

## ***Gary H. Richardson***



Gary H. Richardson '76 is currently CEO and co-founder of Plantacor, Inc. a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the development of therapeutic products for use in the treatment of cancer and other human diseases. Located in College Station, Plantacor is working closely with scientists at Texas A&M University and others on therapeutic drug candidates as well as a unique formulation method that may be used to deliver certain chemical compounds in humans that are difficult to solubilize and absorb. Their first drug candidate targets "Basal-like" breast cancer, a recently identified sub-type that is very aggressive, has a high mortality rate and to which no targeted therapy is currently available.

Richardson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M in 1976 and completed an executive management program at the Krannert School of Business at Purdue University in 1992.

With over thirty years of entrepreneurial, executive, administrative and operational experience with agricultural, life science and biotechnology businesses worldwide, Richardson has traveled extensively and been actively involved in many geographic areas of the world in establishing collaborative relationships, corporate subsidiaries, joint ventures, research facilities and investment opportunities. Richardson is currently a member of the Business, Arts and Tourism sub Committee of the BCS Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Brazos Valley Worldfest in College Station. He has been a director of companies in the US, Italy and India, is a member and vice chairman of the College of Agriculture Development Council, at Texas A&M University and a Councilor of the Texas A&M Research Foundation.

Richardson is past Chairman of the International Committee of the American Seed Trade Association in Washington and represented the Association on trips to Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt.

Richardson is married with three children and six grandchildren.