

## ACS Virginia Section Student Affiliates Committee Chair Report

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**Executive Committee Meeting Date and Location:** Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM, Temple Building (Room 3309) at Virginia Commonwealth University

**Submitted by (Chair):** LaChelle Waller, Chair

### **Committee Description/Charge as related to Strategic Plan:**

The Virginia section American Chemical Society Student Affiliate Committee (VA ACSSAC) serves the membership of the American Chemical Society by working closely with Faculty and Staff at Universities in the section to increase the number of college student ACS members and active student affiliate chapters. Encouragement of student membership and growth is accomplished by communicating the benefits of membership, highlighting the good works of student chapters, holding collaborative events to benefit members and offering support for and branding of student

Goal: To increase ACS and AXE chapters Student affiliate membership

Goal 4: Provide community outreach that increases the positive perception of chemistry and the ACS Strategy G4-S2 Identify and support regional coordinators for ACS branded community activities

### **2019-2020 Initiatives (Budget Request -\$500.00)**

- a. **Supporting Undergraduate Research Symposium**- support efforts of the VCU ACS chapter undergraduate research symposium. The VCU ACS chapter received the 2018 ACS undergraduate research symposium grant. There were over 100 students in attendance and 10 industry and community partner tables. The plan is to resubmit the application for 2019. The symposium will invite Virginia Section ACS student affiliate chapters to submit an abstract and include industry partner's participation along with identifying a Keynote Speaker. During the 2018 event there was a keynote speaker from NASA.
- b. **Supporting STEM Day and Parent STEM Night** – support efforts of the VCU ACS chapter to provide hands on engaging activities with title 1 schools. This will be year four of conducting STEM Day in which the students invite local Virginia Section ACS Student Affiliate chapters to participate with students, teachers, faculty and staff. Each year we have served over 300 students, faculty and staff.
- c. **Supporting ACS Student Affiliates and AXE Faculty Advisors** – identify opportunities to engage potential ACS student affiliates faculty advisors to assist in the initiatives to increase the number of students participating in ACS and AXE chapters. Potentially host a meet and greet session.

### **Completed To-Date Committee Activities:**

Activities:



- Attended the ACS Leadership Conference
- Update an excel spreadsheet of regional student affiliate chapters
- ACS Student affiliates in the community developing partnerships with elementary schools and local colleges
- Progress engaging AXE Chapters

**Relationship to Strategic Plan/ Committee Charge:** Provide community outreach that increases the positive perception of chemistry and the ACS. Identify and support regional coordinators for the ACS branded community activities.

**Members Attending/Volunteers:** LaChelle Waller

**Non-Member/Volunteers:**

**Participants Served:** ACS student affiliates, youth and community members from participating ACS student affiliate per student chapters per local section

**Items purchased and cost if from budget:**

**Proposed/On-Going Committee Activities:**

**Activity 1:** Establish timeline and procedures for connecting with ACS student affiliates and AXE Chapters to increase and engage ACS Student affiliate and AXE activity

**Tentative Date/Location:** Meeting monthly

**Activity 2:** Create calendar of events for AY 19-20 and increase faculty participation

**Tentative Date/Location:** February 2019

**Activity 3:** develop ACS Student affiliates logo and branding materials

**Tentative Date/Location:** Fall 2019

**Activity 4:** develop ACS Student affiliates database with contact information

**Tentative Date/Location:** Fall 2019

**Proposed budget need:** \$500.00

Money is being asked for items such as

- t-shirt to assist with branding
- ACS student affiliate related activities
- Flyers and posters
- organization campaigns
- Capture what other ACS members are doing through networking and collaborations, identify opportunities to highlight success

