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**Arkansas Summit Oct. 25 to Showcase
State's Life Science-based Companies**

LITTLE ROCK — Entrepreneurs, investors, research scientists, service providers and the public interested in technology companies that develop products to improve people's lives and health are invited to the Arkansas Life Sciences Summit to be held Oct. 25 in Conway.

The event will showcase presentations from 11 of the fastest-growing technology companies with research and innovation in the life sciences conducted at Arkansas universities and private companies.

These companies include medical devices, drug discovery, diagnostics, biotechnology, natural products and agriculture sciences. The summit is organized and hosted by BioVentures and will be held at the Conway Expo and Event Center, 2505 E. Oak St.

Registration is \$45. Register on Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-arkansas-life-sciences-summit-registration-42257338838

Among the presenting companies are Ascendant Diagnostics, Biotech Pharmacal, CSurgeries, Zystein LLC, Cardiowise, Blue in Green, Lapovations, Rejuvenics Technologies, Eco Bio, SFC Fluidics and Nanomatronix.

The keynote speaker is Greg Bledsoe, M.D., Arkansas surgeon general. Bledsoe has provided clinical and strategic consultation to numerous nonprofit and commercial entities. He is an operating partner for the venture capital firm New Road Capital Partners. Bledsoe is board-certified in emergency medicine and medical director of the Emergency Medicine Department at the Arkansas Heart Hospital

A morning panel will focus on an overview of BioArkansas and the makeup of life sciences. An afternoon panel will discuss the success stories of Arkansas companies, including Angel Eye Camera Systems, Pacific Vet Group, Rx Results and Safe Foods.

“At this summit, some of the state’s most innovative companies in the life sciences sector will have a chance to tell their stories and connect with potential investors,” said Nancy M. Gray, Ph.D., BioVentures director. “Arkansas’ research and development companies will show how very competitive they are with their peers nationwide. Access to capital is vital so these companies can keep creating jobs for Arkansans.”

Summit sponsors are BioVentures, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Arkansas State University, Thermo Fisher Scientific and the Advertising and Promotion Commission of Conway.

BioVentures is a technology commercialization organization and startup incubator focused on promoting a biomedical technology industry for Arkansas and translating research into products that benefit human health. BioVentures links the health care research minds to global markets to advance Arkansas’ scientific and economic development.

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; northwest Arkansas regional campus; statewide network of regional centers; and six institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and Translational Research Institute. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 2,727 students, 822 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses throughout the state, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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