



# ACS-GHS January 2021 Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

January 19<sup>th</sup> - 2021 Kickoff Meeting

January 31<sup>st</sup> - Deadline for Chemistry Olympiad Registration

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.](#)

## GHS 2021 Kick-off Meeting

Volunteers Welcome!

The 2021 GHS Executive Board and associated volunteers will be meeting in January 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. This is a great opportunity for members interested in volunteering with the GHS to meet the board and get involved in our 2021 activities. RSVP to receive the Zoom meeting link by email.



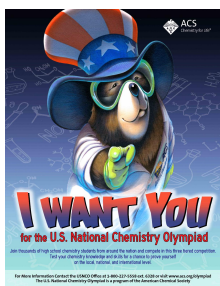
Saturday, January 16th

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Via Zoom

<https://acsghs.wildapricot.org/event-4079811>

## 2021 ACS Chemistry Olympiad



The Greater Houston Local Section will participate in the 2021 United States National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) competition administered by the American Chemical Society (ACS). Due to the ongoing health concern, the local competition will take place at each participating student's own high school campus during the first week of March 2021. For further information and the registration form, please contact Dr. Jerry Yang at [acs.ghs.cho@gmail.com](mailto:acs.ghs.cho@gmail.com).

The registration deadline is January 31, 2021 (Sunday).

## Save the Date



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

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.

## Science & Engineering Fair of Houston Call for Judges



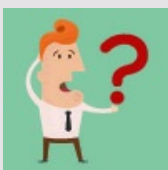
The Science & Engineering Fair of Houston has gone virtual for 2021 and the call for volunteer judges is now open. The first round of judging will be asynchronous and require about 6 hours of time between Saturday, February 13th and Thursday, February 18th, 2021, from any location with a laptop/desktop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

## 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

### January's clue

I fight gram-positive bacteria, but I don't do much in the gut. Someone locally synthesized me. What compound am I? *Answer must be submitted [here](#) by 11:59 pm on January 31, 2021.*

December's Answer: Nepetalactone

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