Help ACS Undergraduate Members in New Orleans—They Want to Show You That They Can Speak Simply About Why Their Work Matters—AND They Want to Hear About Yours

We are inviting your assistance for two events involving undergrad students and communications at the New Orleans meeting. A big time commitment is not required. Here are the specifics:

1. Monday, April 8, 12-2:30 pm, Convention Center Hall D—Some 1200 students will be part of the Undergrad Poster Session. A smaller number of them—maybe 150—will have attended "How to Communicate Effectively About Your Work" the day before. They will be encouraged to "opt in" to a contest whereby they will be prepared to talk about their work (at the poster session) in a way that explains to a nonscientist why what they do matters. We need 12 judges to each visit about a dozen posters during the hours 12-2:30 and listen to these students "speak simply." As a judge you will give each participant a token that recognizes them as a Chemistry Ambassador and you will recommend one student as the most accomplished and he/she will win a prize. We estimate that you will need to spend 3-5 min at each poster. The students will know in advance that you are coming and they should be prepared to deliver their "simple" yet compelling remarks.

2. Monday, April 8, 4-5:30 pm, Convention Center , Hall A Section A, Undergraduate Networking Event—If you can spend 30 minutes, we can use your help, whether you are currently employed, between jobs, retired, or a graduate student. Undergrads will be moving around the room to hear what it's like to work in many different fields of chemistry. Imagine a "speed dating" scenario where the seasoned scientists are seated and the undergrads move down the line, talking to each person for 6-8 minutes to get a flavor of what you do/did, the challenges and opportunities that your kind of work presents, how to prepare for that kind of career, etc.

If you can help in either event, please contact Nancy Blount, ACS Office of Public Affairs, n_blount@acs.org or 202-872-4440. A response by March 29 will be appreciated.

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