



ACS-GHS August 2019 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

August 24th - August Seminar

August 24th - Culinary Chemistry

September 9th - Dinner and Seminar with ACS President Dr. Bonnie Charpentier

September 15th - Awards Nominations due

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

Career Management in Uncertain Times: August Seminar



During this seminar, we discuss career management during uncertain times. Some of the questions we address include:

- What common mistakes do professionals make when managing their careers?
- What are the top 5 things you can do to enhance your career?
- How many decisions separate you from unemployment?
- How long would it take to find another job, if needed?

Curtis Swisher is President of SpirePointe Consulting. He is a professional coach, consultant, e-course designer, public speaker and author. During 30 years with The Dow Chemical Company, he enjoyed three careers: Technical – doing process research and development as an engineer, Leadership – supervising others' research, & Internal consultant – Organizational development and leadership training.

Networking and refreshments from 6-6:30, seminar to follow. To register, click [here](#). Can't attend in person? We'll be streaming the event on [YouTube Live](#) starting at 6:30 pm.

Monday, August 19th
6:00 - 8:00 pm
University of St. Thomas
4116 Yoakum Blvd.
Center for Science and Health Professions Room 252,
Houston, TX 77006

Cooking for a Cause: Culinary Chemistry Class



Join A2nd Cup, ACS and local cooks to expand your palate and culinary horizons through intriguing and unique classes as we present Cooking Classes: Expand Your Palate, the theme will be Culinary Chemistry by Will Hutcheson + Crystal Young. We cannot wait to have them as teachers for our upcoming Culinary Chemistry class! For more information and to purchase tickets, please click [here](#).

Saturday, August 24th
6:00 pm
A2nd Cup
1111 East 11th Street
Houston, TX 77009

Save the Date Dinner Seminar with the ACS President

The GHS is honored to host ACS President Dr. Bonnie Charpentier at the University of St. Thomas on

Awards Nominations



The Awards Committee is seeking nominees for ACS local section. The list of Greater Houston Section awards can also be found on the [GHS Awards page](#). Local section nomination packets must be submitted to the Awards Committee Chair by **September 15th**.

Project Seed Celebration 2019



The GHS celebrated another successful summer of Project SEED with a research forum on August 2nd at the University of St. Thomas. Student fellows spent the summer conducting research in laboratories around Houston and gathered to share their results with peers, family, and ACS members as posters and oral presentations. Marchelle Roberson, 2010 & 2011 ACS-GHS Project SEED fellow and 2019 graduate of the University of St. Thomas, spoke to this year's fellows and attendees on the topic of perseverance and how the choices we make today influence our future. Congratulations to all our 2019 Project SEED fellows and

special thanks to the students' families and mentors for their encouragement and support.

If you are interested in becoming a Project SEED mentor or applying for a Summer Fellowship, [please see here for more information](#).

Summer Social

Celebrating the International Year of the Periodic Table



The ACS Greater Houston and Brazosport local sections held their annual Summer Social on Saturday, August 3rd at The Printing Museum. Attendees were able to explore the museum and were treated to a brief tour of the museum's reproduction Gutenberg printing press, as well as a press from Benjamin Franklin's era and a Linotype machine that was used by the Houston Chronicle until the 1970s. In addition to friendly discussion and light refreshments, hands-on printing of Mendeleev's original periodic table was set up in the print shop to commemorate the International Year of the Periodic Table. Thanks to everyone who attended, and special thanks to Artist-in-Residence Charles Criner for conducting the printing press tour.

Volunteer Spotlight - 2019 ACS Fellow

Amiee Modic has been an active participant in district, local, state, and national Chemical Education for her entire teaching career. She was recognized as a Fellow for the American Chemical Society in San Diego this year. Amiee continues to demonstrate her creative, enthusiastic ardor for top-notch chemical education; and during her presentations, she has always been cognizant of potential student misconceptions and has provided experienced and new teachers alike, with the tools to approach a new topic or technique with confidence. She assisted with the pre-college program planning for the 2006 Southwest Regional Meeting, coordinated all the Illustrated Poem contests, both NCW and CCED, and has been dedicated to Science Olympiad. During our section's centennial year, she served



as a committee member for the gala. She is currently focused serving as a member of the Awards committee. Her continued dedication to students and ACS makes her our spotlight volunteer this month!

Chemistry Comic by Sidney Harris



"CONFOUND IT - SOMEBODY PUT A
TUNA FISH IN OUR MERCURY."

"This ironic cartoon by Sidney Harris recalls a time of the great mercury-in-tuna scare. Certainly, mercury contamination can be a deadly problem, but I think this threat pales in comparison with other environmental challenges we face for a growing population, such as how to generate more energy, how to make more drinkable water, and how to grow more food that people want to eat, all in a sustainable manner." – Richard N. Zare (Stanford University)

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