

ACS - CENTRAL ARKANSAS SECTION
RECOGNITION BANQUET

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

Meeting Room 215A

Student Center at UCA in Conway

The Central Arkansas Section of the American Chemical Society will hold its annual recognition banquet on Wednesday, April 25. Colleges and universities in our section are asked to recognize their outstanding students for 2000/2001 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 Jerry Manion (450-5944 or JerryM@mail.uca.edu) by April 20. Respond to the same address with the names of students you wish to include in the program.

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 Acxiom (on your left), pass over the railroad, pass the bus factory, and at the second traffic light past the overpass you should see a UCA sign (Donaghey Avenue). Don't turn there! Instead, continue to the next stoplight 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.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The remaining programs are planned for 2001:

September 12	Charles Deak	Forensic Chemistry	Crime Lab
October 15	Carolyn Fisher	Careers in the Food Industry	Hendrix
November 13	Ellis Fields	Alternative Sources of Fuels	UALR

FROM THE MARCH MEETING:

Approximately 30 individuals attend the March meeting at UAMS. Our speaker was very impressed with the number of female chemistry students present and wanted to know if this was a national trend. Does anyone know the answer to this question?

The focus of the meeting, which was designed by Mary-Lynn Bajt, centered upon career opportunities for undergraduates. The talk was very informative and provided insight to different career opportunities in science with varying amounts of educational training. Topics discussed were career options in academia, industry, and government. The goal of the meeting was to help undergraduates design their educational training to fit their long-term career goals. Mary-Lynn also encouraged students to get involved in many areas of science while they are undergraduates in order to truly make an informed decision regarding career choices.

In addition to the talk, the Career-Development Committee was available to discuss different options available to all of our members. They announced availability of two positions available in the section. This committee has also developed a program to aid in CV writing and improving interviewing skills.

FROM THE CHAIR:

It's that time of year again when we give our salute to chemistry excellence within our local section. The people we will be honoring this year include our outstanding chemistry teachers and chemistry students who have achieved excellence at either the graduate, undergraduate, or high school level. Please come out and show your support for these people who are truly on the frontline of chemistry. Without these people, chemistry would dwindle away and affect just about every facet of our lives. We need to do our best to support them in every way, and I think our local section has done an excellent job of organizing this event so that it will be fun for all of us.

This will be our last event until the fall, and I hope everyone is thinking about the things they would like to do in the next term. I believe our Chair-Elect, Tony Jude, is planning a "Fun/Meet the New Chair" event for all of us, and our National Chemistry Week Coordinator, Howard Hendrickson, is doing an excellent job at planning the events for National Chemistry Week in November. We are currently trying to find funding to host a special social gathering at the art museum in Little Rock. We think this will coincide nicely with the "Chemistry in Art" theme for National Chemistry Week.

On a different note, for those that remember in 1999 when I was elected for this Chair position I indicated that my future was somewhat unstable, and I did not know how long I would be in Arkansas. However, I do bring good news today, at least for those who appreciate the things I am doing for our local section. I have accepted an offer of employment with the Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, which is located in Little Rock. Therefore, it appears that I will be able to fulfill my obligations as Chair of your local section. When I begin my new position this summer, I will send the new contact information.

As always, I like to keep the communication lines open. Please let one of the local officers know what your thinking.

-Jeffery H. Moran