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# FUTURE *FORWARD* GALA

CELEBRATING THE FUTURE OF FRANKLIN CUMMINGS TECH

Supporting the Student Scholarship  
Fund at Franklin Cummings Tech!

Thursday, October 19, 2023

## Our Mission

We deliver transformative technical  
and trade education that leads to  
economic advancement.

## Our Vision

To achieve economic and social impact  
through dynamic and entrepreneurial  
curricula that develops diverse tech  
talent for our region and to help graduates  
thrive by building generational wealth.

## Our Values

Supporting our diverse community.  
Fostering a supportive learning environment.



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## VIDEO WELCOME MESSAGE

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**Dr. Aisha Francis**

*President and CEO  
Franklin Cummings Tech*



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*Thank you to our chairs  
for their deep commitment to supporting  
the Student Scholarship Fund  
at Franklin Cummings Tech!*

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**Anne Bailey Berman**  
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*Founder, Ginkgo Bioworks*

**Paul Gudonis**  
*CEO, Myomo*

## **FUTURE FORWARD GALA PROGRAM**

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### **Welcome**

Latoyia Edwards, NBC10 Boston and NECN  
Gala Chairs Barry Canton and Paul Gudonis

### **Our Vision for the Future**

Turahn Dorsey, Chair, Board of Trustees

### **Our Future Forward**

Aisha Francis, PhD, President and CEO

### **My Bright Future**

Joseph Salami, Computer Information Technology '23AS

### **Fund Our Future**

Aisha Francis, PhD and Latoyia Edwards

### **Franklin Cummings Equity Catalyst Award**

Presented to New Commonwealth Racial Equity  
and Social Justice Fund

Accepted by Fred Lowery, co-founder

### **Dessert and Dancing**

FCT Lobby until 10:00 pm

*Produced by Liz Page Associates*



## FRANKLIN CUMMINGS EQUITY CATALYST AWARD

Honoring the 19 Founders of the New Commonwealth  
Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund



The New Commonwealth Fund is a coalition of Black and Brown executives in Massachusetts who have come together to leverage their individual and collective power to address and eliminate systemic racism and racial inequity in our Commonwealth.

We celebrate these visionary leaders whose generosity makes our mission more accessible to our scholars.

Dominic Blue  
Mo Cowan  
Pamela Everhart  
Linda Dorcena Forry  
Paul Francisco  
Damon Hart  
Malia Lazu

Fred Lowery  
Stephanie Lovell  
Quincy Miller  
Myechia Minter-Jordan  
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Building our new state-of-the-art campus in Nubian Square, Roxbury, will not only give us the space we need to realize Franklin Cummings Tech's full potential, but it will also transform the college into an anchor institution for the community we serve.



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To learn more or join one of our upcoming walking tours, please contact:

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The event is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the innovative achievements of both students and teachers.

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WORLD TRADE

The buildings of the future will require the workforce of the future. BGI and our partners at the 10 World Trade project are honored to participate in this year's Future Forward Gala and we congratulate all of this year's honorees for their achievements toward a more equitable and just community.

- John Hynes  
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When you graduate from Franklin Cummings Tech, you become part of a powerful network of doers. Our grads are helping to:

- shift the region toward clean energy sources
- build new green buildings
- improve people's vision and healthcare
- increase automobile performance
- protect computerized systems
- and much more!



Want to stay connected with the college and your fellow grads?

- Join us at our **free Alumni Reunion**, Nov. 8 5:30-8:30 p.m., 41 Berkely St., Boston
- **Earn \$100 by referring friends or family members** who enroll at the college
- **Share your career story** on our website
- Sign up for the **Alumni Newsletter**

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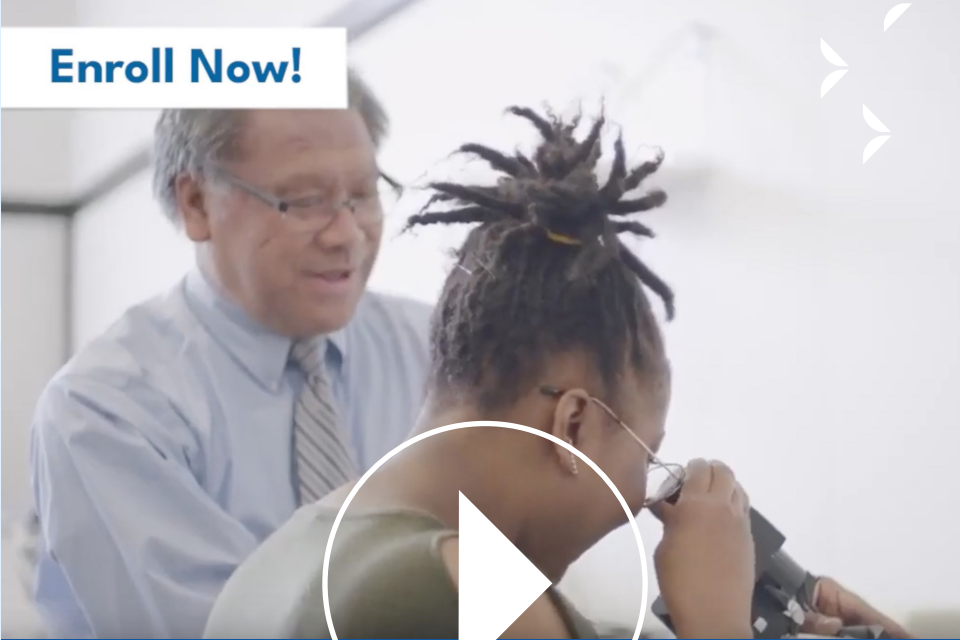
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