

ACS Virginia Section Younger Chemists Committee Chair Report: 01/26/2019

Saturday, January 26th, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Temple Building (Room 3309) at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
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.

Strategic Plans for 2019

- Goal 3-Strategy 1: Re-evaluate the current mentoring strategies, assess needs, expedite the mentorship program, and present a report to the ACS Virginia Section Executive Board in the **Fall of 2019**
- Goal 3-Strategy 2: Support/leverage at least two networking, outreach, educational, and development events at local university and business partners across the region.
- Goal (New): Seek opportunities for younger chemists to serve in the community - fostering community engagements.

In 2018, the younger chemists committee has planned multiple tours of local industrial and governmental agencies, a career development workshop at Longwood University, chemistry trivia night at Virginia Commonwealth University, and has been leading the ACS Virginia Mentorship Program. Julian has put together a committee of 10 members inclusive of undergraduate and graduate students, and industry folks to help support YCC activities.

Budget for 2019

We are requesting **\$1000** for YCC activities this year. Allotments: **\$300** for the ACS Virginia Mentorship Luncheon in the Fall, **\$350** for chemistry trivia night in the Fall, **\$150** for ACS PROGRAM-IN-A-BOX this Spring, and **\$200** for other future activities.

Planned and Potential YCC Events for 2019

- Dinner and a Talk with Agilent Technologies: **February 6th, 2019 (7:00 – 9:00 PM) at Virginia State University (Still waiting to hear back from Agilent)**
 - This event is being co-sponsored by the ACS student affiliate chemistry chapter at Virginia State University
 - Potential topics: fundamentals/background about LC-MS and/or GC-MS, career opportunities, what is Agilent technologies and what is it like to work there, the importance and applications of LC-MS and/or GC-MS
- ACS PROGRAM-IN-A-BOX: **February 26th, 2019 (6:45 PM – 8:30 PM) at the University of Virginia**
 - This is a free webinar event that requires very little effort and it will be leveraged to engage chemistry students and early career chemists
 - The theme is “The Evolving Periodic Table” and Its Incredible Elements!
- Dinner and a Talk with the Colonial Virginia Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals: **March 20th, 2019 (6:00 – 7:30 PM) at Virginia Commonwealth University**
 - Topics to be discussed: lab safety, information about ASSP, career opportunities available, student membership benefits, possibly an industry recruiter to talk to students/young chemists
- ACS Virginia Mentorship Program
 - We are currently looking for industry/government scientists to volunteer to mentor young chemists. **The deadline to sign up to volunteer is April 2019.**
 - In March/April 2019, the YCC will recruit young chemists/mentees
 - The ACS Virginia Mentorship Luncheon will be hosted in **September of 2019 in the Metro Richmond Area**
- Chemistry Trivia Night: **October 2019 at a University/College**
 - A social, interactive, and engaging game event about chemistry and general science topics
- Local Industry/Government Labs and/or Brewery/Winery Tours
- YCC/WCC Join Event