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October 2021

Read the comments from the Chair on [page 4](#).

The symposium for the 2020 Linus Pauling Medal Award is scheduled for October 9, 2021! The symposium and the poster session are free, open to the public and do not require registration to attend. To attend the banquet, however, you will need to purchase tickets by the end of the day, October 1, 2021. More details on [page 12](#) and on the [symposium's webpage](#).

I would encourage all of you to attend the October Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021. Talk and introductions start at 6:30pm and the meeting itself will commence at 7:00pm. Here is the [ZOOM Link](#) for the meeting. No registration is needed. Just show up!

The nominations window for positions on the 2022 ACS Puget Sound Section Executive Committee has closed. Stay tuned for updates on the election process. More details are available on [page 16](#). General questions about the process can be submitted through the [Contact Form](#).



Jonathan Clark

Newsletter Editor

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Pauling Symposium

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Virtual Event ([More details on page 12](#))

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Executive Committee Meeting

Time: 6:30pm (Talk and Introductions) / 7:00pm (Meeting)

Location: Virtual Event ([ZOOM Link](#)) No registration needed.

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ChemLuminary Event

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Virtual Event ([More details on page 13](#))

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Building Opportunities & Community - DEIR / NWEA Event

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Virtual Event ([More details on page 14](#))

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DEIR: Ebony McGee Webinar

Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm

Location: Virtual Event ([More details on page 21](#))

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[ACS National Meeting - Spring 2022](#)

Theme: Bonding Through Chemistry

Location: San Diego, CA

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[ACS National Meeting - Fall 2022](#)

Theme: Sustainability in a Changing World

Location: Chicago, Illinois and Online

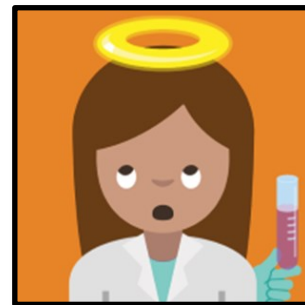
PUGET SOUND SECTION

Comments From Our Puget Sound ACS Chair

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

Hello, ACS Puget Sound Section, Friends, Colleagues, Volunteers, Affiliates, and Students,

October is upon us! It's getting steadily cooler. What happens when you lower your body temperature to -273°C ? You're perfectly **OK!**¹ This month we celebrate the prestigious annual Pauling Award with a Symposium and a Banquet on Saturday, October 9th. The symposium at the University of Washington, Seattle, is free to attend and very worthwhile. Learn more within this newsletter [[see page 12](#)] and be sure to register for the symposium and banquet at these links:



- Event site: <https://sites.uw.edu/pauling2020/award-symposium/>
- Poster Session registration: <https://forms.gle/Zt3Gw81Xy6hj4i1U8>
- Banquet registration: <https://washington.irisregistration.com/Form/4929>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UWChemistry/status/1441147277851062278?s=20>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UWChem/posts/4745214392166406>

While Dr Paul Chirik won the Pauling Award in 2020, the symposium was delayed until now due to the pandemic. (The 2021 Pauling will be hosted in October 2022, by the way).

Pauling Award Address by Paul Chirik

Re-Imagining the Periodic Table: Addressing Sustainability Challenges in the 21st Century

How chemists interact with and ultimately use the elements on the periodic table is at the core of sustainability. Many are concerned about their "carbon footprint;" there are many more elements on the periodic table that are under threat to maintain our quality of life. While catalysis is a key ingredient on the pathway to a more sustainable future, the reliance on precious metals raises the elemental footprint of many processes. Earth-abundant transition metals such as iron and cobalt are attractive for catalysis but understanding their fundamental chemistry and electron flow is essential for translation on to applications. This lecture will focus on the unique catalytic chemistry of iron and cobalt with specific emphasis on transformations that are unknown with precious metals. One application of particular interest is the upgrading of hydrocarbons. Methods for the cycloaddition polymerization of butadiene have been discovered that provide a new plastic microstructure that can be returned to pristine monomer upon re-exposure to the iron catalyst. The implications of these catalytic reaction on a new, responsible hydrocarbon future will be presented.

The symposium will feature other excellent speakers in the field of Organometallics and a poster session, followed by an evening banquet. Get your tickets today!

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

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Executive Committee Meeting Invite

Our next monthly meeting of the Puget Sound Local section is October 11th. If you have read this far, please accept my invitation to join your local ACS section for the meeting, 7:00 – 8:15, and a little small talk & introductions beginning as early as 6:30 PM that evening. Here's our ZOOM meeting link for Monday, October 11th, 6:30 PM mingle, 7:00 PM Meeting, led by our Chair-Elect, Curtis Deer.



ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86192151134?pwd=ZkZvYWUyalljYURFZkZbWhSb3JNZz09>



ACS Local Section
Puget Sound

Elections

Elections for our Local Section Officers and Councilors are coming up. Our secretary, Michael Meechan, shared a little information about how the nomination process is run:

- 1) Nominating Committee has 5 members - all of which are appointed by the chair. These members are then approved by the rest of the executive committee thereafter.
- 2) The entire membership is informed about who is on the Nominating Committee.
- 3) Any active member of the section may present their nomination(s) to the Nominating Committee. It is not detailed on what method so it is inferred that both verbal and written (email) submissions should be valid.
- 4) The Nomination Committee will gather and present all submissions received. There should be at least one submission per elected position on the upcoming ballot.
- 5) The Secretary creates a ballot with all nominations collected by the Nomination Committee.

Michael Meechan

Secretary | American Chemical Society, Puget Sound Section Executive Committee

Chair | American Chemical Society, Puget Sound Section Younger Chemists Committee

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

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ChemLuminary Awards Event

October 21st we have a Puget Sound candidate to win one of the ChemLuminary Awards! The ChemLuminary awards event will be on ZOOM. Our Senior Chemists Committee Chair, Despina Strong, has been selected as a finalist for the following ChemLuminary Award:

Best Continuing Senior Chemists Activity within a Local Section

The 23rd Annual ChemLuminary Awards ceremony will be held virtually during National Chemistry Week (October 17–23, 2021) on Thursday, October 21 at 1 PM PST, 4 pm EST out of an abundance of caution due to the ongoing pandemic. The ceremony will include a keynote address by Mary K. Engelman, Eastman Chemical (retired), recipient of the 2021 Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society, and the presentations of awards given by 18 committees of the Society will follow. This year's theme is "**ACS Volunteers Catalyze Change**," which honors the work of our volunteers to continue to improve people's lives. [Registration](#) is complimentary. **Attendees will receive an access code to enter the event.** Please feel free to share the registration link with members of your section.

REGISTER FOR CHEMLUMINARY AWARDS EVENT:

(top right registration button, FREE),

Thursday, October 21 at 1 PM PST

[Summary - 2021 ChemLuminary Awards Registration \(cvent.com\)](#)

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

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ACS Leading Inclusively

Course: In September I completed a course that I think many of you would enjoy. It's free, fun and informative. The ACS **Leading Inclusively: Beyond Lip Service** workshop, has dates available now through November 18th to accommodate a wide range of time zones and availability, including two 9pm ET options. All the times are in EST, so the 9PM options are great, that means 6 PM here in PST. Upon course completion, you will be able to print your certificate!

REGISTER FOR THE FREE LEADING INCLUSIVELY COURSE:

1. Log in at the upper right corner to <https://learning.acs.org/course/view.php?id=996>
2. Scroll down and follow instructions to select a course time.
3. Start the pre-work and complete before your live course with the instructor. (~30 Min)

About the instructor: La'Wana Harris, CDE, ACC, Harris is a Certified Diversity Executive, an ICF Credentialed Coach, and a global leadership development professional who has dedicated her career to aligning performance with business strategy.

Her most recent book, *Diversity Beyond Lip Service: A Coaching Guide for Challenging Bias*, introduces an “inside out” approach for diversity, equity, and inclusion, (DEI) and is the foundation of her coaching paradigm. La'Wana has demonstrated success strategizing a range of corporate functions including global leadership and organizational development, diversity and inclusion and people leadership. In addition, as a community activist she has created diversity and inclusion awareness programs, and designed overall integrated management solutions.

La'Wana was recognized as one of 2018's 100 Most Inspiring People in the life-sciences industry by PharmaVOICE magazine. She also received the Women in Leadership award from the National Black MBA Association and was invited to join the Forbes Coaches Council as a contributor and thought leader. A servant leader, foreign and domestic missionary, and a passionate activist, La'Wana believes in meeting people where they are to combat racism, poverty and injustice.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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

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October 28th DEIR Webinar

Zoom Link – please register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fdrwng73TnehdzBw0FQEug

Please join us to learn about the Northwest Education Access non-profit organization and what they are doing to reach 400 high school students and 600 college students in King and Pierce counties with one-on-one tutor support for STEM coursework. Excellent PowerPoint slides and passionate leadership provide a compelling view of the issues they are working to resolve.

Presenter: Cam Tu Nguyen - Volunteer Services Manager

About Cam Tu: Cam Tu Nguyen is the new Volunteer Services Manager at Northwest Education Access. She has a BA in Cross-Cultural Studies at Whitworth University in Spokane and a Master of Education from UW Tacoma. Cam Tu has worked in the Greater Seattle Area in higher education access for over 10 years, specifically working with high school students from low-income and first generation backgrounds. In her new role, she hopes provide easier access for students to connect with academic and career professionals, as well as building community and training opportunities for volunteers.

Presenter: Cooper Metz - Senior Program Manager

About Cooper: Cooper has been doing direct service work with students for nearly a decade. She has worked with Northwest Education Access for the past 3 years as an Education Advocate and just recently stepped into the role of Senior Program Manager. In this role, she supports the organization's Student and Community Engagement programming and current efforts to expand support services in new community spaces. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology & Sociology and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Washington.

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Humor

Why are chemists great for solving problems? Because they always have a **solution**!

I've heard . . . if you're not part of the solution...you're part of the **precipitate**.

Wait, are all these jokes too basic for you? Because I see **no reaction**.

Anyone know any jokes about sodium? **Na**.

We'd give you some more chemistry jokes, but all the good ones **argon**, LOL.

Find these and more jokes at the reference below. Natalie Merrill, your 2021 Puget Sound Chair

Other News

[Expanded ACS Webinars Schedule](#)

Missed one of our 2 Live ACS Webinars this week? ACS Members get exclusive access to the archive of over 250 recordings.

National CCEW Leader David Horowitz has passed his role to Allison Tau, for CCEW & National Chemistry Week events leadership.

National Chemistry week is October 17th-23rd

¹Reference: <https://bestlifeonline.com/chemistry-jokes/> - a fun place to laugh!

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

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Obituary

We lost an esteemed scientist, a Puget Sound resident and Chemist, who was an active volunteer for the American Chemical Society and was also a friend and colleague to many. At our September meeting of the Puget Sound Section of the American Chemical Society, we observed a few moments of silence in honor of the recent passing of Mark Frishberg.

We received updates from CAL ACS and National ACS, saying, "Mark was so kind - he would volunteer for just about anything." In 2020 he volunteered to guest speak to high school students in California on how to write resumes to support a program their Cal ACS Chair was leading and recruiting speakers for. Mark was a long-time ACS Career Consultant nationally. Here are a few links to Mark's work:

Mark's interview with ACS Industrial Matters:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/industry/industry-matters/what-i-learned/mark-frishberg.html>

Plus these video links:

<https://inchemistry.acs.org/multimedia/videos/mark-frishberg.html>

<https://fb.watch/v/A4TOk2hH4/>

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x52indy>

ACS Fellow citation from the Cal ACS website:

https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/fellows/list-of-2015-ac-fellows.html#P216_15859

On behalf of the local Puget Sound Section, I visited Mark's widow, Kathy, and brought a card and flowers. See the sense of humor on the doormat! The



card is addressed to Kathy Frisberg on behalf of the Puget Sound Section. Kathy came to the door and was very gracious. The family had a small funeral due to the pandemic, and a symposium is planned in 2022 in Mark's honor. Please see those details on the next page.



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

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The ACS Division of Business Development & Management, in collaboration with the California Local Section, ACS Younger Chemists Committee, ACS Senior Chemists Committee, and ACS Division of Professional Relations, will be hosting a special symposium to honor the passing of our friend, colleague, and dedicated ACS volunteer, Mark D. Frishberg.



Any and all speakers that would like to join with others from across Mark's extended ACS network to remember his life, contributions, and legacy of leadership are encouraged to submit short presentation abstracts to the ACS MAPS system at the following link that will be open until October 11th:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/meetings/acs-meetings/abstract-submission/call-for-abstracts.html>

We look forward to celebrating the life of one of our own as part of the Spring 2022 ACS National meeting and we hope that you can join us. Please feel free to contact the symposium organizers at grandboismatthew@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Symposium Organizers: Matthew Grandbois, Lee Latimer, Jennifer Schmit

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2020 Linus Pauling Medal Award Symposium

October 9, 2021 | University of Washington

Professor Paul Chirik of Princeton University was chosen to be the recipient of the 2020 Linus Pauling Medal Award. The University of Washington will be the hosting institution for the 2020 Linus Pauling Medal Award Symposium on October 9, 2021. The symposium will be followed by a poster session and a banquet. The symposium and the poster session are free, open to the public and do not require registration to attend. To attend the banquet, however, you will need to purchase tickets by the end of the day, October 1, 2021.

SYMPOSIUM

Oct 9, 2021 | 12:00-5:00 pm | University of Washington | [Kane Hall](#) | Room 120

Free and open to the public. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

POSTER SESSION

Oct 9, 2021 | 5:00-6:30 pm | University of Washington | [Burke Museum](#) | Special Exhibits Gallery

Free and open to the public. [REGISTER TO PRESENT YOUR WORK](#)

BANQUET

Oct 9, 2021 | 6:30-8:30 pm | University of Washington | [Burke Museum](#) | Cascade Room

Tickets are required. [PURCHASE BANQUET TICKETS BY 10/1](#)



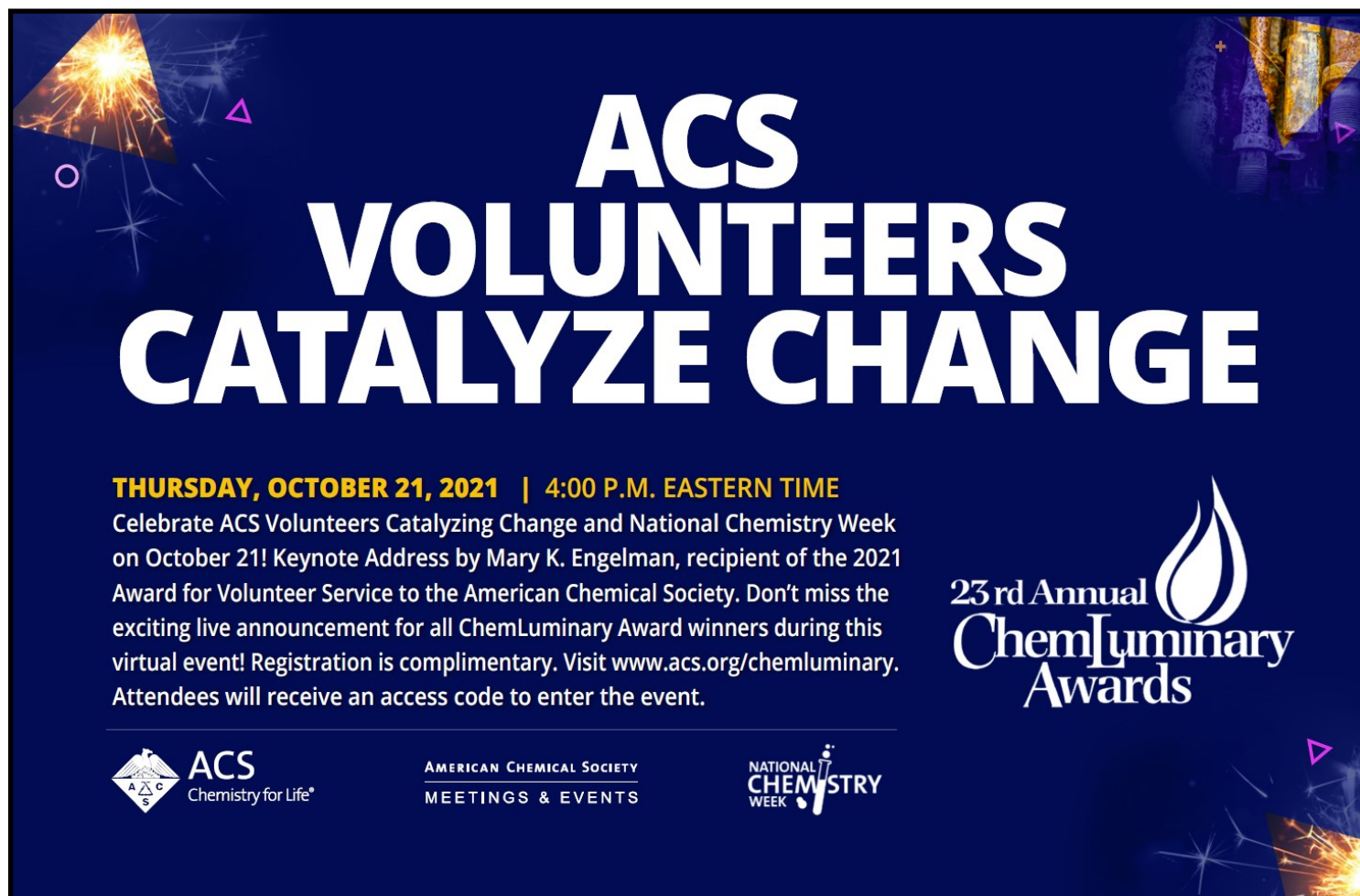
The Pauling Medal Award is jointly awarded by the ACS Puget Sound, Portland and Oregon local sections for outstanding achievement in chemistry. A symposium is held for each awardee, usually in the fall of the year the award is granted, though the disruptions of 2020 have resulted in the symposium for the 2020 Pauling being delayed until 2021.

NEWS BRIEFS

ChemLuminary Event

Oct 21, 2021 | 1:00pm Pacific / 4:00pm Eastern | ACS Volunteers Catalyze Change

More info: www.acs.org/chemluminary




The banner features a dark blue background with abstract chemical motifs. On the left, a bright orange sparkler bursts. On the right, a laboratory flask with a blue flame is shown. The central text is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the main title, the date and time are highlighted in yellow. A paragraph of white text provides details about the event, including a keynote address and registration information. The bottom of the banner contains three logos: ACS, American Chemical Society Meetings & Events, and National Chemistry Week. On the right side, the '23rd Annual ChemLuminary Awards' logo is displayed, featuring a stylized flame icon.

ACS VOLUNTEERS CATALYZE CHANGE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021 | 4:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

Celebrate ACS Volunteers Catalyzing Change and National Chemistry Week on October 21! Keynote Address by Mary K. Engelman, recipient of the 2021 Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society. Don't miss the exciting live announcement for all ChemLuminary Award winners during this virtual event! Registration is complimentary. Visit www.acs.org/chemluminary. Attendees will receive an access code to enter the event.

23rd Annual ChemLuminary Awards

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NEWS BRIEFS

Building Opportunities & Community

Oct 28, 2021 | 7:00pm | Volunteer Opportunity with Northwest Education Access

Event ZOOM Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fdrwng73TnehdzBw0FQEug



ACS Local Section
Puget Sound

The ACS Puget Sound Section is Invited to Attend our Northwest Education Access Webinar

"Building Opportunities & Community"

Thursday, October 28th, 2021 • 7:00pm–8:00pm

Zoom Link – please register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fdrwng73TnehdzBw0FQEug

Organizers: The ACS Puget Sound Section Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect Committee, the Mentoring Committee, and Northwest Education Access

Moderators: Garima Thakur, PhD; Natalie Merrill, PSS Chair 2021



**Connect &
Advocate!**

Presenters: Cam Tu Nguyen, Volunteer Services Manager;
Cooper Metz, Senior Program Manager

NWEA

<https://www.nweducationaccess.org/>

Northwest Education Access provides comprehensive and individualized support to help low-income young people, ages 16-29. NWEA volunteers tutor 1000 students in the King and Pierce County areas.

The ACS Puget Sound Section, DEIR Co-Chairs: Sheri Tonn, Leonard Andrews
Mentoring Committee Co-Chairs: Natalie Merrill, Curtis Deer
Please contact tonnsj@plu.edu with questions or comments!

Webinar Opportunity:

AWIS 50th Anniversary Celebration (October 28, 2-3 p.m. EDT)

It's not every day that an organization turns 50. Join us to celebrate this historic milestone and 50 years of AWIS advocacy. Our featured keynote speaker will be Dr. Marie Bernard, Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity at NIH. We will also be announcing the annual AWIS awards recognizing individuals who are making significant contributions to advancing women in STEM. [Learn more](#)

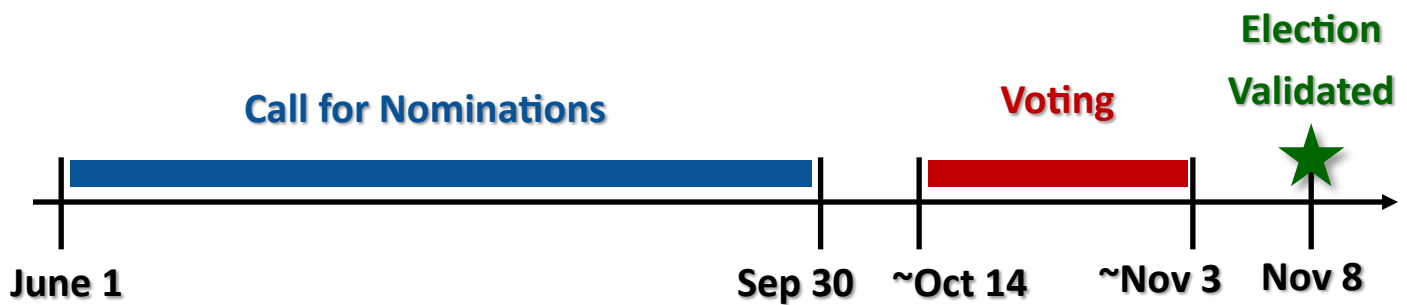
Puget Sound Section Elections

2021 Puget Sound Section Executive Committee Elections

Planned Nominations and Elections Timeline

Call for nominations	June 1 – September 30, 2021
Voting (mail and online)	Approx. October 14 – November 3, 2021
Election Validated	By November 8, 2021

Deadline to submit nominations (including the photo and bio): September 30, 2021



Nominating Committee

Jennifer Marsalla (Nominating Committee Chair)

Carole Berg

Jonathan Clark

Gary Christian

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.

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



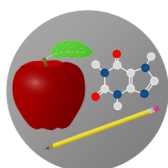
Julia Ann Rutherford Memorial Scholarship

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) with any questions.

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 2022 nominations for Heroes of Chemistry will open in the fall of 2021.

For more information on the application process, please email 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 closed. 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DEIR: Ebony McGee Webinar

November 3, 2021 | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Virtual Event

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iSlGxNySZKA9XKIXXq5dw



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**Zoom Webinar Series on
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect (DEIR):
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021, 4-5pm Pacific Time**

Black, Brown, Bruised: How Racialized STEM Education Stifles Innovation

Speaker: Ebony Omotola McGee



Drawing on narratives from hundreds of Black, Latinx, and Indigenous people, Dr. McGee examines the experiences of underrepresented racially minoritized students and faculty members who have succeeded in STEM and the toll that such success has exacted. She advocates for structural and institutional changes to address racial discrimination, stereotyping, and hostile environments in an effort to make STEM fields more inclusive.

Dr. McGee is professor of diversity and STEM education at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.

Register via Zoom to attend and to suggest discussion topics or questions:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iSlGxNySZKA9XKIXXq5dw

For information about this program, please contact:
Heather Price, Chemistry Faculty, heather.price@seattlecolleges.edu

For questions about Zoom or meeting registration, contact
Sheri Tonn, Committee on DEIR co-chair, tonnsj@plu.edu

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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/>

ACS National Meeting | Spring 2022

March 20-24, 2022 | San Diego, CA and Online | Bonding Through Chemistry



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ACS National Meeting | Fall 2022

August 21-25, 2022 | Chicago, IL and Online | Sustainability in a Changing World



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

University of Washington | Seattle, WA | ACS PSS Posting Date: 09/29/2021

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Assistant Professor in Chemical Biology

University of California | Irvine, California | ACS PSS Posting Date: 09/01/2021

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