

The purpose of the Career Advancement and Enhancements for Technicians and Technologists was to provide programs about the numerous career opportunities that exist for technicians/technologists in chemistry and related areas and to identify needs of technicians/technologists in a variety of chemical industries. At the Spring National Meeting in New Orleans, TECH conducted two panel discussions under the heading "What A Great Team. " The first was "Applied Chemical Technology Professionals and Chemists" and the second was "From Analyst to Chemist." Panelists discussed the skills sets needed in particular areas of work and the interactions technicians/technologists have with chemists, engineers, and managers. Another opportunity for Technicians to share their skill sets was for at the symposium "Careers of Technicians", Catherine Hunt was the keynote speaker. Presenters were technicians representing a wide variety of career fields, including engineering, production, analytical labs, pilot plants, and others. TECH also carried out a 1/2 day symposium titled "Career Enhancement and Advancement." The symposium focused on "How to Find Jobs and How to Find Hidden Jobs for Technicians," "What Does ACS have to Offer the Applied Chemical Technology Professional, "and "Where are the Jobs Focused for the Applied Chemical Technology Professionals of the Future." In addition, Dan Eustace of Career Services performed two mock interview sessions. This program was recorded and will be used on TECH and Career Services websites.

This project targeted potential new members of TECH from a wide variety of fields. Seven people applied for travel funds, however only three were able to actually attend the national meeting due to work restraints. These three individuals participated in panel discussions and presented posters.

A luncheon meeting was organized to allow meeting attendees to interact with panelists and TECH members. Eight people joined TECH as a result. We hoped to have a new group of members become involved in TECH activities and build a larger network.