



Venture Dallas

Agenda: 2025 Annual Conference

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
- ▶ **Aaron Pierce** | President, Perot Jain; Chairman and Co-Founder, Venture Dallas
- 9:04 a.m. **SMU REMARKS**
Fueling the Future from the Hilltop
- ▶ **Jay Hartzell** | President, SMU
- 9:09 a.m. **FIRESIDE CHAT**
The Dallas Leadership Blueprint
- ▶ **Aaron Pierce** | President, Perot Jain; Chairman and Co-Founder, Venture Dallas
 - ▶ **Elaine Agather** | Global Vice Chair, JP Morgan Private Bank and Chairman, Dallas Region for JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- 9:25 a.m. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
Venture Capital Market Intel with NVCA's Bobby Franklin
- ▶ **Bobby Franklin** | President & CEO, NVCA
- 9:33 a.m. **FIRESIDE CHAT**
Innovation in Capital Markets & National Exchanges with the Texas Stock Exchange
- ▶ **Jeb Hensarling** | Strategic Advisor, Texas Stock Exchange & Former Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee
 - ▶ **Moderator: Ylan Mui** | Managing Director, Advisory, Penta Group
- 10:00 a.m. **Introduction**
- ▶ **Todd Milbourn** | Dean, SMU Cox School of Business





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- 10:03 a.m. **FIRESIDE CHAT**
Furthering the Texas Miracle with Ross Perot, Jr. and Drew McKnight
- ▶ **Ross Perot Jr.** | Chairman, The Perot Companies & Hillwood
 - ▶ **Drew McKnight** | Co-CEO & Managing Partner, Fortress
 - ▶ **Moderator: Javier David** | Business Editor, Dallas Morning News
- 10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Networking Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Introduction**
- ▶ **Eli Kaplan** | Sales Manager, Justworks
- 11:03 a.m. **FIRESIDE CHAT**
The Future of Humanoid Robotics
- ▶ **Jeff Cardenas** | CEO, Apptironik
 - ▶ **Chris Camillo** | Investor, Dumb Money
- 11:30 a.m. **Introduction**
- ▶ **Molly Edwards** | Executive Director, J.P. Morgan Private Bank
- 11:33 a.m. **FIRESIDE CHAT**
Access Healthcare: A Journey Through Growth and Private Equity
- ▶ **Anurag Jain** | Managing Partner, Perot Jain
 - ▶ **Moderator: Debra von Storch** | Partner (Retired), Ernst & Young
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch and Break**
- 1:15 p.m. **Start Up of the Year Awards**
- ▶ **Presented by David Evans** | Managing Partner, Sentiero



1:27 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Driving Growth Through Dallas Venture Capital

- ▶ **Trevor Rees-Jones** | Founding Partner, Cubit Capital
- ▶ **John Redgrave** | Co-Founder & General Partner, DTX Ventures
- ▶ **Rogers Healy** | Owner & CEO, Morrison Seger Venture Capital Partners
- ▶ **Jun Il Kwun** | Founder & Managing Director, Actium Group
- ▶ **Moderator: Kevin Lavelle** | Founder, Mizzen+Main & Harbor

1:50 p.m.

Introduction

- ▶ **Nicole Small** | Chief Executive Officer, LH Capital

1:53 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Advancing Life Sciences and Venture Innovation

- ▶ **Nicole Small** | Chief Executive Officer, LH Capital
- ▶ **Dr. Daniel Hommes** | Chief Innovation Officer, UT Southwestern
- ▶ **Reed Jobs** | Founder, Yosemite Venture Fund
- ▶ **Moderator: Jenn Yandle** | Executive Director - Life Sciences – Innovation Economy, JPMorgan

2:26 p.m.

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- ▶ **Louisa McCarty** | Investor, 7-Ventures

2:27 p.m.

FIRESIDE CHAT

Killer Brands: How Liquid Death Disrupted the Beverage Industry

- ▶ **Marisa Bertha** | Chief Strategy Officer, Liquid Death
- ▶ **Moderator: Blake Wiley** | Co-founder, Access Capital

2:51 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Networking Break





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3:10 p.m.

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- ▶ **Bryan Chambers** | President & Co-founder, Capital Factory

3:20 p.m.

FIRESIDE CHAT

Moonshots & Markets: A Conversation with Andy Tang

- ▶ **Andy Tang** | Partner, Draper Associates, Founding Partner, Draper Dragon
- ▶ **Moderator: Bobby Franklin** | President & CEO, NVCA

3:50 p.m.

FIRESIDE CHAT

The Race Towards Artificial General Intelligence

- ▶ **John Carmack** | Founder, Keen Technologies
- ▶ **Moderator: Jennifer Hiller** | Reporter, The Wall Street Journal

4:25 p.m.

FIRESIDE CHAT

The New Jurassic: Ben Lamm on De-extinction

- ▶ **Ben Lamm** | Co-Founder & CEO, Colossal
- ▶ **Moderator: Julie Fine** | Bloomberg

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Happy Hour

