ACS Virginia Section Younger Chemists Committee Chair Report: 01/29/2022

Saturday, January 29th, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Virtual Format: Zoom
Submitted By: Julian Bobb, Chair

Vision Statement
Younger leaders transforming the world through chemistry.

Mission Statement
Advocate for, develop, and support rising chemists to positively impact their careers, the ACS, and the future of chemistry.

2021 ChemLuminary Awards

Best Activity or Program in a Local Section Stimulating Membership Involvement Award shared with Eastern New York, Northern New York, Philadelphia, and St. Louis Section Local Sections.

Outstanding Local Section Younger Chemists Committee Award shared with the Eastern New York, Northern New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Rochester, Nashville, & the North Carolina Local Sections and the Graduate Chemistry Society of the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras.

Budget for 2022

We are requesting $2000 for YCC activities this year:

⇒ $1000 for YCC-NOBCChE D&I/Professional Development Workshop in April
  o ACS memberships, T-Shifts, and Prizes
⇒ $500 for Mentorship Program Kick-Off Social in the Fall
⇒ $500 for other activities (socials, talks, panel session, etc.)

The YCC will look into ACS Grant Opportunities

Planned and Potential YCC Events for 2022

- YCC-NOBCChE Diversity/Inclusion and Professional Development Workshop:
  o Event date: April 2nd and 11th from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM
  o This workshop hopes to provide awareness and open dialogue about diversity and inclusivity in school and the workplace, especially in the STEM field. It will provide insight on creating positive
environments, and tips and skills for professional development such as crafting a CV/resume employers will love, strategies to leverage during job hunting, and etc.

- Keynote speakers, panel sessions, and networking sessions

- **STEM Day at Churchill Academy:**
  - Chemistry demonstrations, panel sessions with high school students this March

- **Student Affiliate Chapter Collaborations:**
  - Planning to host various programs at local universities and colleges student affiliate chapters
  - Thinking of working with Virginia State University and the College of William & Mary first

- **ACS Virginia Mentorship Program:**
  - Seeking industry/government scientists to volunteer to mentor young chemists.
  - The deadline to sign up to volunteer is April 2022.
  - In March/April 2022, the YCC will recruit young chemists/mentees
  - The ACS Virginia Mentorship Luncheons will be hosted in September of 2022 in the Metro Richmond Area
Younger Chemists YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEJgX28mFQPEGW4eNH6Wvgw