



ACS-GHS June 2019 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

June 17th - ACS-GHS Monthly Board Meeting

June 26th - WCC Speed Networking Event

August 3rd - [Summer Social](#) with ACS Brazosport Section

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

WCC Speed Networking Event

Join us for a social event to boost your network organized by the Women Chemists Committee. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP [here](#).

Wednesday, June 26th
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Center for Science and Health Professionals
4116 Yoakum Blvd
Houston, TX 77006

ACS Project SEED: College Scholarship Recipient



Congratulations to Zainab Abolade!

Zainab is a recipient of the American Chemical Society: Project SEED college scholarship for 2019. In high school, she was the founder and president of the Science National Honor Society, vice president of UNICEF, vice president of WriterZ Block and member of the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, AVID and Science Olympiad. "With each club and organization, I gained a new strength that helped mold me into becoming a well-rounded individual. I would like to thank Mrs. Carolyn McDonald Burnley for providing me with the opportunity of a lifetime and helping turn my dreams into reality. Mrs. Latha

Veranani, my chemistry teacher, who encouraged me to apply for Project SEED. Dr. Pavan Raja and Dr. Andrew Barron from Rice University for allowing me to work in their lab and guiding me in the right path. Thank you all so much for aiding and guiding me through this experience."

In the fall, she will be majoring in Biochemistry at Texas A&M University, and be a part of the university Honors Program.

Periodically Crafty!



This year marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of Mendeleev's Periodic Table of Chemical Elements in 1869. The Greater Houston Section (ACS-GHS) is celebrating the International Year of the

Periodic Table by making periodic table quilts and other themed crafts. If you would like to help by sewing, if you're a teacher who would like to teach your students about the elements by making a quilt, or if you have other ideas for celebrating IYPT, please contact Catherine Faler at catherine.a.faler@exxonmobil.com

Partners for Progress and Prosperity (P3) Award

This award serves to encourage and recognize successful and exemplary partnerships between industry, academia, government, small business and/or other scientific organizations, such as ACS local sections, ACS divisions, ACS international chapters, other scientific societies, in one or more of the following categories:

- Improving the public perception and appreciation for chemistry
- Promoting career advancement opportunities and/or supporting entrepreneurship in the chemistry enterprise
- Advancing advocacy efforts with government and other thought leaders
- Supporting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) education and/or research

The best nomination from the local section will be submitted for the Southwest Regional Award. More details can be found [here](#)

Awards Nominations



The Awards Committee is seeking nominees for ACS local section and regional awards. 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.

The list of ACS regional awards can be found [here](#), along with application requirements. Contact the Awards Committee Chair at acs-ghs@acs-ghs.org regarding regional award nominations. Regional award nomination packets should be submitted by August 1st.

Chemistry Comic by Sidney Harris



Many of the select few who receive that call from Stockholm are, by that time in our lives, little more than spokesmen and women. We start off on our life's journey as research scientists striving to catch hold of the coattails of the great and good, only to come to the realization, before too long, that we have reached our sell-by-date. In this Sidney Harris cartoon, the likes of me finds oneself at the podium, acting as the mouthpiece for a long line of accomplished young whippersnappers who have sustained and promoted my reputation - to the point where I am left holding a hot potato, thanks to all of them."
— Fraser Stoddart, Northwestern University

Volunteer Spotlight



Kiresha Johnson is from The Woodlands, Texas. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry at Baylor University and is pursuing a medical graduate degree while teaching science in elementary and secondary education. Passionate about community service and science, Kiresha joined the American Chemical Society Greater Houston Local Section chapter. She was elected as director in 2018 and 2019. She has served as a Director on the Board and is currently leading several programs like Chemists Celebrate Earth Week, National Chemistry Week and also serves as Chair of Student Affiliates Committee.

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