

ACS - CENTRAL ARKANSAS SECTION
RECOGNITION BANQUET

6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 18, 2000

Meeting Room 214

Student Center at UCA in Conway

The Central Arkansas Section of the American Chemical Society will hold its annual recognition banquet on Tuesday, April 18. Colleges and universities in our section are asked to recognize their outstanding students for 1999/2000 at this banquet. Faculty members bringing the students are asked to "host" their students by giving brief remarks about them and by covering the cost of their meals, \$10/person.

The Section will also recognize high school students and teachers, any 50 year ACS members, students "sponsored" by our section, and an outstanding section member. Certificates will be provided to all the people being recognized. All Section members are encouraged to attend and recognize these individuals.

RSVP: We need a good head count to know how many meals to prepare. If you plan to attend, please contact Mike Rapp (above) or Jerry Manion (450-5944 or JerryM@mail.uca.edu) by no later than April 14.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Coming from Little Rock you should take the first Conway exit (Exit # 129). Take a left back over Interstate-40 and you will be on Dave Ward Drive (HWY 60). You will pass Axiom (on your left), pass over the railrad, pass the bus factory, and at the third traffic light you should see a UCA sign. Don't turn there. Instead, continue to the next stop light and take a right on to Farris Road. Take the first entrance into the campus off Farris, past the guard house and you will see several parking lots on your right. Our security office assures me that you can park in any legitimate parking place in any of those lots. Don't park in loading zones, by red curbs, or in handicap spaces (unless you have a handicapped sticker). It is a short walk to the Student Center which is near the center of the campus.

FROM THE CHAIR: Greetings! I am assuming that everyone has made their way back from San Francisco by now; that is also assuming that you were there last week. I am referring to the ACS 219th National Meeting. All 3 chemists from Lyon escorted 3 students to present posters about their research activities. We had a great time! I must point out, however, that the trip was not all “play.” Of the “work” I did, one activity included attending a NCW Coordinator’s Reception, at which I displayed a poster presentation of a collection of the NCW activities within our local section. Our local section was one of only six local sections to take advantage of this opportunity to share ideas. The members of the NCW Task Force from the national level were very appreciative and complimentary toward our NCW volunteer efforts. For those who want a head start, next year’s NCW theme will be “Kitchen Chemistry” and the Unifying Event will involve a food drive.

My group was not the only Arkansans in San Francisco. The faculty from Hendrix accompanied 17 students(!!!), and I got to visit a couple of them at their poster presentations. We also ran into a handful of students from the Student Affiliate chapter at Henderson State. Ouachita Baptist had 3 students attending as well. Please forgive me for failing to mention anyone else who was in attendance; those above are the ones that I am aware of. I mention this because the experiences gained in such an environment are invaluable to the students. I want to applaud those faculty members who make it possible for students to attend such ACS events. Also, to not exclude anyone, I want to send similar acclaim to any non-academic chemists who were at the ACS national meeting. Your attendance and contributions are very valuable to the success of ACS.

I trust that all of the academics out there have heard from Mike Rapp, regarding the graduating seniors to be honored at the Awards Banquet. I encourage everyone to continue to honor the seniors in this way. Also, do what you can to get them to come to the banquet. I’m sure that most seniors can find something more fun to do, (I was young once!) but I think it is important for the students to hear the applause and truly take some pride in their accomplishments. Also on this note, we should all thank Mike for administering this very important activity for our local section.

One other aspect of this year’s awards banquet will involve recognizing some local section members for a very different accomplishment. There are 4 local section members who will be celebrating their 50th year as members of ACS. These stalwarts are Dr. Mary L. Good, Mr. Charles R. Nony, Mr. Lester R. Rabb, and Mr. E. Sidney Vaughn, Jr. Of these four, two have confirmed their willingness to attend the banquet in order to receive a certificate that honors their steadfastness within the Society. These members have already received a congratulatory message from the ACS Membership Division, so this is an opportunity for us to add our congratulations from the local level.

My newcomers status may again be showing here, but I get the impression that the Awards Banquet involves distributing the same awards every year, all being on the academic side of chemistry. It appears to me that the inclusion of the 50-year member awards demonstrates that our awards banquet can be used in any way we want. My point is that this banquet seems to exclude the non-academic chemists in the local section. Therefore, I am sending an invitation to the non-academic chemists to use this awards banquet to their advantage. If there are any awards being given within your organization, let’s use this awards banquet to do it publicly. Everyone enjoys that “pat on the back” applause, not just the students!