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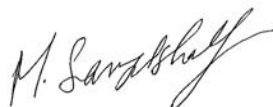
## Chair's Report of the Section Activity/Successes/Challenges During the period of January to June 2020

- The Section held an Executive Committee Meeting on January 25, 2020 at Virginia Commonwealth University. We discussed and approved the 2020 budget and the Officers and Committees reports. The committee voted unanimously to award the R. Gerald Bass Award for Exceptional Service to Dr. Ann Marie Sullivan (Professor and Chair at Reynolds Community College).
- The Section held two regular monthly meetings on January 24 at the Enthalpy Laboratories in Richmond and on February 28 at the University of Richmond. The January Meeting included a tour of the Enthalpy laboratories and was devoted to the Distinguished Service and Research Awards. The recipient of the Service Award Dr. Rob Davidson (Senior Research Associate at Afton Chemical) delivered a talk on "*My ACS Journey*", and the recipient of the Research Award Professor B. Jill Venton (University of Virginia) delivered a talk on "*Analytical Neurochemistry: New Techniques Uncover Rapid Neurochemical Signaling*".
- The February Meeting featured the University of Richmond Powell Lectureship presented by Professor Frank Gupton (Virginia Commonwealth University) on "*Pharmaceutical Processing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Seeing what others have seen and thinking what no one has thought*".
- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the March and April Meetings scheduled at Randolph Macon College and the University of Virginia, respectively were cancelled. The Section remains committed to helping our members navigate the numerous challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. All the Section Meetings and Activities will continue online through December 2020.
- In April, the Section honored the outstanding senior chemistry majors from colleges and universities in Virginia with the 2020 Undergraduate Chemistry Student Award. This award consists of a certificate, a one-year membership in the ACS, and a copy of book "*The Disappearing Spoon*" by Sam Kean.

The following students were mailed their Award books and certificates: Gabrielle Perkins (Bridgewater College), Jocelyn R. Brown (Virginia State University), Gabrielle Nelson (Randolph Macon College), Kyle Albert (Shenandoah University), Connor Vincent Headley (University of Virginia), Bethany Taylor (Mary Baldwin University), Leah Lapp (Eastern Mennonite University), Allison Burgess (University of Mary Washington), Ruth

Ann Beaver (College of William & Mary), Alan Branigan (Virginia Commonwealth University), Erin Krist (James Madison University), Dani Sklar (University of Richmond), Corri Calandra (Longwood University), Charles A. Wolfe (Hampden-Sydney College), and Charles Whitehead-Tillery (Virginia Union University).

- The Section nominated the historical chemical hearth at the University of Virginia to the National Historic Chemical Landmarks Program and the designation was approved by the ACS committee. The Section plans a ceremony in spring 2021 to celebrate the landmark's status.
- The Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) received a \$500.00 grant from the ACS Corporation Associates Committee to organize a "Women's Leadership Workshop" in September 2020.



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