



# ACS-GHS

## April 2020 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

April 15th - CCEW Poetry Contest

April 19th - Chemists Celebrate Earth Day at Discovery Green -**Cancelled**

April 20th - ACS-GHS Monthly Board Meeting (Online Only)

May 16th - 2020 ACS-GHS Scholarship Exam - **Cancelled**

August 22nd - Climate Solutions Symposium

[Check our website and below for details on these upcoming events.](#)

### A Note from the Chair



Dear friends,

These days are confusing and strange. I wanted to reach out to you as Chair of the Greater Houston Local Section, but also as a fellow member of the ACS. I am, just like you, following the news. I am, just like you, trying to make the best of a strange and scary situation. Some decisions are relatively simple; our monthly board meetings are being held in the virtual space only. Others, like the cancellation of our scheduled outreach events (Boy Scout Fair & Chemists Celebrate Earth Week), are heart wrenching and beyond our control. We want to encourage all our members to act in the best interest of public health and safety and follow all protocols recommended by our local officials and leaders.

- Follow all mandated Stay Home, Work Safe orders
- Wash your hands frequently
- Limit travel
- Practice social distancing.

Since we will be unable to maintain our regularly scheduled events for the next few months, we are pursuing innovative ways to continue to provide accurate scientific information, advance member careers, improve education, and communicate chemistry's value. While the situation may seem dire, I am filled with hope in the ideas our board has brought forward to make the best of a bad situation. If you know of a need in your community that we might be able to address please reach out to us at [acs-ghs@acs-ghs.org](mailto:acs-ghs@acs-ghs.org). If you would like to be a part of the exciting process of developing new ways of meeting the needs in our communities that only our organization can offer, let us know. We would be happy to include you.

Crystal A. Young, ACS-GHS Chair

### Chemists Celebrate Earth Day: Illustrated Poetry Contest

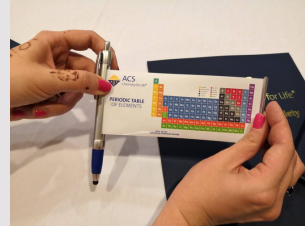


ACS-GHS is excited to host an Illustrated Poetry Contest for Chemists Celebrate Earth Week. This year the theme is Protecting Our Planet Through Chemistry and we are looking forward to seeing what local students have to contribute to this timely topic. The contest is open to students in grades K-12, with the categories being broken into four age groups, so all can try their hand at art and chemistry. Please download the [flyer](#) and [entry form](#) and start your poem today. If you have any questions, please contact Amiee Modic at [chemmodic@gmail.com](mailto:chemmodic@gmail.com). Happy drawing and happy writing!

### ACS National Career Day Houston

The ACS National team hosted ACS Career Day in Houston on Saturday, March 7th. This year's career event provided a wealth of career advice and

networking opportunities. The morning kicked off with a series of workshops designed to get attendees thinking about how they can prepare for interviews and demonstrate their value to an employer. There were ample opportunities to network with other participants and one-on-one meetings with ACS Career Consultants were available throughout the afternoon.



## Younger Chemist Committee Networking Happy Hour



everyone that attended, and we look forward to seeing you at future events!

The ACS-GHS Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) hosted a post-Career Day Happy Hour networking event immediately following ACS Career Day Houston at State Fare on Gessner Rd., a local restaurant/bar located near the Career Day Venue. Attendees were able to wind down with good company and social conversation, and even got to network with Professor Molenium who, as always, was the life of the party. It was great to meet

## ACS Virtual Educational Resources

ACS has a number of educational resources available online. Everything from coloring books to Earth Day activities is available. Materials are targeted for all ages (kindergarten to college). Follow the link below to check out everything that is available.

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/outreach/ccew/educational-resources.html>

## Climate Solutions Symposium



The symposium is co-hosted by Climate Solutions for Texas and the Engineering, Science & Technology Council of Houston. For more information view the program [here](#) and to register [click here](#).

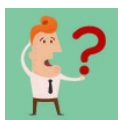
**Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**9am - 12pm**

University of Houston  
Student Center Theater  
4455 University Dr.  
Houston, TX 77204

## Career Opportunities at Oak Ridge National Lab

The Energy and Transportation Science Division of Oak Ridge National Laboratory is seeking highly motivated individuals for the following career opportunities: Chemical Engineer for Research of Clean Energy Systems (Req ID 2660); Analytical Chemist for Renewable Fuels (Req ID 2660); and Sustainable Transportation and Research Scientist in Modeling and Simulation of Chemical Systems for Clean Energy (Req ID 2659). For more information, search the job listings at [jobs.ornl.gov](http://jobs.ornl.gov)

## Guess the Molecule



I am an electrophile that is often used in Diels-Alder reactions that is also an effective topical treatment for psoriasis. What compound am I?

March's Answer: **Ciprofloxacin**

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