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## AGENDA

**10:00 – 11:00 AM – Refreshments | Networking | Believe Bundle Creation**

**11:00 – 11:15 AM – Opening Remarks**

**11:15 – 11:45 AM – Fireside Chat with Patient & Caregiver Advocates**

- Ms. Jodie Potter
  - An Emily Whitehead Foundation Board Member and proud mother of a cancer survivor
- Ms. Betsy and Mr. Beau Larrabee
  - A mother-son speaking and advocacy duo focused on childhood cancer survivorship, clinical innovation and life after treatment

**11:45AM – 12:30PM – Business Roundtable**

- Dr. Nancy Hong | Managing Director | HiTide VC
- Dr. Ha Nguyen | Senior Director | Salk Institute
- Dr. Travis Young | Executive Vice President | Calibr-Skaggs, a division of Scripps
- Mr. Ignacio Nunez | Founder | BioExcellence

**12:30 – 1:30PM – Lunch | Networking | Believe Bundle Creation**

**1:30 – 3:00 PM – San Diego Start Up Forum**

- 1:30 – 1:55PM – Dr. Dan MacCleod | CEO | Optieum Biotechnologies
- 1:55 – 2:20PM – Dr. Colin Exline | Director of R&D | Papillon Therapeutics
- 2:20 – 2:45PM – Dr. Haiyan Jiang | President & CSO | Point Loma Biosciences
- 2:45 – 3:00PM – Panel / Q&A

**3:00 – 3:45 PM – Break | Refreshments | Networking**

**3:45 – 5:00 PM – Innovations in ex vivo cell & gene therapy (Allo Edition)**

- 3:45 – 4:15PM – Dr. Dan Kaufman | Professor of Medicine & Director of Cell Therapy | UCSD
- 4:15 – 4:45PM – Dr. Christine Chen | Associate Director, MSAT | Fate Therapeutics
- 4:45 – 5:00PM – Panel / Q&A

**5:00 – 5:05 PM – Closing Remarks**

**5:05 – 7:00 PM – Dinner & Drinks | Networking | Believe Bundles**