

SPECIAL *RSVP* EVENT

LIFE SCIENCES COMMERCIALIZATION LECTURE SERIES

Tuesday February 17, 2009

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, 2nd Floor
701 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

“From Buffalo to Cambridge: The UB Tie to Acceleron Pharma”

John Knopf, Ph.D.

CEO and Founder - Acceleron Pharma, Cambridge MA

Dr. Knopf received his Ph.D. from SUNY Buffalo and is now leading Acceleron, a privately held biopharmaceutical company, through the successful development of unique GDF-targeted therapies for bone growth, muscle growth, and anti-angiogenesis. Discussion topics will include lessons learned by this UB alum during the commercialization path and unique perspectives into his experiences to date.

Acceleron Highlights:

- ◇ Financed by over nine leading investment firms
- ◇ Feb. 2008: Signed a co-development deal with Celgene worth \$50 million upfront
- ◇ Dec. 2008: Published Phase I trial results for the first biologic agent included in Celgene deal

Reception for RSVP attendees to follow at 5PM

- Ulrich's Tavern, 674 Ellicott St. -

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