

Lunch Events

Thursday, 12:00 pm, Magnolia Room

Bring a \$10 Grab N Go lunch or your own

“Legislation/Policy Overview” ACS Office of Public Affairs Staff Panel

Recent actions by lawmakers in Washington are significantly impacting, basic research, science education, and chemical regulations at the federal level. Topics covered will include the impact of sequestering on FY14 spending levels, the attempts by Congress to regulate the peer review process and limit travel for scientific meeting, the state of science education in Congress and the federal agencies, new developments in the climate change debate, and recent efforts to reorganize the Department of Energy's Office of Science. Edward Penhoet, a member of the U.S. President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), will discuss PCAST priorities and recommendations and will moderate the panel discussion. The panel members are:

Ryan Davison – covers federal policy issues for the ACS

Lauren Posey – a specialist in STEM education and workplace issues for the ACS

Carl Maxwell – an expert on chemical regulations and the Federal Policy Manager for the ACS

Friday, 12:00 pm, Magnolia Room

\$5 with ticket (underwritten by the ACS Board)

“Strategy Café with the ACS Board of Directors”

Come and enjoy lunch and engage in lively conversations with the ACS Board of Directors about the goals of the Society. This will be a great time to share your ideas on how to achieve these strategic goals within your local sections, divisions, and region. The conversations are short, informative, and fun. We hope you will join us.

Saturday, 12:00 pm, Magnolia Room

\$35 with ticket

“Partners for Progress and Prosperity” Marinda Li Wu, President of the ACS

Sponsored by the California Section Women Chemists Committee

A major challenge facing the global chemistry enterprise is the need to promote a deeper appreciation and understanding from our policy makers and the general public for the wonderful benefits that chemistry contributes to everyday life. A brief overview of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and highlights of various public outreach programs will be presented. My personal professional journey and experiences with successful ways to show the general public the valuable contributions to society resulting from chemistry and science will be shared. The audience should gain some ideas of how to effectively share enthusiasm for chemistry and its benefits with young students and the general public through the ACS vision: "Improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry." I will conclude by discussing highlights of my ACS Presidential initiatives for 2013 and welcome your feedback and ideas.