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Illinois Science & Technology Coalition Announces 2022 List of Researchers to Know

24 Researchers From Across Illinois Named to the Annual Honor

November 21, 2022 – (CHICAGO, IL) – The Illinois Science & Technology Coalition (ISTC) today announced its fifth annual list of *Researchers to Know* from universities across Illinois. The annual list highlights the groundbreaking research being done on Illinois’ campuses, and provides a detailed look at some of the researchers that are driving innovation in the state.

“In this celebratory 5th year of ISTC’s ‘Researchers to Know’ we are showcasing some of the top faculty from our universities across the state. The idea is to bring attention to some of the groundbreaking research taking place at our universities and showcase faculty that have a timely milestone or accomplishment. Each of the researchers chosen for this honor has demonstrated outstanding achievement in their research field,” said Colleen D. Egan, CEO of ISTC.

The 2022 Researchers to Know represent 10 institutions of higher education leading innovation in Illinois. This year’s group of researchers includes those working to protect the environment and mitigate climate change; advancing energy & sustainability; using data and pioneering analytics; and advancing medical technology..

The 2022 Researchers to Know are as follows:

- Seth Darling, Argonne National Laboratory
- Joan M. Brehm, Illinois State University
- Marcelo H. Garcia, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
- Mark Potosnak, DePaul University

- Jalene LaMontagne, DePaul University
- John Kostelnick, Illinois State University
- Sumanta Acharya, Illinois Institute of Technology
- Tao Li, Northern Illinois University
- Shirley Meng, University of Chicago
- Filippo Sharevski, DePaul University
- Sonja Petrovic, Illinois Institute of Technology
- Carlo U. Segre, Illinois Institute of Technology
- Jian Cao, Northwestern University
- Omar K. Farha, Northwestern University
- Nadya Mason, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
- Kaiyu Guan, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
- Melani Duffrin, Northern Illinois University
- Noah Rosenblatt, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- Joanna Dabrowska, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- Bryan Dickinson, University of Chicago
- Lahiru Jayakody, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- Jun-Hyun Kim, Illinois State University
- Guillermo A. Ameer, Northwestern University
- Aaron Esser-Kahn, University of Chicago

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