



**BIOUTAH**  
UTAH'S INDEPENDENT LIFE SCIENCE ASSOCIATION



**HEALTH**  
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

# 2019 Translational Medicine Symposium


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# Introduction

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- President and CEO of BioUtah
- Former Chairman, President, and CEO, of Dynatronics Corp (NASDAQ:DYNT)  *Dynatronics*
- Former Mayor of Cottonwood Heights, Utah
- Family Feud Contestant

# Family Feud Actually Happened...

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# Life Sciences in Utah – 2018 Kem C. Gardner Institute Report



- **LARGEST LIFE SCIENCE JOB GROWTH OF ANY STATE FROM 2012 TO 2017**
- **43,000 JOBS EXPANDING TO OVER 130,000 JOBS**
- **JOB GROWTH RATE IS 50% HIGHER THAN STATE AVERAGE.**
- **\$13 BILLION IN DIRECT AND INDIRECT GDP**
- **\$7.6 BILLION IN PERSONAL INCOME DIRECT AND INDIRECT**
- **AVG COMPENSATION PER EMPLOYEE IN OUR INDUSTRY IS \$86,000 PER YEAR WHICH IS 46% HIGHER THAN THE STATE AVERAGE.**
- **1000 COMPANIES COVERING 21 COUNTIES AND 80 CITIES**
- **35 EMPLOYEES AVERAGE; 600 HAVE FEWER THAN 4**

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# HOW DO MOST COMPANIES GET THEIR START?



**Disney – 1923 Garden Grove, CA**



**Apple- 1976 Los Altos, CA**



**Amazon-1994 Bellevue, WA**



**Microsoft-1975 Albuquerque, NM**

## HOW DO MOST COMPANIES GET THEIR START?

- LIFE SCIENCE COMPANIES START IN A DIFFERENT KIND OF GARAGE.
- MOST ARE LABS MUCH AS YOU WORK IN HERE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH.



# Our Garage for Dynatronics

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Dunford  
BAKERS



# Humble Beginnings – Pittsburg State University

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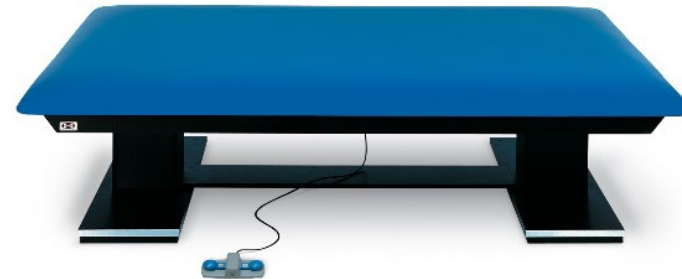


# It All Starts With Innovation ...



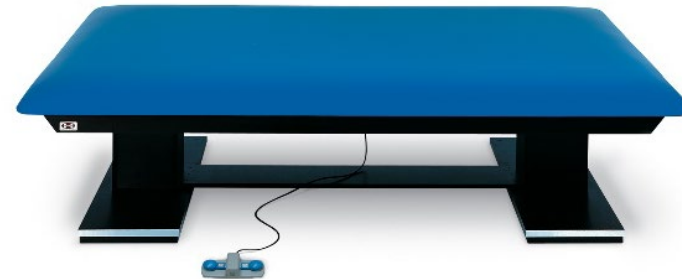
# Continued Innovation

- Miniaturized products
- Ultrasound – Patented 3 Frequency
- Affordable pricing
- Introduced many other new products



# Patients Treated & Benefitted

- 30,000 devices
- Each treating 2 patients a day 250 days a year
- 15,000,000 patient treatments per year.



# Virtues of Product Commercialization

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- **Commercialization is not a swear word.**
- Research for research sake is honorable.
- Converting research to products that relieve pain & suffering is noble.
- Not many industries have the virtue of being able to say that in the process of pursuing their corporate objectives, they:
  - Create high paying jobs thus providing livelihoods for hundreds or thousands of families.
  - Relieve pain and suffering
  - Improve quality of life
  - Restore functionality
  - Extend Life.



*Science Without  
Walls*



# WHY INNOVATE?

Brent Hunt – President and  
Founder

MULTIPLE KNEE AND  
SHOULDER  
REPLACEMENTS



# SOFT CELL TECHNOLOGY

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- Brent studied Microbiology and managed the lab at DSU in the early 80's
- Set up a work station in the museum to with permission from Dr. Barnum.
- Started with fixed stain slides studying bacteria then moved to sterile wet slides.
- Gathered blood samples – got 71 samples at his 35 year high school reunion.
- Over the last five years, he developed ways to culture L-Form Bacteria.



# SOFT CELL TECHNOLOGY

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- Ultimately moved from museum area to a 2000 square foot lab.
- Now building a 13,000 square foot CLIA Lab.
- Product is a blood bottle that they use to test for L-form bacteria
- Innumerable strains of L-form bacteria. Each test is like a proprietary research study on the patient.
- Patented their methods and are presently doing research work with Johns Hopkins, Oxford University and many other prestigious institutions.
- Prepared to begin commercializing their product to benefit the lives of patients all over the world.

## Rest of the Story....

- After his studies in Microbiology, Brent went on to be a successful dry wall contractor.
- Only after retiring from that job did he turn his attention back to his love of microbiology.



# RESOURCES BEYOND CAMPUS BOUNDARIES

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- University of Utah has produced many successful companies.
  - Myriad Genetics
  - Recursion Pharmaceuticals
- BioUtah works to create partnerships between academia and industry.
- Utah home to many successful Life Sciences companies
  - Merit Medical
  - Edwards Life Sciences
  - Polarity TE
  - Recursion Pharmaceuticals
  - Becton Dickinson/Bard
  - Stryker
  - Dynatronics Corporation
- Understand the broader ecosystem of Life Sciences in Utah

# TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE

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- Every successful product began with successful research. But not all successful research has been converted to a successful product.
- Every successful product has addressed a specific need. But not all needs have been met with successful products.
- We have seen incredible advances in medical innovation and cures. Much of that starts with a physician or researcher who begins to think outside the box and ask why.
- Published research is a crowning achievement in academia. But it is not an end unto itself. It is the platform from which lives can be changed. Indeed, I would say researchers have an obligation to translate their research into products that change lives.



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**Translating  
your research  
to medical  
products WILL  
CHANGE  
LIVES!!!**



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