Greetings.

I am humbled to have the honor and pleasure of serving as Chair of the North Carolina Local Section of the American Chemical Society.

I wish to start by thanking our 2016 Chair, Dr. Dorian Canelas, for her hard work and dedication. It was a privilege for me to watch as she carried the torch for our section and left us with so much to celebrate. In fact, our local section won the 2016 ChemLuminary Award - Outstanding Performance by a Local Section - Large Size Category in 2016.

The 2017 executive team includes Dr. Jay Gehlhausen (Chair-elect), Dr. Caroline Sloan (Secretary), and Dr. Joan Bursey (Treasurer). The efforts of these individuals, as well as the efforts of various committee chairs, councilors, alternate councilors, and members-at-large, translate into what will prove to be an eventful year for our membership and for the greater Triangle community.

I look forward to our perennial favorites, including the Festival of the Eno River, La Fiesta del Puebla, the NC Science Olympiad, the NC State Fair, the Local Section Conference, and Project SEED.

Finally, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Local Section, I hope you had a deeply fulfilling holiday season and a happy new year.

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NC ACS Election Results

Submitted by Paige Presler-Jur (pjur@rti.org)

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Alternate Councilor
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Call for Nominations: Distinguished Lecturer and Marcus E. Hobbs Awards
Submitted by Dorian Canelas

The Executive Committee invites all NC-ACS members to nominate worthy individuals for the **NC-ACS Distinguished Lecturer Award**. This award was established in 1982 to recognize someone from the NC-ACS region (nominee doesn't need to be an ACS member) who has made significant and recognized research contributions to the chemical sciences. The Distinguished Lecturer serves as the keynote speaker at the annual NC-ACS Local Section Conference each fall, and he or she is also honored with a monetary award and plaque.

Nominating criteria and past award winners can be found at the following website: [http://ncacs.sites.acs.org/History/Distinguished%20Speakers%20Award/index.html](http://ncacs.sites.acs.org/History/Distinguished%20Speakers%20Award/index.html)

The nomination package should include a nominating letter summarizing the nominee's research contributions, a current CV for the nominee, and up to two additional letters of support. Nominations are welcomed for researchers in academia, government, or industry. **Please submit application materials electronically to** dorian.canelas@duke.edu **by February 15, 2017.**

In addition, the Executive Committee also invites all NC-ACS members to nominate individuals for the **Marcus E. Hobbs service award**, which was established in 1988 to recognize members who have made significant, long-term service contributions to NC-ACS. The award was named for Marcus E. Hobbs, a model member who worked closely with the North Carolina Section for many years, including service as Chair of the local section in 1945. Dr. Hobbs was a professor emeritus of chemistry and University Distinguished Service Professor at Duke University. He was also Distinguished Governor Emeritus of RTI International and played an instrumental role in the creation of the Research Triangle Park. Nominating criteria and past award winners can be found at the following website: [http://ncacs.sites.acs.org/History/Marcus%20Hobbs%20Award/index.html](http://ncacs.sites.acs.org/History/Marcus%20Hobbs%20Award/index.html)

**To nominate someone for this award, please fill out the following online form by March 15, 2017:** [http://goo.gl/9bAHuf](http://goo.gl/9bAHuf)
New “STEM Around the House” Video Series
Submitted by Jason Perry and Melissa Paquinelli

A new children’s video series called *STEM Around The House* shows how to conduct science demonstrations using everyday household items, and is a fun educational resource for parents and educators to use for inspiring children to get excited about science. The *STEM Around The House* video series, in partnership with The Science House and the North Carolina Science Olympiad, features Goodnight Scholars from North Carolina State University. All demonstrations in *STEM Around The House* use low-cost or common household items, perfect for those wanting to experience the wonders of science without breaking the bank.

The Goodnight Scholars Program at North Carolina State University, a scholarship targeted at low- and middle-income families from North Carolina, prepares North Carolina’s top STEM talent to become transformational leaders at the University, in North Carolina, and in the world. In addition to the scholarship, Goodnight Scholars have access to an assortment of developmental programming focused on their professional and personal growth. This new video series continues the mission of the Goodnight Scholars in advocating for youth STEM education. The first season features demonstrations on air pressure, topographic maps, catapults, and blubber gloves and stars Goodnight Scholars Katie Almasy ’17, Stephen Carpenter ’17, TJ Adams ’19, and Gabriella Mamlouk ’19.
YCC holds recruiter event at the Frontier
Submitted by Nick Pinkin

On January 23, 2017 the YCC held a recruiter event at the Frontier, located in Research Triangle Park. This event featured recruiters from four recruitment companies: Lauren Clark, scientific recruiter at Apex Life Sciences; Joseph Bastine, account recruiting manager at Aerotek; Bill Donovan, CEO/Founder at Wright Avenue Partners; and Matthew Smith and Michael Lalich, recruiters at Accentuate Staffing. This event attracted a mixture of attendees in various stages of their careers, from graduate students in their first years of their programs to young professionals working in the triangle looking for new opportunities. To kick off the event, Bill Donovan delivered the highlight talk, which focused on careers in the clinical trial and clinical research field. A short panel featuring all of the recruiters followed Bill’s talk, allowing attendees to ask questions about career advice and how to utilize recruiting companies. The second half of the event was left open for attendees to network and talk to the recruiters one on one, giving them the opportunity to ask more questions, exchange contact information, and hopefully make connections that will help them in the future when seeking a job. This was a well-attended event, and one that the YCC hopes to host again in the future!
Social Networking Event a Success!
Submitted by Paige Presler-Jur

On November 29th, 2016, the NC-ACS together with RTI International hosted the workshop “Building an Online Profile Using Social Networking and Amplification Tools for Scientists”. Eighty-five Triangle area scientists many NC ACS members attended the workshop taught by 2016 NC ACS Distinguished Lecturer, Antony Williams. Dr. Williams designed the evening to help scientists understand how social networking platforms can help scientists connect and share with their peers in the scientific community. As evidenced in the pre-workshop survey, we do not make use of these tools, despite their promise and potential impact and influence on our careers. The presentation provided an overview of the various types of networking and collaborative sites available to scientists and ways to expose your scientific activities online. In real time, Dr. Williams showed those in attendance how participating online can provide a great opportunity to develop a scientific profile within the community.

NC-ACS Education Committee exhibits at the North Carolina Science Teachers Association Professional Development Institute
Submitted by Caroline Sloan

NC-ACS Education Committee exhibits at the North Carolina Science Teachers Association (NCSTA) Professional Development Institute for the third year in a row with the help of the Central North Carolina Section of the ACS.

The Education Committee has forged a relationship with our Central-Western neighbors in the Central North Carolina Section of the ACS for a third year in a row! We exhibited together at the NCSTA conference in Greensboro at the Greensboro Koury Convention Center on October 20-21, 2016. This conference brings together high school science teachers and pre-service teachers from all over the state for a two day conference filled with professional development, literacy workshops, and exhibitors. Our main goal at this conference is to get teachers in our state aware of the resources the ACS offers them. We have lots of giveaways (see pictures below for proof), and we generally attract quite a crowd! This is a great partnership with the Central Section that we hope will continue for quite a while. This year we had a new member of our group, Dorothy Miner (not pictured below), represent our group at this conference.
CiVentiChem LLC
1001 Sheldon Drive, Cary, NC 27513
www.cvchem.com
submitted by Bhaskar Venepalli

CiVentiChem has been in business for over 25 years. The business was founded to supply the R&D market with gram quantities of complex chemicals that are very difficult to synthesize. The CiVentiChem chemists have developed a reputation for skills in "Tough Chemistry" in areas including chiral chemistry, novel heterocyclic compounds, organo-metallics and Controlled Substances to name a few. The major market for the company has been the pharmaceutical and other Life Science R&D markets.

The Company was founded in the U.S. by Bhaskar Venepalli, a PhD Chemist, who for ten years had been working at Eastman Chemicals as a Scientist and a Business Development Manager and Vasu Chittineni, also a PhD Chemist, who was a working as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Duke.

CiVentiChem's Headquarters is in Cary, NC with about 15 employees, 10 of which are PhDs. About 15 years ago, CiVentiChem formed an India based company and constructed a facility in Hyderabad, India to provide R&D, manufacturing, and quality services. That plant employs around 120 with about 10 being PhDs. The India facility is not cGMP. The plant manufactures difficult to source Complex Intermediates for both U.S. and Indian Pharmaceutical Clients.

In 2013, CiVentiChem added cGMP service capabilities to its headquarters in Cary for Process Development and Manufacturing of APIs. In April of 2015 the Cary facility underwent its first FDA Audit. It was a Premarket Approval Audit for an ANDA filed by one of its customers with the API developed and manufactured by CiVentiChem in Cary. The four-day audit was completed with no 483's issued. Construction is under way to add additional cGMP capacity in the U.S. Headquarters in early 2017.

CiVentiChem's strategic growth plan is to leverage its reputation in “Tough” Chemistry to move up the value added chain as a Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO) by offering additional services in chemical process development and cGMP manufacturing. Due to the growth in pharmaceutical outsourcing, moving up the value added chain of services will produce a significant increase in profitability accompanied by larger contracts and a longer relationship with a client.
Scientific advancements over the last 20+ years have led to these drugs being developed becoming more targeted and more active (potent). They employ tough Chemistry and because they are more targeted, they are administered in lower doses. The number of new drugs (NCEs), plus existing drugs coming off patent is now moving from the Low Value / High Volume Blockbuster drugs such as Lipitor, to drugs that are High Value (cost) and Low Volume (dose). This market segment is perfect for a small volume CDMO with the flexibility to quickly add to capacity at a relatively low capital outlay.
For newcomers unfamiliar with North Carolina’s higher education system, Fayetteville State University is one of the sixteen constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina system. It was founded in 1867, and so is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 2017. It is therefore the second oldest state-supported institution of higher learning in North Carolina.

It originated in the Howard School, a private school formed for the education of local African-American youth by seven leading African-American citizens of Fayetteville. In 1877, the State of North Carolina selected the Howard School as the site of the State Colored Normal School, the first state-sponsored institution for the education of African-American teachers in the South. Since then it has borne a long list of names, adopting its current name as recently as 1969.

Much of its early curriculum in science was taught at a preparatory level, and there was a high school attached to the institution, as there still is, for example, at the North Carolina School of the Arts. A science course was in its curriculum by 1895, and chemistry specifically by 1902. One chemistry course was offered in 1908-1909, and was specified as a fourth-year course there by 1916. (The laboratory fee was $4!) The high school was gradually phased out over four years beginning in 1926. In a picture of the high school faculty in 1925 displayed in the University Archives, there is a gentleman, Mr. John B. Scott, identified as the chemistry teacher.

In 1939, the Taylor Science Building was completed and opened. It had been constructed with federal assistance. There were two physical science teachers that year, and one science instructor.

In 1948-1949, Fayetteville State Teachers College included a Wilson College Center in Wilmington; chemistry there was taught by a gentleman with the remarkable name of Booker T. Washington. He had an A.B. from Lincoln University and a M.A. in biological chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania.

The first person identified in a faculty roster in the university catalog as a Professor of Chemistry was Professor Tyng Tsair Chao (14 October 1927, Taiwan – 17 Mar 1976, Chapel Hill, NC). Dr. Chao became instructor of chemistry in September of 1961. He earned his B.S. and M.S. at National Taiwan University, and came to the United States from Taiwan in July of 1957. He earned his Ph.D. from Virginia Tech, and his name appears in most FSU catalogs (but not all) through 1975. His research interests were in the decompositions of metal nitrates and in the oxidation of hydroxylamine. For these projects he received funding through a university-wide NSF grant and a grant from the North Carolina Academy of Science. He married Anna M. Lee in Fayetteville in 1962, and they had two sons and a daughter.

In 1964, majors in subjects other than elementary education were first offered to incoming students, the first science majors being in biology. In the late sixties five chemistry courses appeared in the catalog – general, analytical, physical, biochemistry, and organic. B.A. and B.S. degrees in chemistry were first offered in 1972. By 1979, Walter S. Johnson was listed as instructor of chemistry and mathematics, with degrees from North Carolina Central University, Yale, and Atlanta University. In the eighties there were four additions to chemistry faculty, and in the nineties three more. Yet another seven persons joined the chemistry department between 2000 and 2010, and another in 2015.
In the 1996-1998 undergraduate catalog, the science courses were grouped in a Department of Natural Sciences, and in 2010, that Department was divided again, so that chemistry is now taught in the Department of Chemistry & Physics. The first chairman of the new Department was Dr. Booker Washington Juma (15 Dec 1961, Kenya – 11 Jul 2013), whose bachelor’s degree was from the University of Nairobi and whose doctorate was from Louisiana State University. He first appeared in the 1996-1998 catalog as an assistant professor of chemistry, and his research interest included stereochemistry and nanotechnology. He and his wife Linda had two children; she is herself an alumna of Fayetteville State (M.S.W., 2005), and the two of them published a much-cited article, *Elder Abuse*, in the first issue of *Interdisciplinary Social Work Journal* in 2005. She is a consultant to the North Carolina Department and Human Services.

Dr. Juma’s will directed that he be buried in Kenya. He has been honored on campus by both a seminar series in his name and a leadership award in fire and emergency services presented by the Department of Government and History. Both awards began in 2014.

The department faculty at Fayetteville State University today is comprised of nine chemists and five physicists. Two of the chemistry faculty specialize in analytical chemistry, one in biochemistry, one in inorganic, three in organic, and two in physical chemistry. The Department of Chemistry & Physics is spread out over three buildings: the Lyons Building, the oldest, which is in the process of renovation; the Lyons Science Annex, which contains the core facility for instrumentation; and the New Science & Technology Building, a four-story structure, with chemistry instruction occupying space on the second and fourth floors. Plans are to hire an instrument technician for the core facility this year and to apply for ACS accreditation.

**Acknowledgments**

I knew nothing at all about this topic when I agreed to write it. My primary sources for early information have been *The History of Fayetteville State College* written by Mildred P. Jones (wife of Dr. Rudolph Jones, then President of the College) in 1966 and published in 1969 by the Fayetteville State University Press, a summary of similar information at Wikipedia.org, and multiple volumes of *Fayetteville State Teachers College Catalog* and *Fayetteville State University Catalog*, Fayetteville State Teachers College Press and Fayetteville State University Press, Charles W. Chesnutt Library, Archives and Special Collections Department, Fayetteville State University. I must thank Professor Cevdet Akbay, chairman of FSU’s Department of Chemistry & Physics, for an interview and for his suggestions for this article; our own NCACS Secretary Caroline Sloan, for arranging the interview; Ms. Nicholle Young of the University Archives and Ms. Jan Whitfield, Associate Director for Collection Development, both in the Charles W. Chesnutt Library at FSU, for permitting me access to older catalog records.

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North Carolina Section of the American Chemical Society

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Science Café is a monthly event where, for the price of a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, anyone can participate in topical discussions with leaders in the fields of science and technology. Hosted by local Sigma Xi chapters and the Museum, these monthly talks are located in coffee shops, bars and restaurants around Raleigh and promote discussion of science in an informal community setting.

Past Science Café Topics

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Throughout the year, prominent researchers share their expertise with Museum visitors during presentations, discussions and informal talks.

Sigma Xi Science Cafés

Sigma Xi is leading a revolution in communicating science in the U.S. This revolution is taking place in cafés, bars, bookstores, libraries, museums and theaters. Science Cafés help the public connect with science. Scientists and engineers informally share their research during a conversational exchange in a friendly setting. Through working with key partners, encouraging members to participate and supporting its chapters, Sigma Xi continues to be at the forefront of promoting and supporting Science Cafés around the country. More than thirty Sigma Xi chapters are involved with science cafés—click here to see where they are.

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**Education List Serves!!!!**

Do any of these questions pertain to you...if so, please see below to find out how to grow the readership of the NC-ACS Education Committee listserv!

**Are you interested in supporting K-12 Educators?** – Sign up for the Listserv!

**Do you have a child in a K-12 Science classroom?** – Please send this email to their teacher to see if they would like to sign up!

**Do you know a K-12 Educator or Administrator?** – Please forward this email to them and encourage them to sign up!

The NC-ACS Local Section is hosting a listserv focusing on supporting K-12 Science Education!

The listserv is called ncacs_ed, and it features announcements about supporting and advancing K-12 Science Education. The NC-ACS is committed to assisting K-12 Educators, and the NC-ACS Education Committee has upcoming programs we’d love to tell you about through the ncacs_ed listserv!

To subscribe to the ncchemed list, send this one-line message to mj2@lists.ncsu.edu:

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subscribe ncacs_ed email@domain.com
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Helpful Hints: 1. Don’t hyperlink the email address in the one-line message. Make sure it’s just text. 2. When you receive the confirmation email, use Option 3 to confirm the email address and accept the sign up.

You can opt out of any of these lists at any time by doing the previous steps, replacing “subscribe” with “unsubscribe”, and where email@domain.com is the address used for you by the list.

The NC-ACS Education Committee
(If you have any trouble, just email ncacs_ed-owner@lists.ncsu.edu)

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**NC-ACS ListSers**

The official email listserve of the membership of the NC-ACS Local Section, based on the membership rosters from ACS, is ncacsmembership@lists.ncsu.edu. Inclusion on this email listserve is automatic for dues-paying members.

The following email listserves are also hosted by the NC-ACS Local Section but are open to anyone who is interested in the chemical sciences and engineering in the region:

- **ncacs**: Announcements of job opportunities and activities that are NOT sponsored by NC-ACS
- **ncacs_ycc**: Announcements of the Younger Chemists Committee (<= 35 years old)
- **ncacs_scc**: Announcements of the Senior Chemists Committee (>= 50 years old)
- **ncacs_wcc**: Announcements of the Women Chemists Committee
- **ncacs_ed**: Announcements about supporting and advancing K-12 Science Education

To subscribe to the LISTNAME list, send this one-line message to mj2@lists.ncsu.edu:

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The NC-ACS Local Section Executive Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held at the First Flight Venture Center in the Research Triangle Park at 4:30 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend! Get to know your Executive Committee! Get involved! Volunteer!

Address:
First Flight Venture Center
2 Davis Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

The next 6 meetings are:

- February 1st, 2017, 4:30 pm, @ First Flight Venture Center
- March 1st, 2017, 4:30 pm, @ First Flight Venture Center
- April 5th, 2017, 4:30 pm, @ First Flight Venture Center
- May 3rd, 2017, 4:30 pm, @ First Flight Venture Center
- June 7th, 2017, 4:30 pm, @ First Flight Venture Center
- August 2nd, 2017, 4:30 pm, @ First Flight Venture Center

Please note that there is no meeting in July
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