



**Debbie Hart**  
Founding President & CEO  
BioNJ

Debbie Hart worked alongside NJ's biotechnology industry leaders to establish BioNJ in 1994 and has been dedicated to building NJ's life sciences ecosystem ever since. Debbie was recently named by Governor Murphy to the New Jersey Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology; as co-chair of the New Jersey Higher Education Strategic Plan Research, Innovation and Talent Working Group; and the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and Business Partnership. Debbie served as chair of the bipartisan, bicameral New Jersey Biotechnology Task Force which was charged with making recommendations to the Legislature for fostering the growth of the biotechnology industry in New Jersey. The report was issued in June 2018. Debbie is a founding board member and officer of OpportunityNJ, a non-profit organization working toward a strong and sustainable State economy; and serves on the boards of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and Choose New Jersey. Debbie was named one of the world's 100 Most Influential People in Biotechnology by *Scientific American Worldview*; to ROI-NJ's 2018 Influencers Power List; to the 2019 *NJBIZ* Health Care Power 50, to *PharmaVOICE*'s 2019 100 Most Inspiring People list; one of New Jersey's top CEOs by *COMMERCE Magazine* and for the seventh time in 2019 to the *NJBIZ* Power 100, a listing of the 100 most influential people in New Jersey business.