Texas, San Antonio**  
<https://velocitytx.org/>

**Women in Bio-Texas (WIB-TX, Austin & Houston)**  
<https://www.womeninbio.org/page/t>

**THANKS TO OUR TMDA SPONSORS!**



With warm regards,

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on behalf of BioAustin, Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA), and Austin Health Technology (AHT)