

Portal Innovations | October 14th, 2025

HERMANN HALL

- 10:00 am BREAKFAST AND CHECK-IN
- 11:00 am IGNITE THE CONVERSATION
Monique Knighten, PhD, *Executive Director*, Portal Innovations, LLC
- 11:10 am PARTNER TO PROGRESS
Jeffrey Wade, JD, *Chairman*, BioHouston
Suzanne Tomlinson-Mathis, PhD, MBA, *Dir. of Res. Prog. & Strat. Init.*, GCC
Verena Kallhoff, PhD, MBA, *Senior Dir. of Glob. Life Sci.*, Greater Houston Partnership
Monique Knighten, PhD, *Executive Director*, Portal Innovations, LLC (Moderator)
- 11:45 am CATALYZE THE FUTURE OF LIFE SCIENCES
Saniya Mansuri, MSC, *Healthcare Consultant*, TMC BioPath
Robyn Cardwell, PhD, *Senior Dir. of Strategic Partnerships*, San Jacinto College
Nicole Domingues, *Senior Program Officer*, CEF
Joanna Krakowiak, PhD, *Dir. of Lab & Sci. Ops*, Portal Innovations, LLC (Moderator)
- 12:20 pm ROOM TRANSITION

LEVI CONFERENCE ROOM

- 12:30 pm ROUNDTABLE & LUNCH: CANDID CONVERSATIONS IN THE C-SUITE
John Flavin, MBA, *Founder & Chief Executive Officer*, Portal Innovations, LLC (Moderator)
- 1:30 pm ROOM TRANSITION

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- 1:45 pm THE MODERN CEO
Rahul Aras, PhD, *President & Chief Executive Officer*, Iterion Therapeutics
Ritu Shah, *Managing Director*, Portal Innovations LLC and CEO, ClostraBio (Moderator)

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- 2:20 pm CONSIDERATIONS FOR CLINICAL PROGRAM SUCCESS
Megan Liles, MS, *Vice President of Clinical Delivery*, HGI Clinical
Alice Bexon, MD, *Chief Executive Officer*, Bexon Clinical Consulting
Federica Giordano, PhD, *Dir. of Clinical Ops*, March Biosciences (Moderator)
- 3:00 pm INVESTOR PERSPECTIVES: ADDRESSING FOUNDERS' KEY QUESTIONS
Kelly Jameson, PhD, *Senior Analyst*, TMC Venture Fund
John Flavin, MBA, *Founder & Chief Executive Officer*, Portal Innovations, LLC
Leslie Sloan, PhD, *Chief Executive Officer*, OmniNano Pharmaceuticals (Moderator)
- 3:40 pm FINAL THOUGHTS
Monique Knighten, PhD, *Executive Director*, Portal Innovations, LLC
- 3:50 pm ROOM TRANSITION

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4:00 PM NETWORKING RECEPTION

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