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Welcome to a new chapter of *Scaling Up(dates)*. As editor, I'll be curating the breakthroughs, insights, and momentum driving Forge and the broader biotech ecosystem. Here's what we have for you this month...

- **From the Lab:** A look at our facility in "23 Questions with Ron & Mark."
- **"Viral" News:** Ascidian and Forge announce manufacturing partnership, and more.
- **Ember Events:** Connect with our team live at JPM this month.
- **Genes of Interest:** A spotlight on IT at Forge with Craig Koler.
- **Top Trending Post:** Forge's "2025 Wrapped!"
- **Gene-ius Jobs:** QA Operations Lead.

From the Lab

A fresh "23 Questions with Ron & Mark" on Forge's facility dedicated to AAV manufacturing

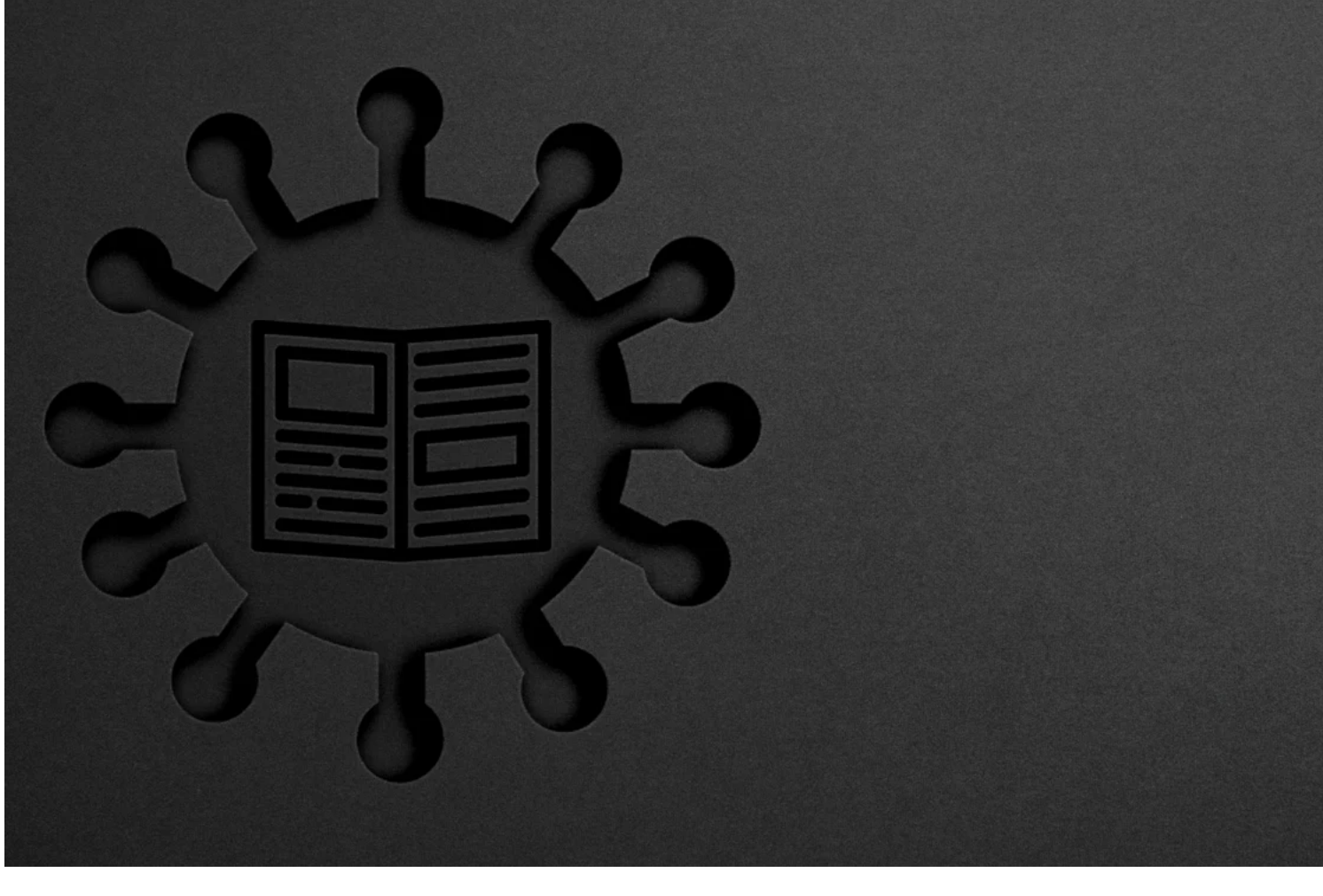


In this episode of "[23 Questions with Forge](#)," **Ron Chantung** and **Mark Galinato** break down how the Hearth enables scalable AAV manufacturing built for what's next in gene therapy.

From the flywheel that powers uninterrupted manufacturing to dedicated air handling systems and a walkable ceiling above our cGMP suites, Ron and Mark share how operational excellence and commercial readiness have been planned for and built into every layer of Forge, from day one.

"Viral" News

The latest and greatest news about Forge



- **Jan 7, PRESS RELEASE:** [Ascidian Therapeutics and Forge Biologics Announce Manufacturing Partnership to Advance RNA Editing Therapy for Stargardt Disease](#)
- **Jan 7,** [Ascidian Therapeutics and Forge Biologics Partner to Advance RNA Editing Therapy for Stargardt Disease](#), *Life Science Connect*
- **Jan 6, 2026:** [Putting the Reindustrialization Mandate Into Practice](#), *BioSpace*
- **Dec 23, 2025:** [The Year Trump Pushed Manufacturing Into the Spotlight](#), *BioSpace*

You can always find more Forge news [here](#), including more coverage of our announcement about Ascidian this month.

Ember Events

Opportunities to connect with our team live at these events



- Jan 12-15: [J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference](#) / San Francisco
- Jan 13: MDA Gene Therapy Summit / Tucson
- Feb 9-12: [Advanced Therapies Week](#) / San Diego

Can't make it to an upcoming event? Connect with us [virtually](#).

Genes of Interest

Our employee spotlight showcasing the individuals behind Forge that make our team unique



Keeping data integrity at the core. Meet **Craig Koler**, our Associate Director of Information Technology.

Craig plays a critical role in safeguarding Forge's digital ecosystem, ensuring data integrity and seamless connections between the systems that drive our labs, manufacturing, and business operations. From solving complex tech challenges to building bridges between IT and OT, Craig and his team help keep the digital heartbeat of Forge strong every day.

When he's not powering data and innovation at Forge, you might find Craig behind a drum kit or catching up on his favorite shows.

Find out more about Craig in our latest [Genes of Interest](#) spotlight!

Top Trending Post

See how many bioreactors we could have filled with all our coffee in 2025, plus other milestones from Forge's biggest year yet



2025 was our highest-yielding year yet! Not just in batches, but in impact.

Take a look a few fun statistics and moments from the year in our "[2025 Wrapped](#)" post on LinkedIn.

Gene-ius Jobs

Featuring the latest career opportunities at Forge



We're seeking a **QA Operations Lead** to guide quality oversight for GMP manufacturing activities and support the development of our Quality Assurance team.

Your leadership and quality expertise will play a vital role in ensuring the safe, compliant production of AAV gene therapy products and in advancing our mission to enable access to life-changing therapies.

Take a look at the job description and browse the latest career opportunities at Forge. [Apply now!](#)

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Stay inspired, stay curious, and keep the fires of innovation burning!

Warm regards,
The Forge Team

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