



# ACS-GHS February 2021 Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

February 9<sup>th</sup> - 3rd IUPAC Global Women's Breakfast

February 13<sup>th</sup> - Science and Engineering Fair of Houston - Volunteer Judging Starts

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

## 3rd IUPAC Global Women's Breakfast 2021



Virtual Networking and Panel Discussion  
"Empowering Diversity in Science"

Tuesday, February 9th, 2021

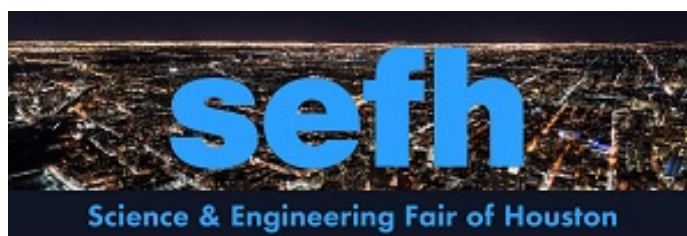
7:00 – 9:00 am

Via Zoom

[Click here to Register](#)

In collaboration with the Brazosport ACS, we are pleased to co-host a networking session and panel discussion as part of the third annual IUPAC Global Women's Breakfast. To recognize this year's theme of empowering diversity in science, participants who register by February 2nd will receive a link with 72-hour access to view the documentary film "Picture a Scientist" through an online screening room prior to the virtual gathering. Participants can register up to the day of the networking/panel event. For more details, visit our website. Details are up on the [website](#)

## Science & Engineering Fair of Houston Call for Judges



The Science & Engineering Fair of Houston has gone virtual for 2021 and the call for volunteer judges is now open. The first round of judging will be asynchronous and require about 6 hours of time between Saturday, February 13th and Thursday, February 18th, 2021, from any location with a laptop/desktop computer and internet access. Detailed instructions and training will be provided.

Saturday, February 13th - Thursday, February 18th

~6 hrs total

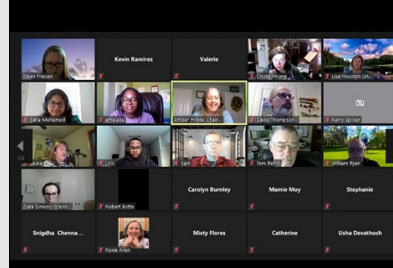
Online, Asynchronous

[For more information or to sign up as a volunteer judge, click here to visit the SEFH 2021 website.](#)

## Kicking Off the New Year with the GHS!

The 2021 GHS Executive Board, volunteers, and interested members met via Zoom on the afternoon of Saturday, January

16th to review the section's strategic goals and annual plans, assign committee chairs and volunteers, and ensure a smooth transition between board members in new positions. We had a great turnout and are thrilled to welcome several new volunteers to our various committees! Great plans are in the works for 2021 despite the ongoing challenges of the COVID pandemic, so stay tuned...



## ACS-GHS Volunteer of the Year 2020



Laura Smith Callahan is a Director of the Greater Houston Section and Chair of the Communications & Technology Committee, where she coordinates with our newsletter editor and website administrator to keep members up to date on important section news. Laura is also the powerhouse behind our social media accounts, sharing our section's events and achievements along with a wide range of content to drive community interest and engagement in chemistry. She is instrumental in helping us welcome new section members and has been an active participant in several of our virtual program events during 2020. Laura, thanks for your hard work and congratulations on being named the GHS Volunteer of the Year for 2020!

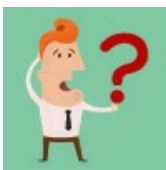
## Polymeric Materials for Additive Manufacturing

### GOLDEN GATE POLYMER FORUM



The San Francisco Bay Area polymer science organization, the Golden Gate Polymer Forum, is sponsoring a short course in 3D Printing, March 29-31. It will be taught by Prof. Timothy Long, Arizona State University, and Professors Christopher Williams and Michael Bortner, both of Virginia Tech, all of whom are experts in the topic. No previous experience in Additive Manufacturing required. An excellent resource for anyone who needs a good introductory tutorial on various materials and methods. Please note that the Early Registration price of \$400 will increase to \$500 on Feb. 19. Click [here](#) for course details and registration form.

## Guess the Molecule \*New for 2021\*



Play "What Molecule Am I?" with the Greater Houston Section of the American Chemical Society! Every month, we will post clues to a mystery molecule in our electronic newsletter and on our website. Enter your guess [here](#) into the contest form each month. Each correct answer will get you one entry into our 2021 prize raffle for a maximum of 12 entries per person. At the end of the year, we will tally up the correct answers and enter them into a draw for a chemistry-themed prize pack!

### Rules:

- One entry per email per month. If more than one response is received, only the first one will be considered.
- Only \*correct\* responses will count towards a raffle entry...but we promise not to judge too harshly.
- Monthly responses must be received by 11:59pm on the last day of that month.
- Final entries must be received by December 31, 2021 and the Grand Prize Winner will be announced in the January 2022 e-newsletter

### February's clue

I can be helpful during cold season. I like to break up phlegm and allow coughs to be productive. What compound am I? *Answer must be submitted [here](#) by 11:59 pm on February 28, 2021.*

January's Answer: Vancomycin

