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## March 2021

The 2021 Career Event is split into three separate sessions. The first was in late February. The second and third are scheduled for March 3, 2021 (Panel discussion on Careers in Chemistry) and March 10, 2021 (Successful Approaches to Resumes, Cover Letters, Interviews, and LinkedIn). Read more on [page 4](#).



**Mark Your Calendar!** The 2021 Northwest Regional Meeting is planned as a three day, virtual event hosted by Western Washington University from May 9-11, 2021. The website for NORM 2021 is (<http://norm2021.org>). **Call for action!** The NORM organization committee is eagerly looking forward to your nominations for ACS awards. The deadline for one of the awards remains **March 1, 2021**. Two of the award deadlines have been extended to **March 10, 2021**. Read more about [Awards on page 17](#) and [Mark Your Calendar info on page 21](#).

Some applications for the Scholarships, Grants and Awards that the ACS PSS Education Committee offers are accepted year-round while others are due by **March 1, 2021**. Get the details on [page 16](#).

Looking to gain volunteer experience? Reach out to us through the [Contact Form](#). There are opportunities to get involved with the Puget Sound Section. Read more on [page 12](#).



*Jonathan Clark*

Newsletter Editor

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MAR 3 2021 Career Event (Event 2 of 3)

Theme: Panel discussion on Careers in Chemistry  
Time / Location: 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Virtual Video Conference Only

## MAR 8 ACS Puget Sound Section Executive Committee Meeting

Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Virtual Video Conference Only

## MAR 10 2021 Career Event (Event 3 of 3)

Theme: Successful Approaches to Resumes, Cover Letters, Interviews, and LinkedIn  
Time / Location: 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Virtual Video Conference Only

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## APR 5 - APR 16 261<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting - Spring 2021

Theme: Macromolecular Chemistry: The Second Century  
Location: Virtual Only

## MAY 9 - MAY 11 NORM 2021 - Northwest Regional Meeting

Theme: Peak Challenges, Oceans of Opportunity  
Location: Online Event Only

## AUG 22 - AUG 26 262<sup>nd</sup> ACS National Meeting - Fall 2021

Theme: Resilience of Chemistry  
Location: Atlanta, Georgia and Online

# PUGET SOUND SECTION

# NEWS BRIEFS


## Career Event

Three Virtual Events | February 24, March 3, and March 10, 2021

The 2021 Career Event is split into three sessions, one of which occurred in late February. The remaining two are scheduled for March 3 and March 10, 2021. As in years past, the event is free to attend, but registration is required.

[Register here.](#)

[Download the flyer here.](#)



American Chemical Society – Puget Sound Section  
presents three informative sessions on  
**Careers in Chemistry for Undergraduates**

The events are recommended for all STEM undergraduates (not just chemistry students)

- **Event 1: Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30-6:30 PM – Dr. Mark Lonergan, “So you decided you want to be a graduate student in chemistry, what’s next?”**
- **Event 2: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 5:30-6:30 PM – Panel discussion on Careers in Chemistry with a diverse panel representing various employment agencies in WA State**
- **Event 3: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Nishanthi Perera, “Successful Approaches to Resumes, Cover Letters, Interviews, and LinkedIn”**


Please register (free) for one or all three events to reserve your spot at <https://forms.gle/cccV8pTUIMYAM37>

For more information: [bopgedd@evergreen.edu](mailto:bopgedd@evergreen.edu)

Please see the next page for information on the presenters


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**Event 1 (Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021): Dr. Mark Lonergan, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Oregon. “So you decided you want to be a graduate student in chemistry, what’s next?”** – will highlight important factors students must consider to be successful when applying to graduate schools.




Dr. Lonergan grew up in the Pacific Northwest and attended the University of Oregon as an under graduate and Northwestern University as a graduate student. After postdoctoral work at Caltech, he returned to Oregon as a faculty member in 1996, where he is now the Head of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. His research interests are in electrochemical systems for the interconversion of different forms of energy such as solar cells, or ion pumps. He particularly enjoys teaching introductory chemistry courses and in the areas of electrochemistry and semiconductor device physics. Outside of chemistry, Mark enjoys martial art, hiking, and camping with his family.


**Event 2 (March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021): Meet the panelists who will share what is like to work as a chemist (scientist) in the real world and how you can successfully gain employment or secure internship opportunities.**



For the past nine years Stuart Magoon has served as an Assistant Division Manager with City of Tacoma’s Science and Engineering Division. He is responsible for the coordination and production of all analysis conducted in the Environmental Services Laboratory. He manages 16 staff in a highly technical, scientifically, and culturally diverse work environment. Stuart has over 30 years of experience in the environmental laboratory business in both the private and public sector. Prior to working at Tacoma Environmental Services Laboratory Stuart worked at the State of Washington Department of Ecology for 24 years, for 13 of those years he served as the Laboratory Director. His laboratory experience spans the range of laboratory functions from bench level analytical work through quality assurance management, client project management, laboratory information management systems (LIMS) development, laboratory management and leadership. Stuart earned his BS in Chemistry from the University of Puget Sound.



Wafa Tafelh, Water Quality Planner at the King County Water and Land Resources Division, is a University of Washington graduate with a career focused in environmental public health and has experience in non-profit, private, and government sector work. Various projects include green stormwater infrastructure, disinfection and coliform compliance of public drinking water systems, and stormwater and hazardous waste management compliance. Currently, Wafa’s work includes water quality sampling, maintaining water quality data systems, and assisting with report writing with the Science and Technical Support Section within King County’s Water and Land Resources Division. She has been involved in various aspects of the hiring process at King County including subject matter expert reviews and as an interview panelist.



Saramaah Rowles, Water Quality Planner/Project Manager (Lab Project Manager) started her career with the King County Environmental Lab as a chemist in the Trace Metals Department, analyzing a variety of water, soil and tissue samples in support of wastewater treatment plants and other monitoring programs throughout King County. After 16 years, she moved into Project Management. She coordinates with customers across the state to provide for their analytical needs in support of NPDES and Solid Waste Permits. She also serves on hiring panels, coordinate summer interns and serve as our Equity and Social Justice lead.

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**Event 3 (March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021): Nishanthi Perera, Geotechnical Specialist, WA State Department of Transportation. “Successful Approaches to Resumes, Cover Letters, Interviews, and LinkedIn”** – will highlight how to be make a successful transition from college to the workplace



Biniam Zelelew, Industrial Wastewater Compliance Investigator, was born in Entebbe, East Africa and immigrated to the United States in 1995. He earned his BS and MS degrees in Chemistry from the University of Washington. After leaving UW, he worked at a local environmental lab as an analyst for mercury, arsenic, and selenium and speciation of these pollutants. After 4 years, he joined the Department of Ecology Air Quality Program, calibrating, maintaining, and repairing ambient air monitoring instruments deployed in a network of monitoring sites around the state. In 2013, he moved to the Water Quality Program and his duties were mainly writing and issuing water quality permits for industrial wastewater discharges. To further advance his career, he returned to UW on a part-time basis and earned a master’s in Environmental Engineering in 2017. After that he joined the King County (November 2019) Industrial Waste Program as a Compliance Investigator.



Jeff Moore is the Manager of Facility Compliance at the North Creek (Boilert) Manufacturing site for Seattle Genetics. He earned his BS degree in Chemistry and Biology from Eastern Washington University. One of his first jobs out of college was as an analytical chemist in the Quality Control lab at Bayer Hologate-Ster in Spokane, WA. He has been a Career consultant for the American Chemical Society for over 12 years.



Nishanthi Perera is a geotechnical specialist working in the Foundation Design group at the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). She earned her BS degree in Geological Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and her MS degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado, Boulder. The most exciting part of her job is being able to engineer for different kinds of projects from small bore collectors underneath obscure highways to I-90 Slope/Stable Pass embankments. As a recent graduate, she is experienced in seeking out employment and internships and has the job application process down to a science.

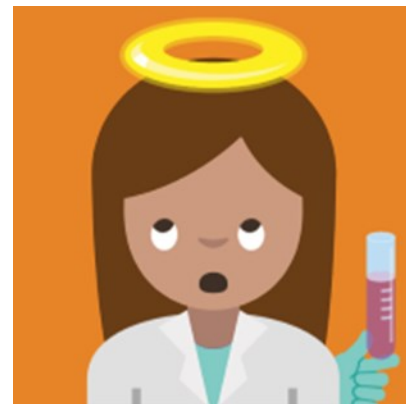
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## Comments From Our Puget Sound ACS Chair

Natalie A. Merrill | ACS Puget Sound Section Executive Committee Chair



This month our Annual Report was written and filed with our National ACS as usual for February. ACS Community Connection is a new web based application that allows local sections to file their annual reports online. The reporting includes an Administration report, a Financial Form and multiple event reports for any events that our local section holds. Within the Administrative report, the chair is asked for three goals for the coming year. Here are the three goals that I have committed to:



- 1) Begin a membership drive and start a Membership Committee with the goals of growing our local section membership by 25%. This may sound like a stretch goal, but due to the virtual nature of our meetings, it is easier now than ever to get to a meeting, so perhaps on that basis we might expect to grow. Also, due to isolation during the pandemic, perhaps the multifaceted interactions that we have may be the best way to meet people safely and enjoy a network of colleagues with similar interests. Also, we have local affiliate memberships for just \$10, for those who would join our local section but are not yet members at the National level. Our immediate Past Chair, Jennifer Marsalla, has volunteered to take on the Membership Committee Chair role, because she is passionate about membership and growing our member base.
- 2) Complete the Bylaws update, and then create and complete the Membership Handbook; both in 2021. We are at a point where these must be done and it is not just one person, it is definitely a team effort with momentum coming from last year and earlier; this year the Bylaws revision committee started working in earnest as we are now doing all meetings and voting electronically. The old bylaws do not recognize the new virtual reality. ACS National has asked all Local Sections to update Bylaws. However, to make ours simpler and maintain some editing control and certain details that pertain to our Local Sections typical events and traditions, we may put information into a Membership Handbook that is may be too complicated to keep within the Bylaws document. Adding a Membership Handbook is optional but may provide continuity and better understanding of expectations, definitions (for example, of expected roles of officers or councilors), and traditions.
- 3) Effectively utilize alternate means to host events that would have otherwise been cancelled. This means, when we look at items we had to cancel in 2020, this year our goal is to find ways to potentially still have an event, or a modified version of it, yet doing it remotely, and looking for engaging and fun ways that the virtual event is effective.

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## Comments From Our Puget Sound ACS Chair *[continued]*

Natalie A. Merrill | ACS Puget Sound Section Executive Committee Chair

Our ACS PSS Administration Form has five sections, Governance, Organization, Communication, Nomination and Supporting Materials. This Form was initiated by our Immediate Past Chair, Jennifer Marsalla, while the Financial Form was initiated by our Treasurer, Sheri Tonn. Because 2020 was such a different year, and due to the new software required to create the 2020 Annual Report, reports were shorter but actually somewhat more difficult to complete and review. Many thanks to both of them for their efforts. Events Forms are submitted by our events organizers, contributors and volunteers. Edits and reviews may be contributed by other Executive Committee members and anyone invited by the chair to become an editor to the Annual report. For a Local Section Annual Report, the final review and approval is completed by a Councilor, while the Chair's role assigned by ACS National is to assure the Annual Report is complete. We have received confirmation from ACS that our report is complete and our submission was timely!

In other news, several productive meetings were held in February by members of your ACS Puget Sound Section (PSS) including the Executive Committee Board Meeting, two Diversity (Equity) Inclusion and Respect meetings (one was our DIR Book Club – you may wish to join the book club, it is worth attending!) and two Bylaws Meetings, as well as a jointly sponsored Speed Networking event with CAL ACS in honor of the Global Women's Breakfast event around the world February 9th. We also passed this event to our Seattle Association of Women in Science, who agreed to cosponsor the Speed Networking event as well. One of our most memorable Events of the month of February was the Virtual Chemistry of Chocolate, a wonderful Happy Hour in celebration of Valentines' Day.

Our task of appointing committee chairs for 2021 continued with the **Program** and the **Membership Committees** being appointed to Curtis Deer, our ACS PSS Chair-Elect, and to our Past Chair, Jennifer Marsalla, respectively. For any follow up or deeper information, please read your March Newsletter and reach out by email with any questions.

Please be reminded that the NORM 2021 website is up <https://norm2021.org/>

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## Comments From Our Puget Sound ACS Chair *[continued]*

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### Insights:

COVID-19 New Air Treatment announced for COVID-19 and other viruses,

Grignard Pure:

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20210115005574/en/EPA-Awards-Section-18-Public-Health-Emergency-Exemption-to-Grignard-Pure>

**Vaccines:** Washington State has updated the vaccine phase finder that lets you know if you are eligible for a vaccine, they will also text or email you to let you know when you are:

<https://form.findyourphasewa.org/210118771253954>

If you are over 65 years of age, or have two or more underlying health conditions you may be eligible to have the vaccine very soon.

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/VaccinationPhasesInfographic.pdf>

Explanation of Phases and other info: <https://www.tpchd.org/Home/Components/Blog/Blog/31881/333>

From Lisa Marcus: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/SummaryInterimVaccineAllocationPrioritization.pdf>





## Northwest Regional Meeting

NORM 2021 | Peak Challenges, Oceans of Opportunity

The call for papers for the 75<sup>th</sup> Northwest Regional Meeting (NORM) has been issued. NORM 2021, Peak Challenges, Oceans of Opportunity, will be a three-day ONLINE event hosted by Western Washington University. The meeting will take place virtually Sunday, May 9 through Tuesday, May 11, 2021.



# NORM2021

PEAK CHALLENGES, OCEANS OF OPPORTUNITY

WWU, BELLINGHAM, WA | MAY 9 – 11

Details, including names and contact information for program and session chairs, can be found on the meeting website at <https://norm2021.org/>. The final program summary will be published in C&EN in the Spring; the online program will be available on 03/16/2021.

The meeting will highlight peak challenges and opportunities in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. In addition to technical symposia and poster sessions, the symposium will feature two plenary lectures, an eminent scientist lecture, and a vibrant exposition.

The symposium sessions include “Inorganic: Catalysts, Compounds, and Reactions”; “Cottrell Scholars from the Pacific NW and Beyond”; “Natural Products Chemistry in the Northwest”; “Cannabis Chemistry; Oceans of Scientific Opportunity”; “Organic Chemistry”; “Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) at Community Colleges”; “Physical Chemistry: Computational to Experimental”; “Analytical Chemistry”; “Chemistry of Energy”; “Materials Chemistry: Chemistry and Applications of Bulk to Quantum Confined Materials”; “Polymer and Macromolecular Chemistry”; “Undergraduate Research Symposium”; “Emergent Applications and Results in Structural and Chemical Biology”, and “PNW Rising Stars” a celebration of early and mid-career women in the NW region, as well as a general poster session comprising these topics.

ACS's Meeting Abstracts Programming System (MAPS) is open for abstract submission. Please visit either the symposium website or MAPS at [maps.acs.org](https://maps.acs.org), to submit an abstract. Abstracts were due 02/08/2021.

## 2021 Nominating Committee

2021 ACS Puget Sound Section Nominating Committee

### Nominating Committee

Jennifer Marsalla (Nominating Committee Chair )

Carole Berg

Jonathan Clark

John Macklin

Gary Christian

## Safety Committee

ACS Puget Sound Section | March 2021

Chair: Natalie Merrill [namerrill@gmail.com](mailto:namerrill@gmail.com)

**Reminder:** ACS Spring National Meeting is coming up! April 5-16, 2021. Registration is open now!

DCHAS symposia for the Spring 2021 meeting of the ACS include:

- Chemical Safety Film Festival
- Designing safety into an undergraduate laboratory curriculum, beyond safety rules
- Safety Across the Scientific Disciplines: Where are the successes, and what needs improvements
- Systems thinking in Chemical Health and Safety

The Division CHAS will be offering Spring 2021 Professional Workshops just before the spring meeting. Workshops meet March 29 – April 2, 2021. [Learn More](#)

**News:** ACS is offering a new free self-guided safety course for Undergraduates!

[New Online Safety Course for Undergrads](#)

Learn about laboratory safety concepts through this online, self-paced course.

### Links:

Read the updated guidance for [Working Safely with Nanomaterials](#).

Learn more about the ACS [Committee on Chemical Safety](#) (CCS).

Our Puget Sound Safety Committee is modeled after our National ACS Committee on Chemical Safety, to promote safety through education and best practices in academia and industry. We tailor the activities of our Puget Sound Safety Committee to the needs of our members, so please don't hesitate to reach out with your input or needs, by emailing the chair at the contact email(s) given above. Wishing everyone a safe month!

## ACS Puget Sound Section Safety Committee - since 2018

Safety is everybody's business: Be safe. Be informed.

## Volunteer Opportunities

ACS Puget Sound Section | 2021 Invite Message

Despite the lack of in-person events, there are opportunities to get involved with the Puget Sound Section in a volunteer capacity. There are roles that are easy and there are roles that involve greater responsibility and scope. Volunteering offers opportunities to add things to your resume, exposes you to networking opportunities and gives you opportunities to develop soft skills. If you have had an extensive career in chemistry, you can 'pay-it-forward' by becoming a mentor for younger chemists. Volunteering can be a richly rewarding activity.

If you are interested, please reach out to us! There are many ways to get in contact with us, but one easy way is through the [Contact Form](#). Learn more about the Puget Sound Section by reading our [Mission/Vision Statement](#). You can get a sense of how things operate by reading the '[Bylaws of the Puget Sound Section of the American Chemical Society](#)'\*. Member involvement is an important aspect of the continued success of the Puget Sound Section.



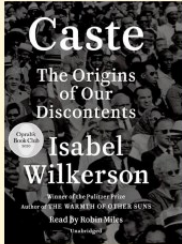


\*Note: The committee dedicated to reviewing and proposing revisions to the bylaws this calendar year has completed the first major step in the process. Please get in contact with us with any suggestions and comments. Feel free to use the [Contact Form](#) for this.

## Diversity Book Discussion Group

March 9, 2021 | 7:00pm

Book Discussion (Caste. The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson)

<p>All Invited Diversity Book Discussion Group March 9, 2021 at 7 pm</p>		
	<p>Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:30 pm: Social Networking</li><li>• 7:00 pm: Book Discussion (60-90 minutes)</li></ul> <p>RSVP for the Link: <a href="mailto:strongdespina@gmail.com">strongdespina@gmail.com</a></p>	

## ACS U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO)

Annual, Multi-tiered Competition for High School Students

The U.S. Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) is an annual, multi-tiered competition for high school students. The Puget Sound Section proctors the Local Examination in March followed by the National Examination in April. Winners of the National Examination move on to compete at the international level in the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) in July.

The Local Examination is used to select the finalists that will move on to the national level of the Chemistry Olympiad (i.e the National Examination). For 2020, the Puget Sound Section of the ACS was allowed a maximum of 13 finalists to move on to the national level. There is a limit of 2 finalists per school.



Please contact Dr. Clarita Bhat (cbhat@shoreline.edu) with any questions.

More information about the local and national exams can be found at:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad.html>

## Younger Chemists Committee

Puget Sound Section YCC Meetings

The YCC advocates for and provides resources to early-career chemists and professionals in the chemical sciences and related fields. If you may not be an 'early-career professional', the YCC still welcomes you to help ignite the curiosity and success of young minds.

We would love to have you join us every month and learn how you can get involved with your local ACS section! Anybody is welcome to attend these meetings so please feel free to invite your friends/colleagues.



## Science Cafés

Grassroots Speaker Events Open to the Public

Science Cafés are gatherings open to the public held in pubs, restaurants, or bookstores where non-scientists can meet and talk with scientists about the latest issues in an informal atmosphere. There is no central organization for these grassroots Science Cafes which reflect their focus on local communities. You can learn more at: <http://www.sciencecafes.org/>

## Science in the City

Lectures by the Pacific Science Center

The Pacific Science Center organizes an excellent Science Lecture series. The lectures are free and open to the public. They are held at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle, WA.

Website: <https://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/science-in-the-city/>

## Science on Tap

Seattle Science Café

Science on Tap events are free and open to the public.

Website: <http://www.scienceontap.org/>

## Olympia Science Café

Science Café in Olympia, WA



## Puget Sound Section | Awards and Scholarships

The ACS PSS Education Committee offers the following awards and scholarships:



### K-12 Educator Grants

For Supplies, Books, Courses,  
Symposia and Continued Education  
Up to \$500

Grant applications are accepted at any time during the year. Click on the application link for details.

[K-12 Grant Application Form](#)

**Applications are accepted year round.**



### William J Wasserman Memorial Scholarship

2-year College Student Scholarship  
\$1500

Application Form: ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#))

Resources: ([Article](#)) ([Puget Sound Colleges List](#))

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2021**



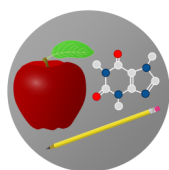
### Julia Ann Rutherford Memorial Scholarship

4-year College Student Scholarship  
\$1500

Application Form: ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#))

Resources: ([Article](#)) ([Puget Sound Colleges List](#))

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2021**



### High School Teacher of the Year Award

\$250 Cash Award and  
\$750 for Chemistry Lab Supplies

The Education Committee accepts nominations all year round and selects one teacher for this award per year.

[HS Teacher of the Year Award Application Form](#)

**Awarded: January 1 each year**



### ACS Student Affiliate Chapter Grants

For Activities and/or Travel  
Up to \$500

A request must be submitted to the Education Committee with details well in advance of the need.

[ACS Student Affiliate Chapter Grant Application Form](#)

**Applications are accepted year round.**

The committee welcomes new members! Please [contact us](#) if you are interested in joining.

Our current committee members are: Leonard Andrews, Sailaja Arungundram, Clarita Bhat, Gwen Gross, Jennie Mayer (Chair), David Munch, Alyssia Snow, Despina Strong, Lauren Wugalter, Amar Yahiaoui

Please [send us a message](#) or email Jennie Mayer (Education Committee Chair; [jmayer@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:jmayer@bellevuecollege.edu)) with any questions.

## NORM 2021 Awards | Nominations Open

Nominations are now being accepted for the NORM 2021 Awards

The awards webpage for NORM 2021 is <http://norm2021.org/awards>. Send all questions and comments to the Awards Chairman: Dr. Serge Smirnov ([Sergey.Smirnov@wwu.edu](mailto:Sergey.Smirnov@wwu.edu))



### Stanley C. Israel Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences

Recognizes individuals and/or institutions who have advanced diversity in the chemical sciences and significantly stimulated or fostered activities that promote inclusiveness within the region. ([Apply through the ACS website](#))

**Nomination Deadline:** March 1, 2021



### Glenn and Jane Crosby Northwest Region Award for Excellence in High School Teaching

Recognizes, encourages, and stimulates outstanding teachers of high school chemistry in the Northwest Region. ([Application Form](#))

**Nomination Deadline:** ~~March 1, 2021~~ (Extended to March 10, 2021)



### E. Ann Nalley Northwest Regional Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS

Recognizes the volunteer efforts of individuals who have served the American Chemical Society, contributing significantly to the goals and objectives of the Society through their regional activities. ([Application Form](#))

**Nomination Deadline:** ~~March 1, 2021~~ (Extended to March 10, 2021)



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## Heros in Chemistry Award

National American Chemical Society Award

[Heroes of Chemistry](#) is an annual award sponsored by the American Chemical Society that recognizes talented industrial chemical scientists whose work has led to the development of successful commercialized products ingrained with chemistry for the benefit of humankind.



The nomination period for the 2021 Heroes of Chemistry Award opened November 1, 2020 and closed on February 1, 2021.

For more information on the application process, please visit the [Nominations Procedures](#) page. You can also email [chemhero@acs.org](mailto:chemhero@acs.org).

## ACS-HACH Professional Development Grants

Professional Development Grants for High School Teachers

The application period for the [ACS-Hach Professional Development Grant](#) is currently open. With this grant, high school chemistry teachers can request up to \$1,500 to pursue opportunities that advance their professional development and enhance the teaching and learning of chemistry. Applications are accepted between October 15-January 4 annually.



## The Pauling Award

### Linus Pauling Medal Award

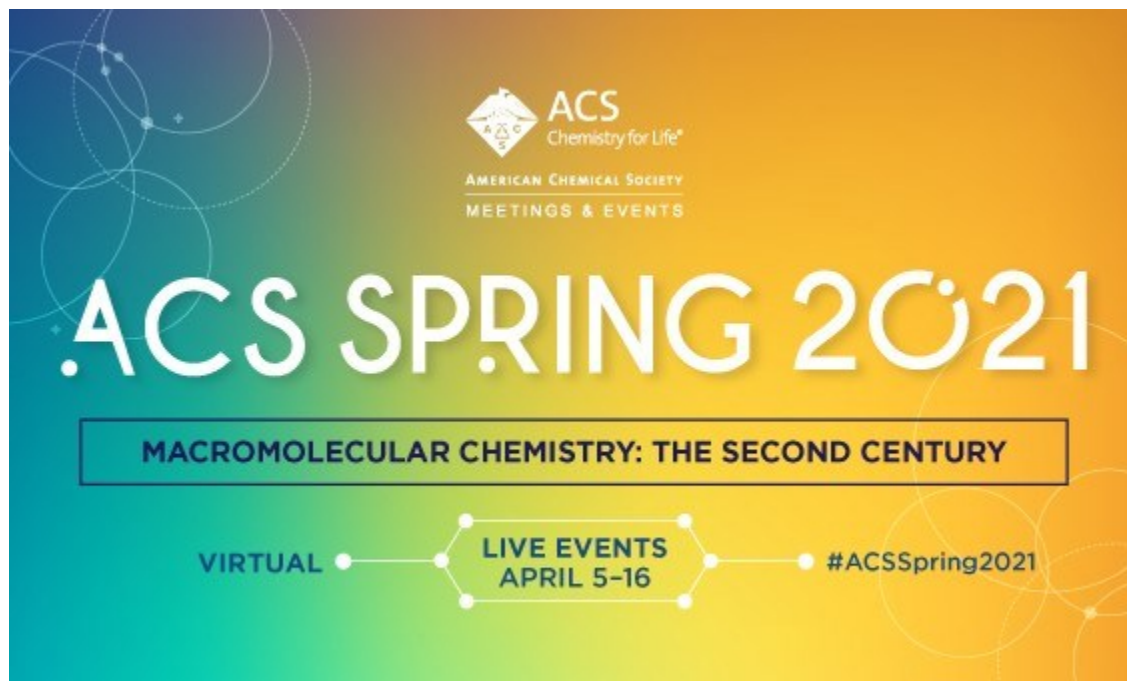
The Linus Pauling Medal Award is jointly sponsored by the Puget Sound, Portland and Oregon Local Sections. It is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in chemistry.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## 261<sup>st</sup> ACS National Meeting | Spring 2021

April 5-16, 2021 | Virtual Only



## Pacifichem 2021: A Creative Vision for the Future

December 16-21, 2021 | Honolulu, Hawaii

Pacifichem is a conference that is organized by seven host societies, including the American Chemical Society.

Learn more on the Pacifichem website: <https://pacifichem.org/>

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## 2021 ACS Northwest Regional Meeting

NORM 2021 | Peak Challenges, Oceans of Opportunity | May 9-11, 2021

The 2021 Northwest Regional Meeting will be hosted by Western Washington University. The meeting will be fully online and will include technical symposia, poster sessions, and a vibrant exposition. Thanks to generous sponsors, student registration for NORM 2021 will be FREE and only a nominal registration fee will be charged for other attendees.

Find more info on the [NORM 2021 website](#) and the [NORM 2021 Facebook page](#).



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Diversity Book Discussion Group

April 13, 2021 | 7:00pm

Book Discussion (The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot)

# CAREER RESOURCES

## ACS Career Resources

Powerful Career Advancement Tools

Many opportunities and career resources are available on the ACS website for ACS members! Check them out!

[ACS Career Resources](#)

[ACS Career Consulting](#)

[ACS National Job Postings \(C&EN\)](#)



## ACS Puget Sound Section Career Event

Annual Event Focused on Chemistry Careers

The Puget Sound Section hosts a Career Event each year (usually held in February) at a local business or governmental facility. These events present great opportunities to see the scope of the activities of the hosting organizations. The event is recommended for all undergraduate science students. Admission is free. The event is open to all, however, space is usually limited and registration is required. Keep an eye out for future announcements and details regarding the next event.



# JOB POSTINGS

## Example Job Position Title

## Job Posting Key

Company or Organization Name | City, State | ACS PSS Posting Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Short description of the job position.

The company or organization's name will include a hyperlink to their website.

The job position title will include a hyperlink to any pertinent web posting for the position, if available.

## Chemistry Professor - Tenure Track

Tacoma Community College | Tacoma, WA | ACS PSS Posting Date: 01/24/2021

Tacoma Community College is pleased to announce a full-time, tenure-track position in Chemistry beginning fall term 2021. The position entails teaching a variety of courses within the chemistry curriculum, with an emphasis on those for pre-allied health students, such as introductory general, organic, and biochemistry. TCC is situated in the metropolitan Puget Sound region and attracts students from diverse backgrounds, both locally and internationally. Applications should be submitted directly through the College (<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tacomacc/jobs/2921480/chemistry-professor-tenure-track>) and will be reviewed starting January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Instructor and Lab Coordinator, Organic Chemistry

University of Portland | Portland, Oregon | ACS PSS Posting Date: 12/27/2020

The Department of Chemistry at the University of Portland invites applicants for an Instructor position to begin August 15, 2021. Primary teaching responsibilities will consist of three organic chemistry courses (laboratory and lecture) per semester. The successful candidate will also have administrative responsibilities to coordinate the organic chemistry laboratory courses, which includes curriculum development, supervision of laboratory preparation, ordering chemicals and supplies, compliance with waste disposal regulations, and hiring and supervision of adjunct instructors and student teaching assistants. The position is open now; to receive full consideration, please submit a completed application by February 1, 2021. For more information and to apply for this position: <https://up.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobid=66190>

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Typical job post content includes the position title, a link to the job description, the organization's name, a link to the organization's website, the city/state where the position is based and a short description. You can also include other customization such as a company logo.

Note: Job postings should be related in some manner to chemistry, but this is interpreted fairly broadly. Job postings for positions that are in chemical engineering, pharma, biochemistry, materials science, etc. are definitely welcome. Non-chemistry positions in companies that are actively engaged in the chemical sciences (*e.g. management positions in a chemicals company*) are accepted as well.

Contact Jonathan Clark, the Newsletter Editor, for details regarding advertising in the newsletter. Sending a general message through the [Contact Form](#) is an excellent first step.

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# PUGET SOUND SECTION

## ACS Puget Sound Section

Founded in 1909, the Puget Sound Section has a rich history

The Puget Sound Section (PSS) is one of many [ACS Local Sections](#). The PSS has a little more than 1,900 members ([source](#)) in a region stretching from the mouth of the Columbia River in the southwest corner of Washington State up into British Columbia and eastward to the Columbia past Ellensburg. One out of five members lives in Canada. The Puget Sound Section was chartered in 1909.



[ACS Local Section Map](#)



## ACS Local Section Puget Sound

Website: <https://www.acs.org/pugetsound>

Website (full URL): <https://communities.acs.org/t5/Puget-Sound-Local-Section/gh-p/puget-sound>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanChemicalSocietyPugetSoundSection>

LinkedIn Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12010252/>

**Note:** In July 2019, the ACS Puget Sound Section website was moved to its new home on the ACS Network. The ACS Network moved to a new platform late last year. That move disrupted things a bit, but recent changes now make it feasible for the rework to the Puget Sound Section website's content to start.

Stay tuned for updates!

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROSTER

Position	Election Year	Name
Chair	N/A	Natalie Merrill
Chair-Elect	Annually	Curtis Deer
Past Chair	N/A	Jennifer Marsalla
Secretary	Annually	Michael Meechan
Treasurer	Annually	Sheri Tonn
Newsletter Editor	N/A	Jonathan Clark
Councilor Position 1	2023	David Patrick
Alternate Councilor Position 1	2023	Charity Lovitt
Councilor Position 2	2021	Gary Christian
Alternate Councilor Position 2	2021	John Macklin
Councilor Position 3	2022	Craig Fryhle
Alternate Councilor Position 3	2022	Carole Berg
Councilor Position 4	2023	Dharshi Bopegedera
Alternate Councilor Position 4	2023	Grady Blacken
Councilor Position 5	2021	Despina Strong
Alternate Councilor Position 5	2021	Natalie Merrill

## Contact Information

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## OTHER OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Position	Name
<a href="#">Awards Committee</a> * Chair	Carole Berg
Bylaws Revision Committee Co-Chairs	Michael Meechan and Jonathan Clark
Career Event Committee Chair	Dharshi Bopegedera
Chemistry Olympiad (UNSCO) Coordinator	Clarita Bhat
Communications Committee Chair	Jonathan Clark
Diversity, Inclusion and Respect Committee Co-Chairs	Sheri Tonn and Leonard J. Andrews
Earth Day Committee Chair	Sailaja Arungundram
<a href="#">Education Committee</a> * Chair	Jennie Mayer
<a href="#">Employment Committee</a> * Chair	Vacant
<a href="#">Finance Committee</a> * Chair	David Munch
<a href="#">Hospitality Committee</a> * Chair	Carole Berg
2020 Pauling Medal Symposium Committee Chair	Gojko Lalic
<a href="#">Long-Range Planning Committee</a> * Chair	David Munch
<a href="#">Membership Committee</a> * Chair	Vacant
National Chemistry Week Committee Chair	Lauren Wugalter
Nominating Committee Chair	Jennifer Marsala
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<a href="#">Program Committee</a> * Chair	Curtis Deer
<a href="#">Public Affairs Committee</a> * Chair	Vacant
<a href="#">Public Relations Committee</a> * Chair	Craig Fryhle
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Safety Committee Chair	Natalie Merrill
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