



Arizona Issues Forum - TGen in Focus What Genomics Means for Public Education

December 3, 2003, 5:30-7:30
Arizona Science Center

Welcome	Dr. Rufus Glasper, Chancellor, Maricopa Community Colleges
Overview of Agenda	Greg Stanton, Vice Mayor, City of Phoenix
TGen; The Big Picture	Jeffrey Trent, President and Scientific Director, TGen
Genomics Research: A Personal Story	John Carpten, Senior Investigator and Director, Genetic Basis of Human Diseases Division, TGen
Community Partnerships – Autism	Denise Resnik, Founder and President, Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center
Bioscience Revolution: Implications for Education	Gail Mee, Dean of Instruction, Mesa Community College
TGen & Workforce Development	Eugene Giovannini, President, Gateway Community College
Questions & Reactions	Audience

Arizona Issues is a community partnership of the Maricopa Community Colleges' Center for Civic Participation, which is joined in co-sponsoring this forum by TGen, the City of Phoenix Youth and Education Office, Greater Phoenix Leadership, Make a Difference, and the Arizona Science Center.



Greg Stanton has served on the Phoenix City Council for three years, and currently serves as Vice Mayor. He represents District 6, a diverse district that includes North Central Phoenix, Arcadia/Biltmore, as well as Ahwatukee Foothills south of South Mountain. He chairs the City Council's Education, Culture and Genomics Subcommittee, and works closely with ASU, U of A, NAU and Maricopa Community Colleges in creating a downtown higher education campus. He was the lead councilman on the successful effort to make Phoenix the headquarters of the International Genomics Consortium.

Jeffrey Trent is President and Scientific Director of the Translational Genomics Research Institute, or TGen. Prior to forming TGen, Dr. Trent served for ten years at the world's largest biomedical research institute - the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. There, he founded and directed the laboratory division of the Federal agency in charge of coordinating and finalizing the Human Genome Project. Dr. Trent has dedicated his career to fighting cancer. His research career has provided important insights into the genetic basis of cancer.

John Carpten is a Senior Investigator & Director of TGen's Genetic Basis of Human Disease Division, and Head of the Prostate Cancer Research Unit. Work in his laboratory focuses on the search for those genes predisposing individuals to hereditary prostate cancer. His work in prostate cancer spearheaded the development of the African American Hereditary Prostate Cancer Study Network, aimed at identifying a large number of African American families with men who have a high risk of developing prostate cancer.

Denise Resnik is a mother of a young boy with autism. In 1997, she co-founded and began serving as board president of the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC), which today is an internationally recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to autism research, education and community outreach. Ms. Resnik also is president of Denise Resnik & Associates, a Phoenix-based marketing and public relations firm.

Gail Mee is the Dean of Instruction at Mesa Community College. Prior to assuming her current position, she served as Associate Dean of Instruction for Mathematics and Science at MCC, where she led the faculty in developing biotechnology degree and certificate programs. Previously she worked at Orange County Community College, Middletown, New York as Director of Research and Planning and as a faculty member and department chair in mathematics and computer science.

Eugene Giovannini is president of GateWay Community College, an urban community college of 17,000 students. President Giovannini came to GateWay from Burlington County College in Peinberton, New Jersey where he served as Vice President for seven years. Prior to that he spent several years as Dean of Instructional Affairs at Ivy Tech State College - Southwest at Evansville, Indiana. He leads the Maricopa Community Colleges efforts with other partners to build the TGen campus in downtown Phoenix.