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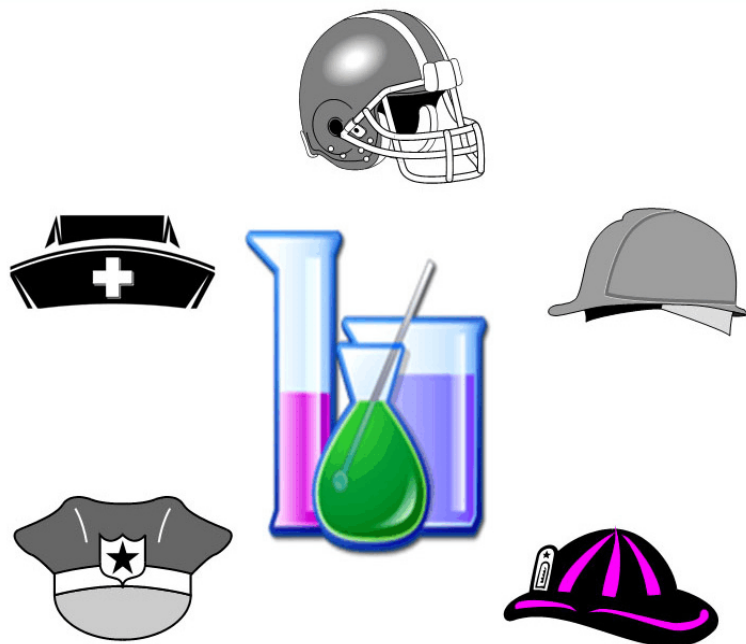
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VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE SECTION AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

630th SECTION MEETING

Hosted by Roanoke College
Wednesday, February 24, 2010

PROGRAM:

5:00-6:00 Social Time in Pickle Lounge
6:00-7:15 Dinner in Pickle Lounge
7:15-8:15 Meeting in Massengill Auditorium

The social time and dinner will take place in the Pickle Lounge of the Colket Center at Roanoke College. The talk will be in Massengill Auditorium. The speaker will be Dr. Lisa Balbes,, talking on "Nontraditional Careers for Chemists".

For dinner we will be going through the cafeteria line. After receiving your meal ticket in the Pickle Lounge, proceed across the hall to the cafeteria line, select your food, and carry it back to Pickle Lounge. The cost will be \$10.00, with retired members and students being \$5.00.

Reservations for the dinner must be made by THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, (6 DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING) by contacting Ben Huddle at 540-375-2440, or by e-mail to huddle@roanoke.edu, or by mail to Ben Huddle, Department of Chemistry, Roanoke College, Salem, VA 24153.

Dr. Lisa M. Balbes
Balbes Consultants

Dr. Lisa M. Balbes founded Balbes Consultants (formerly Osiris Consultants) in 1992. Balbes Consultants provides scientific writing services, including documentation, grants, proposals and more for over 50 client companies. She was chair of the St. Louis Section of the American Chemical Society in 2002, receiving an Outstanding Local Section Achievement Award



and a Salute to Excellence Award for her work there. She is also very involved in career development for chemists, have been a volunteer career consultant for ACS since 1993, presenter since 2002, and is the author of “Nontraditional Careers for Chemists”, published by Oxford University Press in 2006. Dr. Balbes obtained a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her undergraduate degrees in chemistry and psychology from Washington University in St. Louis. For more information, see www.balbes.com, or contact her at lisa@balbes.com.

**Nontraditional Career for Chemists:
New Formulas for Chemistry Careers**

A chemistry background prepares you for much more than just a laboratory career. The broad science education, analytical thinking, research methods, and other skills learned are of value to a wide variety of types of employers, and essential for a plethora of types of positions. By understanding your own personal values and interests, you can make informed decisions about what career paths to explore, and identify positions that match your needs. This talk will discuss a variety of nontraditional careers for chemists, such as chemical information, patent work, technical writing, education, human resources, sales and marketing, and much more. We will discuss typical tasks, education or training requirements, and personal characteristics that make for a successful career in each field, illustrated with specific examples. Valuable tips and advice about planning career transitions will also be provided.

New VBRS Web Site

We have a new Web site. ACS changed its hosting services so we decided to go with the hosting service Go Daddy. We also will be sending our e-mails through Go Daddy.

The URL is www.acs-vbbs.org.

We wish to express our gratitude to Gwen Sibert for designing, maintaining, and troubleshooting our Web pages. Thanks Gwen.

18th Annual Undergraduate/High School Poster Session

The Virginia Blue Ridge Section of the American Chemical Society is sponsoring the eighteenth Annual Undergraduate/High School Poster Session as a part of the April 14, 2010 meeting at Radford University. Poster boards will be provided.

If you have a student or students who desire to participate, submit the information below by email to Chris Hermann (chermann@radford.edu) by April 5, 2010. **This is a firm deadline. No poster submissions will be accepted after this time.** All students and faculty will get email confirmation. If you do not get an email reply, then your submission was not received and you cannot present.

Name of Project: _____

Name(s) of Student(s): _____

Affiliation (name of high school, college, or university): _____

Class of Student(s) (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior): _____

Student(s) email address: _____

Advisor's Name, Address, Telephone Number, and email address:

Poster board (48" by 48") with tripod on table or just table will be provided. Please specify what you need.

_____ poster board with tripod on table _____ only table

Transform Your Classroom with an ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Grant

The ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Grant is awarded to chemistry teachers with innovative ideas that transform classroom learning, foster student development, and reveal the wonders of chemistry. Applicants can request up to \$1,500 to support their ideas. Applications are due on April 1, 2010. Apply for the ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Grant today at www.acs.org/hach!

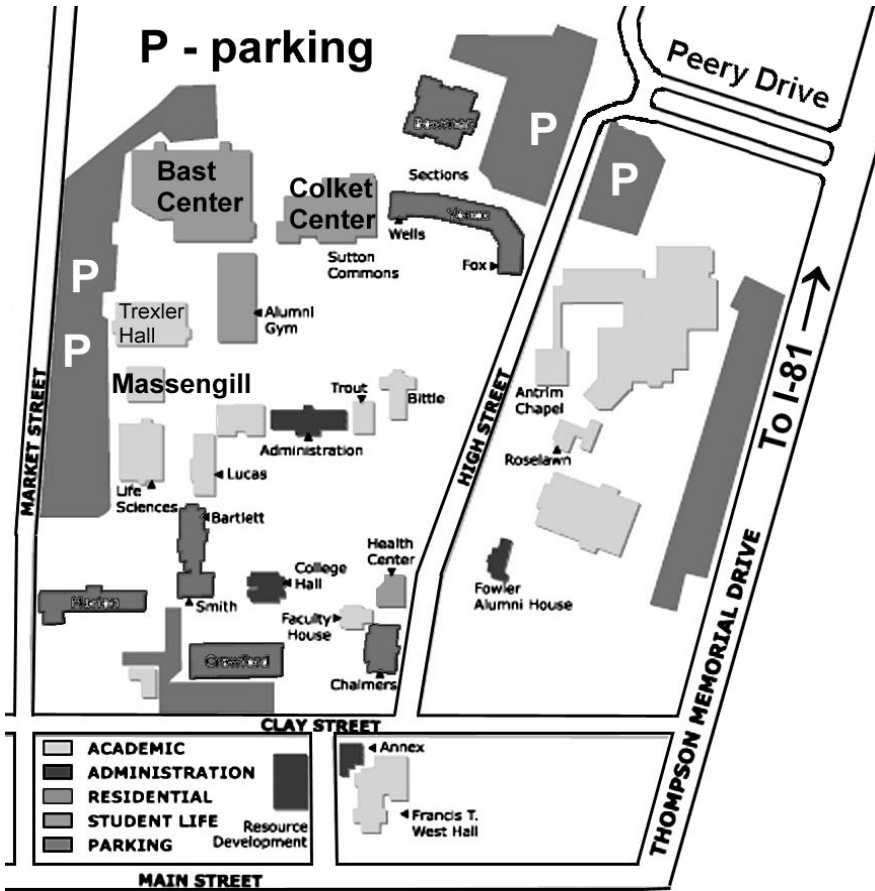
Considering a Career in High School Chemistry Teaching?

ACS can help you pursue your dream of becoming a high school chemistry teacher with the ACS-Hach Second Career Teacher Scholarship. The ACS-Hach Second Career Teacher Scholarship is awarded to professionals with work experience in chemistry-related fields. Scholarship recipients receive \$6,000 for full-time study and \$3,000 for part-time. Applications are due on April 1, 2010. Learn more about this exciting scholarship program at www.acs.org/hach.

Directions for Roanoke College

From I-81 take exit 140 (Route 311) and go south into Salem, on Thompson Memorial Drive. Turn right onto Peery Drive to enter the campus. You may park in one of the lots ahead, which are near the Colket Center, or you may take High Street, Clay Street, and Market Street to park near Massengill. For disability access routes, please contact Ben Huddle or Vern Miller. The talk is in Massengill Auditorium, with the dinner in Pickle Lounge on the main floor of the Colket Center.

Map of Roanoke College



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The March meeting is scheduled for Lynchburg College. Check the next newsletter for details.
Note added after publication: The March meeting will be March 30 at Lynchburg College. The speaker will be Jerome Ferrance talking about medicinal biochemistry.