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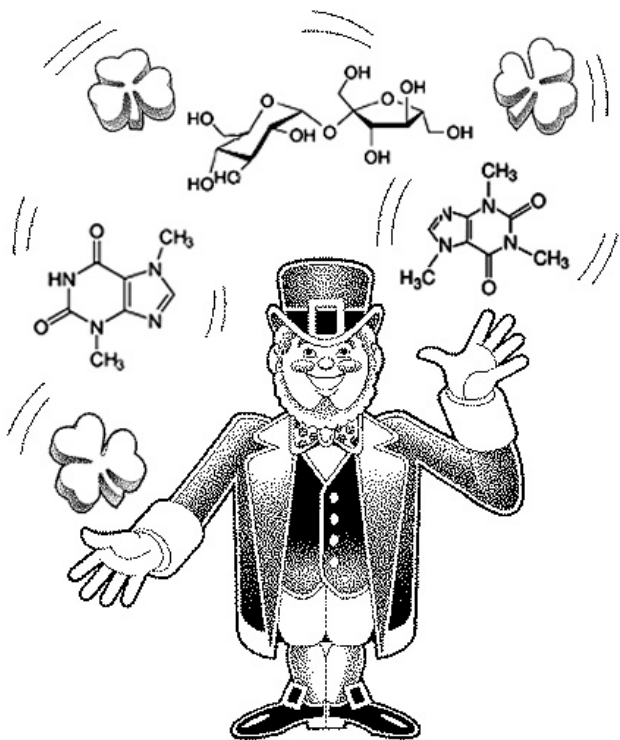
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Lynchburg College Hosts March Meeting,
a Joint Meeting with the Virginia Section of ACS

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VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE SECTION AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

623rd SECTION MEETING Joint with the Virginia Section of the ACS Hosted by Lynchburg College

Friday, March 27, 2009

PROGRAM:

- 6:00-6:30 Social Time, Burton East Room
- 6:30-7:30 Dinner, Burton East Room
- 7:30-8:30 Talk, Burton East Room

The social time, dinner, and talk will take place in the Burton East Room at Lynchburg College. The evening's speaker is Brad Smith from the ACS Office of Public Affairs, who will give a talk entitled "Science Policy Today for A Better Tomorrow".

The buffet dinner will consist of salad, fresh asparagus, roasted Yukon potatoes, dry aged strip loin of beef, rosemary roasted chicken breast, and assorted deserts. Cost for the dinner is \$14.00, with students and retired ACS members being half price.

Reservations for the dinner must be made by FRIDAY, MARCH 20, SEVEN DAYS before the meeting, by phoning William Lokar at (434) 544-8631, or by email to lokar_w@lynchburg.edu, or by mail to William Lokar, School of Sciences, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA 24501.

Mr. Brad Smith
ACS Office of Public Affairs

Since 1998, Brad has worked for the American Chemical Society's (ACS) Office of Public Affairs. At the ACS he is actively bridging the gap between practicing chemists and policymakers through advocating ACS policy positions to federal and state policymakers and directing the Society's grassroots programs. Under Brad's direction the ACS' flagship grassroots program (the Legislative Action Network) grew from a few hundred individuals to more than 16,000 active participants. In addition, Brad manages the ACS Local Section Government Affairs Committee and ACS Public Policy Fellowship programs. Brad received his M.A. in U.S. History from Bowling Green State University and his B.A. from Muskingum College.



Congratulations to Our 50 Year Members

Dr. Adria Casey
Roanoke, VA

Dr. Preston Durrill
Blacksburg, VA

Dr. Maryan Marshall
Lynchburg, VA

Dr. Jerry Maycock
Roanoke, VA

Dr. Harold McNair
Blacksburg, VA

Mr. Pellegrino Papa
Moneta, VA

Science Policy Today for A Better Tomorrow

The ACS Congressional charter, passed in 1937 and signed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, calls upon the ACS to "encourage in the broadest and most liberal manner the advancement of chemistry in all its branches; increase the diffusion of chemical knowledge, ...promote scientific interest and inquiry, ...foster public welfare and education, aiding the development of our nation's industries, and adding to the material prosperity and happiness of our people."

This presentation will examine how ACS fulfills its Congressional charter through the advocacy efforts of members, governance and staff. At the core of ACS advocacy are the members of the Society - without them there would be no ACS positions or advocacy. The members decide through the ACS committee structure what the positions and priorities of the Society shall be. Staff in the ACS Office of Public Affairs, joined by members of the ACS Legislative Action Network and local section Government Affairs Committees and ACS governance, communicate those priority positions on Capitol Hill with the Executive branch and other interested organizations.

The presentation will pull together all the various pieces of ACS advocacy to give participants an overall understanding of how ACS policies are created, communicated, and advocated. It will also update current issues being considered in Congress.

Congratulations to Our 60 Year Members

Mr. C. Steward Snoddy
Lexington, VA

Mr. Forrest Gager
Lynchburg, VA

Mr. Richard Fowler
Bedford, VA

ChemEd 2009

Dear colleagues,

We are contacting chemistry teachers, chemistry professors, and chemists to inform you of an important opportunity coming to Virginia this August. Radford University is hosting ChemEd 2009, a conference aimed at improving the teaching of chemistry at all levels. The conference is being held August 2-6, 2009, and will include presentations ranging from hands-on activities for preschool children through laboratory and classroom activities for AP students in high school and includes research by university professors. Please pass this information to all others interested in the field of chemistry.



The teaching of science education, especially chemistry, is only going to increase in demand and in importance world wide. ChemEd 2009 is a must for a wide variety of chemical educators including K-12 teachers, laboratory coordinators, laboratory demonstrators, science instructional and curriculum developers, science educators, school administrators, chemistry professors, or really anyone with an interest in science education!

Registration for the conference will be available March 15 -May 15.

Please see our web page at <http://www.radford.edu/chemed2009/> for details or contact the general chair of the conference, Chris Hermann (chermann@radford.edu). Interested parties can be added to an email list by sending an email to chemed2009@radford.edu.

Christine Hermann
Conference Chair

Seventeenth Annual Undergraduate/High School Poster Session

The Virginia Blue Ridge Section of the American Chemical Society is sponsoring the seventeenth Annual Undergraduate/High School Poster Session as a part of the April 8, 2009 meeting at Radford University. Poster boards will be provided.

If you have a student or students, who desire to participate, submit the following information by email to Chris Hermann (chermann@radford.edu) by March 30, 2009. **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 e-mail address:

Poster board with tripod or table will be provided. Please specify

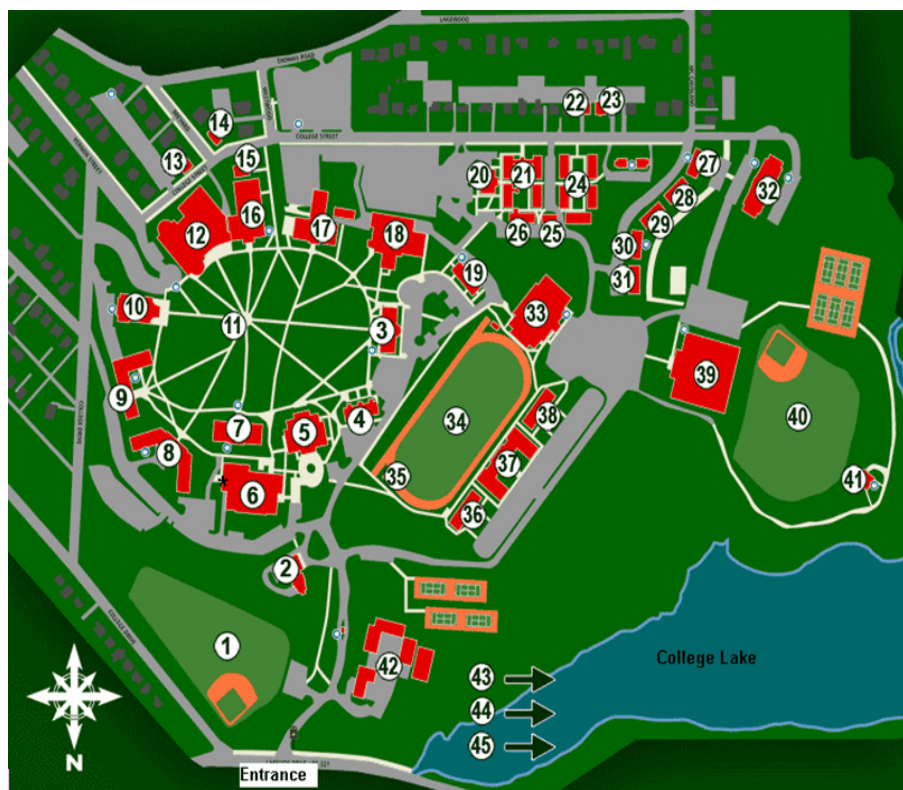
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_____ table needed

Directions for Lynchburg College

From Roanoke, follow Route 460 East and exit off Route 460 at Candler's Mountain Road. Follow signs to Route 501 North (River Ridge Mall will be on your left, and Wachovia Bank will be on your right). Take the right exit ramp to 501 North. Follow 501 North about 4 miles. At the first intersection (marked by a traffic light and Honda Dealer on the left) turn right onto 221 North (Lakeside Drive) and proceed 2 miles. The campus entrance will be on your right immediately past College Lake. The Meeting will be in Building #6 (Burton Student Center). Enter on the left side.

Map of Lynchburg College



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The next Blue Ridge Section meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, at Radford University. The speaker will be Stephen Macko from the University of Virginia. The contact person is Chris Hermann.