

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT



Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society

Education Night Hybrid Meeting

Friday, September 16, 2022 5:30–8:30 PM CDT



One Door Opens ... ACS Career Services

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ABSTRACT

As a kid, my family thought that I would be a professional student because I loved taking classes about science and many other topics. After graduating with my Ph.D., I worked in industry and then unexpectedly took an academic position I learned about through networking after the lab closed. Shortly after I started teaching, I learned that my calling was not to be a professional student but to be an educator and coach. In this presentation, I will help others to achieve their career goals by sharing my experiences and lessons learned, and information about the many career services offered by the ACS.

IN-PERSON DINNER

Mediterranean Dinner Buffet, \$25

Benedictine University

Krasa Center (2nd floor dining room)
5700 College Road
Lisle, IL 60532

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FREE VIRTUAL TALK VIA ZOOM

REGISTRATION

By phone (847-391-9091), email
(chicagoacs@ameritech.net) or online:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

DEADLINES TO REGISTER

Dinner: 9 AM on Friday, September 9
Zoom-only: 8:00 PM on Fri, Sept 16

MEET THE SPEAKER

Katie Leach graduated from the University of Rochester with her Ph.D. in physical chemistry. She relocated outside of Chicago to work in industry as a Research Scientist for a small environmental lab that performed government contract work. Katie has also worked as a Lecturer at Valparaiso and is currently serving as a Digital Faculty Consultant for McGraw-Hill, helping others navigate their career paths, and earning a Pastry Arts culinary degree to perfect her French macaron recipes. In her free time, Katie enjoys running, volunteering for the ACS, traveling, and spending time with her husband, twin boys, and two golden retrievers.

EDUCATION NIGHT

Honoring Teachers and Students

Join us as we gather for **Education Night** and celebrate the winner of the Teacher Excellence Award for the ACS Chicago Section, as well as the 2022 Scholarship Exam winners and their teachers.



The **2022 Teacher Excellence Award** will be presented to **Katherine Goebel** of Buffalo Grove High School. The award recognizes Katherine for outstanding contributions to and support for the teaching of high school chemistry in the Chicago Section. A complete write-up and biography of Katherine Goebel will appear in the upcoming October 2022 issue of *The Chemical Bulletin*.

The 2022 Chicago ACS Project Seed intern will also present a poster at Education Night describing her summer research project with Dr. Anita Mehta of Chicago Discovery Solutions, Inc.

MEETING PROGRAM

5:30–6:00 PM	Registration; Project SEED and Student Poster Session
6:00–6:45 PM	Dinner
6:45–6:50 PM	Announcements Mark Cesa, Chair
6:50–7:10 PM	Presentations of the 2022 Award for Excellence in High School Teaching of Chemistry and 2022 High School Student Scholarships
7:10–8:15 PM	Presentation by Dr. Katie Leach
8:15–8:30 PM	Q&A

2022 Scholarship Exam Winners

Prize	Winner	Teacher & School
FIRST \$5,000 Award	ERIN REEVE	DESPINO MANDARINO Glenbrook South HS
SECOND \$3,000 Award	SAMANTHA GASS	JAIME STASIOROWSKI Deerfield HS
THIRD \$2,500 Award	BAVYA CHOWDAVA-	JEROMY BENTLEY Naperville North HS
FOURTH \$1,500 Award	JENNY BRANT	BRANDON TUCKER Glenbrook South HS
FIFTH \$1,250 Award	RACHANA KANATHUR	MARGARET STOKES Metea Valley HS
MARIE LISHKA \$2000 Award	ERIN REEVE	DESPINO MANDARINO Glenbrook South HS
MARSHALL S. SMOLER \$200 Award	NATALIE CHLEBUS	KAREN TRINE Whitney Young HS
BERNARD E. SCHAAR \$500 Award	NATALIE CHLEBUS	KAREN TRINE Whitney Young HS