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2020 Fall Newsletter Western Carolinas Section of the American Chemical Society

Dear WCACS Members,

I hope this letter finds each of you safe and healthy. Spring and summer have brought circumstances that none of us could have planned for, but we are resuming section activities virtually this fall. Perhaps most unfortunate for our local section was the missed opportunity to celebrate our 2020 Outstanding Senior Chemistry Majors. Since we were unable to meet face-to-face, we've put together a [presentation](#) that profiles each school's winner. Please take a few minutes to celebrate the accomplishments of this year's awardees.

As we navigate this new normal, we welcome your thoughts as to how you'd like to see section activities proceed for the remainder of the year. Our **next meeting** will be held virtually on **Thursday, September 24th at 7 PM**. Our speaker will be Dr. John Gupton, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at the University of Richmond. At the meeting will honor our section members celebrating 50-, 60- and 70-year anniversaries. In October we will highlight this year's National Chemistry Week theme of *Sticking with Chemistry*, and in November we will again host a joint meeting with the local section of AIChE. While we have traditionally scheduled a monthly dinner and seminar, that format will not possible for the rest of the year. If you have ideas and suggestions for future section activities, feel free to share them [here](#).

As always, you can find the most up-to-date programming information on our [website](#).

Sincerely,
Will Case
Chair, 2020

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Congratulations

Congratulations to our local section for winning an Innovative Projects Grant from the ACS. This grant represents a collaborative effort between our section and the Carolina Piedmont local section. Funds from the grant will be used to host a workshop that will help students create successful student chapters within our local sections. This fall we will hold an information session designed to solicit ideas and thoughts for useful workshop content. Be on the lookout for more information.



Nominations are currently being accepted for several regional awards to be distributed during the upcoming SWRM/SERMACS joint meeting. **Consider nominating a member of our local section** for one of these prestigious honors. Information related to all awards can be found on the conference [website](#).

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR LOCAL SECTION!

With over 800 members, our local section has a wealth of experience and a myriad of talents. Consider taking an active role within our local section by sharing your love of chemistry with individuals in our region. From programming to leadership, there are many ways to be involved in our community. Feel free to contact any officer for more information. The position of Chair-Elect is filled annually.

Speaking of Volunteering...



Consider supporting a local science teacher by serving as an ACS Science Coach. This initiative pairs chemists with local K-12 teachers in an effort to enhance science education for today's youth. Teachers and coaches meet six times over the course of an academic year. For more information, check out the Science Coaches [website](#) or contact John Kaup (john.kaup@furman.edu). The deadline for applications is September 1.

If you are not receiving email reminders from the section regarding upcoming meetings and would like to, please contact Nina Veas (nina.veas@michelin.com) with your active email address.