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Newsletter of the Student Affiliates Program
Faculty Advisor Network

Chapter Announcements

Get an Early Start on These Upcoming Deadlines

- Proposals for Community Interaction Grants and Innovative Activities Grants are due on **June 3, 2009**.
- National Meeting Travel Grant applications for the 238th ACS Fall National Meeting in Washington D.C are due on **June 15, 2009**.

More information is now available on-line at www.acs.org/saprogram.

Take the 2009 ACS "I am proud to be a chemist" Presidential Challenge

Student chapters can win \$1,500 while helping K-12 students become aware of who chemists are and understand that if they really want to help save the planet, chemistry is the central science!

The Challenge is for ACS student chapters to finish the phrase "I am proud to be a chemist because..." using video, print, or other multimedia communication tool. Award criteria will include conveying a clear and coherent message in a creative manner; providing content that is both accurate and age appropriate for a K-12 audience; and using proper safety precautions. Your entry should feature real life chemists from your community, explaining what they do and how they improve people's lives. Award winning entries will be spotlighted on the ACS website. Only one entry per chapter is allowed and only active chapters are eligible to receive an award.

Student chapters who plan to enter the challenge must indicate their intent to participate and mention the type of media they plan to use by **Friday, June 5, 2009**. To register or for more information, contact the Undergraduate Programs Office at saprogram@acs.org with "2009 ACS Presidential Challenge" in the subject line.

Undergraduate Program at Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS 2009)

The Southeastern Regional meeting (SERMACS) will take place **October 21 – 24** at the San Juan, Puerto Rico Convention Center. A full schedule of undergraduate programming is planned that includes a graduate School Fair; an undergraduate research poster session; networking with peer scientists and two Nobel Laureate Chemists who will speak on **Thursday, October 22**. Hear Roald Hoffmann speak about The Chemical Imagination at Work in Very Tight Places, and Harry Kroto on Architecture in NanoSpace. Informal discussions with the laureates will follow during a luncheon. Other exciting programming includes a green chemistry workshop sponsored by Pfizer; a tour of the University of Puerto Rico Chemistry Department; and a Presidential National Chemistry Week (NCW) event, "Festival de Química", which will be held on **Friday, October 23**. Student members will interact with K-12 students from around the island and teach them hands-on demonstrations related to the 2009 NCW theme "Chemistry—It's Elemental". For more information on the meeting, visit the SERMACS website at www.sermacs2009.org.

Apply for an Undergraduate Programming at Regional Meetings Grant

ACS student chapters interested in hosting undergraduate programming at 2010 ACS regional meetings are invited to submit grant proposals. Hosting the undergraduate program at an ACS regional meeting can be a very rewarding experience for your chapter. Chapter members can gain leadership and financial management skills, while providing important services to other undergraduates attending the meeting. For more information, please contact Audley Burke at a_burke@acs.org, or at 1-800-227-5558, ext. 4565. *Please note that the deadline for submitting spring 2010 regional meeting proposals is **September 23, 2009**.*

Office of High School Chemistry Unveils the ChemClub Community Activities Grant

ACS President Thomas Lane and the Office of High School Chemistry are pleased to announce the first [ACS High School ChemClub Community Activities](#) grants, which will be awarded in the fall of 2009. **A special award with a maximum value of \$500 will be granted to ACS High School ChemClubs that collaborate with ACS student chapters on community activities.** Please encourage and empower your students to reach out to the local high school chemistry clubs to plan and collaborate on a community activity. Examples of such joint activities may include: science demonstrations at a local elementary or middle school; promoting chemistry in your community; and tutoring programs for chemistry students. To locate the ACS High School ChemClubs in your area please check out the [ChemClub Directory](#). To find out more about the ACS High School ChemClub program, please contact chemclub@acs.org or visit www.acs.org/chemclub.

Celebrating Chemistry Is Going Online!!

ACS is happy to announce that the 2009 National Chemistry Week (NCW) edition of *Celebrating Chemistry* will be available online through the [NCW home page](#) in early June. It will contain hands-on activities and articles geared for students in grades 4–6. The NCW Enthusiast Order Form will also be ready to receive your orders in early June. Watch for future email updates regarding the order form and other relevant NCW information.

Faculty Announcements

Employers are hiring! - ACS Virtual Career Fair June 8-12, 2009

During the Virtual Career Fair you'll be able to:

- Attend webinars and get career advice.
- Interview virtually.
- Post and edit your resume.
- Search job postings by field of specialization, work function, educational level, or employer.
- Create job search agents.
- Request interviews.
- View your interviews scheduled by employers.
- Maintain your personal calendar.
- Have notices sent to your personal email account.

[Win the Flip Ultra or other prizes](#) for referring scientists or employers. **Registration opens May 25, 2009.** [Sign up for our email alerts](#). Go to www.acs.org/careers for more information.

The 2009 Collegiate Inventors Competition is Now Accepting Applications!

This prestigious program shines a spotlight on deserving researchers and innovators early in their careers providing support and inspiration to those who have tremendous potential to make the world healthier, the economy stronger, and the planet safer. Go to www.invent.org/collegiate for more information and to download the application.

- Grand Prize \$25,000
- Top Undergraduate Prize \$15,000
- Top Graduate Prize \$15,000

Up to 12 Finalists will be selected to advance to the final judging round. Each will 1) receive an all-expense trip to the final judging round and awards ceremony, 2) meet and present their work to a distinguished panel of judges, and 3) receive a \$2000 cash prize per team. Advisors to the Grand Prize, Top Undergraduate, and Top Graduate Prize winners will also be awarded a cash prize. The presenting sponsors of this year's Competition are the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Abbott Fund.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity. All applications must be postmarked by **June 16, 2009**. If you have questions please e-mail collegiate@invent.org or call Joyce Ward at 1-800-968-4332, ext. 6951.

Big Science, Big Fun, in the Big Easy

The Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) brings its 30th Annual Meeting to New Orleans on **November 19–23**. What's in it for you and your students?

- 1700 presentations on a theme you can relate to: *Human–Environmental Interactions: Understanding Change in Dynamic Systems*
- Government, business, academic, and nongovernmental organizations offering jobs through the SETAC Career Center
- Travel subsidies for qualified student presenters

Submit your abstract at neworleans.setac.org! The **abstract deadline is June 6**. Meeting registration opens in July. Not a SETAC member? Join and save on meeting fees.

Student Events at the 13th Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference

The 13th Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference (GC&E) is the premier meeting of the year for scientists, engineers, and corporate leaders engaged in the business of sustainability. The Conference will be held at the Marriott Inn and Convention Center in College Park, MD on **June 23-25, 2009**. A range of events have been assembled specifically for undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows.

Preceding the 3-day conference is a full-day student workshop including presentations by leaders in green chemistry and green engineering, interactive sessions, and opportunities for networking designed for undergraduate, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows attending the GC&E conference. This free workshop will be held on **Monday, June 22, 2009**, and is available to those who register for the conference, as long as space allows.

The Conference is also offering incentives for faculty to bring students:

- One free faculty registration for every 10 paid student registrations
- One discounted (\$315) faculty registration for every 5 paid student registrations

For more details on this exciting conference and for updates and scholarship announcements, visit www.gcande.org.

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Undergraduate Programming at the ACS Fall National Meeting in Washington, DC

Join us on **August 16-17, 2009** in Washington, DC for an informative and stimulating undergraduate program at the ACS national meeting. Attend technical symposia on ocean and atmospheric chemistry. Listen to Nobel Laureate Susan Solomon speak on ozone depletion. Attend workshops on the chemistry of our oceans and atmosphere, green chemistry, and planning science events for kids. For more details, visit <http://www.acs.org/saprogram>.

Graduating Seniors – Don't Lose Touch with ACS!

Congratulations on earning your Bachelor's degree! It's time to convert your student affiliation to full ACS member status. The great news is, as a 2009 graduate, you will **save 50% off of the regular member rate**. If you're going to grad school in the fall, there's even more good news! You'll **save an additional 50% and will join ACS as a full member for only \$35!** So, don't delay! Become a full member now to take advantage of the many benefits membership offers, including access to the NEW ACS Harvard eLearning Library online courses. Converting to membership is easy. Simply complete an [online membership application](#). And, if you join by May 22nd, you'll get a Periodic Table of the Elements beach towel free!

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