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The Virginia Section planned **seven regular meetings** during 2018:

January 19, 2018 - Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services

Distinguished Service Award - Mr. Kenneth Chapman
Distinguished Research Award - Dr. Maryanne Collinson

February 23, 2018 - University of Richmond

Dr. John Goodenough, University of Texas at Austin “The Road to a Sustainable Energy Economy” (W. Allan Powell Lectureship)

March 9, 2018 - Randolph-Macon College
Chemical Jeopardy!

April 13 2018 -- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.
Dr. Shana K. Cyr, Finnegan Law Firm
“Championing Your Ideas in the Chemical Arts”

September 14, 2018 –Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.
Dr. Denise M. Toney, Virginia Division of Consolidated
Laboratory Services - “The Impact of a Great Teacher”

October 25, 2018 - University of Mary Washington
Mr. Jerry Podorski, Drug Enforcement Administration
“DEA Forensics and the Opiate Crisis”

November 9, 2018 - Longwood University
Audrey Reid, Imbibe Solutions
TOPIC: “KNOW Science, KNOW Beer: The Alcohol Industry’s
Need for Scientists”

The 2018 activities of the VA Section of the ACS exemplified community engagement, collaboration within the section and with local industry, innovation, and passion. The committee chairs and executive committee members did a great job of planning activities that aligned with the Strategic Plan and

members' goals. By doing so, we gained some new members from different regions of Virginia and active young chemists in the section.

The section held 7 regular meetings located throughout Virginia. Meetings were hosted at both industrial and university locations, and some were broadcast online as a livestream. We recognized outstanding work by members with 50-70 years of service and gave awards to K-12 teachers, senior college students, student poster competitors, volunteers, Chemistry Olympiad participants, and academic and industrial researchers. The section leadership continued to work on its governance plan for short and long term growth. The Executive Committee held 3 meetings throughout 2018. Many of the committees were incredibly active and hosted a variety of events across the section and in collaboration with other organizations. Various lab tours were held throughout the state, and allowed chemists to see into the fields of chemistry they may not be familiar with. The YCC did an amazing job of involving young chemists, but also took advantage of the great expertise and experience in the section by hosting an intergenerational career workshop and continuing the mentoring program. WCC celebrated their 10th year anniversary with an impressive reception and inspiring talk from the state lab's director. "The Bulletin" continued its strong role as a key communication tool by notifying members about opportunities, advertising chemistry lectures throughout the state, sharing personal stories about long-term members, and celebrating our successes.

This section continues to be a very diverse section consisting of both industrial and academic scientists of all ages and experiences- and what is so impressive is how inclusive the members continue to be across such a large geographic region.