

Required Banquet/Awards Night Reservation (You Must E-mail/Phone Ahead, ASAP– See Below)



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ANNUAL ALUMNI/AWARDS BANQUET INVITATION

Friday, April 27, 2018

UGA Georgia Center, 1197 S. Lumpkin St.
Athens, GA

Time: Drinks at 6:00 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM

Dinner: No cost to NEGS ACS members and one guest

RSVP: ASAP

Mrs. Hannah David at Hannah.David@uga.edu or 706-542-1919.

The Chemistry Golf Scramble will be at the UGA Course on Saturday April 28, with a 12:30 shotgun start. NEGS-ACS people are welcome! Contact Mike Duncan to sign up (maduncan@uga.edu).

April Chemistry Alumni & Northeast Georgia Section ACS Banquet and Awards Night

The annual Chemistry Department Alumni Lecture and Awards Banquet will be held on April 27, 2018. The Alumni Lecture will be presented at 4:00 pm in the Chemistry Building (room 400) by Professor John Maier from the University of Basel in Switzerland. John will discuss his group's discovery of C₆₀ cations in interstellar space.

The Awards Banquet will be that evening in the UGA Georgia Center, with drinks/social hour at 6:00, dinner at 7:00 and the awards (both UGA and Northeast Georgia Section) presentations following that. There is no charge for the banquet for Northeast Georgia Section members and spouses but you **MUST** call (e-mail) your reservation.

The Chemistry Golf Scramble will be on Saturday April 28 at 12:30 at the UGA Golf Course. Full four-person teams or individuals are welcome!

Please plan to join us for these events! To sign up and reserve a spot, please contact Mrs. Hannah David at Hannah.David@uga.edu or 706-542-1919.

Upcoming ACS Meeting

Friday, Aug. 10, 2018—Annual Northeast Georgia ACS & UGA Graduate Student Picnic—Flintchem's Phoenix.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Report to Northeast Georgia Section of the ACS

Susan Richardson, Councilor

American Chemical Society

255th ACS National Meeting

New Orleans, LA

March 18-22, 2018

Dear ACS friends,

It was my pleasure to represent you again at the Spring ACS Conference in New Orleans! There were >16,500 people attending the conference, including 6432 students! Students were everywhere! I have so appreciated the opportunity to serve you these past 5+ years—it has been a pleasure voting on behalf of our section and staying connected with you. As I near the end of my second term, I would like to give one of our other members a chance to participate in the Council meeting and serve our local section. Please be thinking of someone good to nominate for our next Councilor! (possibly one of our “younger” members ☺). Elections will be this coming December, and Councilors serve for 3-year terms. Despite moving to Columbia, I will always be a Bulldawg at heart, and you will likely continue to see me at events I can still come to (typically ones on the weekend, including the Annual Banquet, the Awards/Alumni Banquet, and the picnic), as well as the UGA football games (I still bark for the Dawgs!). It was really awesome to see many of you at the Annual Banquet this year!

I enjoyed the Council meeting this year at the ACS Conference. One nice surprise was the announcement of the local sections with important anniversaries—including our **50th Anniversary!** Of course, our history is actually a little older than that, considering that we were once part of the initial “Georgia Section”. But, this is

an important milestone for us! One sad surprise that I had missed before was the passing of Ron Breslow (October of last year). I remember sitting next to Ron at my very first Council meeting (and the next couple after that)—right down on the front row where he always sat. Ron told me his tips for voting on the two candidates for President Elect (“Make sure they are good speakers and can communicate well!”). That was good advice because despite their long lists of qualifications, being able to communicate and represent ACS to Congress and other outside groups is probably the most important role of our ACS President. I will miss Ron.

And speaking of voting on the two candidates (out of 4) to go forward for President Elect, the two sent forward for the full election are Luis A. Echegoyen and Thomas R. Gilbert.

I also had the pleasure to attend the ACS Awards Banquet, where I got to hear the 2018 Priestly Award winner—Geri Richmond—give her award speech. Geri is simply amazing! And incredibly inspiring—both for young women and for young people who come from humble backgrounds. Geri has a true rags-to-riches story. Geri’s mom was a beauty shop owner in a small town who instilled a love for learning and later moved her family to Manhattan, Kansas to give Geri a better chance for college. Geri not only has incredible scientific accolades, but she also founded COACh (which originally stood for Committee on the Advancement of Women Chemists, but now serves women and men in all physical sciences and engineering). Here is a link to a recent C&E News story on Geri: <https://cen.acs.org/articles/96/i12/meet-geraldine-richmond-2018-priestley-medalist.html>.

I really hope that a video of her speech will be available soon.

The environmental chemistry talks were also fantastic. In my opinion, ACS has really increased the quality and the diversity of offerings at the meeting. It continues to be difficult to choose among so many good oral sessions (and that was not always the case in years past). One important new change that ACS plans to implement is shortening the conference, such that it will end on Wednesday, instead of Thursday (but still starting on Sunday).

For more details, I’m including a link to our local section website: <http://negeorgia.sites.acs.org/> (click on Councilor reports). Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or want to catch up. richardson.susan@sc.edu

Thanks for the opportunity to serve you!

Sincerely,

Susan Richardson

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