**Leadership**

- **President**: Nicola Stagg  
  Turning Point Therapeutics
- **Vice-President**: Tod Harper  
  Amgen
- **Vice-President Elect**: Jason Pinkstaff  
  Pfizer
- **Past President**: Robert Li  
  LTZ Therapeutics
- **Senior Councilor**: Saurabh Vispute  
  Pfizer
- **Junior Councilor**: Jessica Sims  
  Genentech
- **Secretary/Treasurer**: Rene Vinas  
  Upside Foods
- **Postdoc Rep**: Muthanna Sultan  
  USC, Biomedicine
- **Grad Student Rep**: Alkeiver Cannon  
  USC, School of Medicine

**Award Recipients**

- **Outstanding Young Investigator Award**: John Scilagyi
- **Career Achievement in Biotechnology Award**: Michael Leach
- **Boehringer Ingelheim Award for Excellence in Biotherapeutic Safety**: Naresh Sah
- **Student Achievement Awards**: Piyush Padhi, Mychal Grames

**2023-2024 Incoming EC**

- **Vice President-elect**: Ed Dere
- **Councilor**: Adhithiya Charli
- **Graduate Student Representative**: Rajat Gupta

**BTSS Mission**

*Our mission* is to create a forum via this specialty section for all SOT members interested in biotechnology. This includes those working in academia, government, regulatory organizations such as FDA and EPA, industrial areas such as agriculture, environmental health and sciences, chemical and products and biopharmaceuticals and finally for students and post-doctoral trainees pursuing a specific area of biotechnology and aiming for a better understanding of biotechnology.

**Impact of Biotechnology**

- **Lifesaving Covid-19 Vaccines**
- **Improved Crop Production**
- **Protection & Restoration of the Environment**
- **Biotherapeutics Treating Widespread Diseases**
- **Other Applications**

**BTSS-Sponsored Sessions**

- **1063: Humanized Mouse Models for Preclinical Evaluation of CART Cells**  
  Monday, March 20th, 2023 at 1:45pm – 4:30pm; Room 209
- **1100: Breaking Down Barriers: Blood-Brain Barrier Model Development and Applications in Drug Safety**  
  Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 at 8:00am – 10:45am; Room 205
- **1225: Opening Our Eyes: Ocular Gene Therapies from Theory to Practice**  
  Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023 at 1:30pm – 4:15pm; Room 202

**Get Involved**

**BTSS Meeting**  
(Current and Prospective members welcome!)  
Monday, March 20th  
6:00-7:30 PM  
Legends Ballroom E, Omni Nashville Hotel

- Award opportunities
- Leadership opportunities on EC committee
- Organize or attend Educational Webinars
- Annual meeting BTSS-sponsored workshops, symposia, CE courses
- Mentoring
- Networking
- Enjoy good food & drink

**Joint Mentoring Session**

BTSS will be collaborating with the Molecular and Systems Biology (MSBSS), Risk Assessment (RASS), Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology (SCCT), Out Toxicologists and Allies (OTA), and Mechanisms Specialty Sections/ Special Interest Groups to host the Annual Joint Mentoring Event at the SOT 2023 Annual Meeting.

Event will take place on Monday, March 20th at the OMNI Hotel in Nashville from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm.