



## LSSF *Lifees* Awards Recap



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This year, [Life Sciences South Florida](#) held our 1st Annual *Lifees* Awards at the [eMerge Americas Conference](#). This premier event honored life sciences companies who have led the way through partnerships with students, faculty, researchers, scientists and higher ed institutions. The event was held April 18, 2016 at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Look through our whole photo album [here!](#)



**Congratulations to our *Lifees* Award Winners!**

**The 2016 *Lifees* award winners are:**  
[ImmunoSite Technologies](#), a leading global provider of contract R&D and automation services concentrated on fulfilling the special needs of life science industries.  
[Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies](#), dedicated to conducting the research



**The Power of Collaboration**

*Lifees* Keynote Speaker Dan Cane, CEO of [Modernizing Medicine](#), and Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg, President of FIU, speak before the event. Mr. Cane discussed the importance of collaboration between higher ed institutions and private companies to build a pipeline of student

"The Lifees are our way of honoring those companies that are helping to transform South Florida into a life sciences epicenter," said **Saif Ishoof, Vice President of the [FIU Office of Engagement](#)**. "The work they do is essential for the development of our community and for the success of our students."

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needed to advance the understanding of human disease and the improvement of human health.

[Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience](#), a nonprofit research organization that is part of the world-renowned Max Planck Society, Germany's most successful research organization, with over 80 institutes worldwide.

[TissueTech, Inc](#), a leader in regenerative amniotic tissue-based products.

[Miami MedTech](#), the first comprehensive medical technology incubator in South Florida, which is being honored as the "Startupbootcamp New Innovator in Life Science."



[State Representative Erik Fresen](#) at the **Lifees luncheon**

"If we elect visionary leaders they will create the opportunities in our state"  
-[Palm Beach State College President, Ava Parker](#)

workforce talent that grows the life sciences economy in our region.



[Dr. Geeta Nayyar](#) implores employers to make internship opportunities available to students

The 2016 **Lifees** panelists spoke on innovation in STEM.

Moderated by FIU Vice President for Engagement, Saif Ishaq, the panelists included: **Jocelyn Cortez-Young**, Founder and CEO of [Minerva Capital Group](#); **Ranu Jung**, Interim Dean of [FIU's College of Engineering and Computing](#); **Dr. Geeta Nayyar**, Chief Healthcare & Innovation Officer for [Femwell Group Health](#); **Ava Parker**, President, [Palm Beach State College](#); and **Kimarie Stratos**, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, [Memorial Healthcare](#).



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