

---

---

## MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

---

---

### MONTHLY DINNER MEETING:

The March 2026 ACS Susquehanna Valley Section meeting has been cancelled. Information on the April 2026 meeting will be sent out in the upcoming newsletter.

---

---

### REGIONAL ACS MEETINGS:



[“Molecular Milestone: Crafting a Sweet Future Through Chemistry”](#)

### *ACS Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting*

The 54<sup>th</sup> Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM2026) will be held in Hershey, PA 17 – 19 May 2026. MARM 2026 will be an in-person event.



[Reserve your room at the Hershey Lodge](#)  
**Book a Block Rates through 27 April 2026**

---

---

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE JOSEPH PRIESTLY HOUSE:

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

This event will highlight the history of the house and its unique and rediscovered features. The event is a FREE open house format and there will not be tours. In 2025, the Joseph Priestley House underwent extensive interior renovations including new paint, plaster and restored window shutters. Join us for our opening day kick-off!

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) and Friends of the Joseph Priestley House will celebrate the commonwealth's 339th birthday. This day also features a celebration of Joseph Priestley's birthday.

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friends of the Joseph Priestley House are honored to host the America 250 PA MOBILE UNIT.  
Address: 472 Priestly Ave, Northumberland, PA 17857

More information can be found at the Joseph Priestly House [website](#).

---

---

---

---

## LOCAL STEM COMPETITIONS:



A list of all STEM competitions for high school students is posted on our [website](#). If you have any questions about the contests or have suggestions for others, please contact the person indicated on the site. Questions may also be directed to the [Local Section Councilor](#).

---

---

## 2026 UPCOMING LOCAL SECTION MEETINGS:

April 2026 @ Wilkes University  
May 2026 Annual Awards Banquet

---

---

## OPEN POSITIONS IN THE LOCAL SECTION:

Do you want to use your talents to help other chemists in the Susquehanna Valley section? Listed below are examples of positions that need to be filled by willing individuals along with websites that give organizing ideas:

- Susquehanna Valley Local Section Chair-Elect  
*This three-year position is the usual office taken on by local chemists who want to begin to become more involved in the local section.*
- [Chemistry Olympiad](#) Chair  
*Administer Local Chemistry Olympiad Competitions in coordination with the National Chemistry Olympiad.*
- WCC ([Woman Chemists Committee](#)) Chair  
*Help attract, retain, develop, promote, and advocate for women to positively impact diversity, equity and inclusion in the Society and the profession.*
- CMA ([Committee on Minority Affairs](#)) Chair  
*Help increase the number & participation of racially & ethnically underrepresented scientists in the Society and its governance.*
- CH&S ([Chemical Health and Safety](#)) Committee Chair  
*Help provide authoritative technical resources and mentorship in chemical health and safety for all.*
- Project SEED ([Summer Experiences for the Economically Disadvantaged](#)) Coordinator  
*Coordinators are responsible for establishing programs, identifying mentors, recruiting students, fundraising, and organizing activities such as field trips.*
- SCC ([Senior Chemists Committee](#)) Chair  
*Help improve communication among senior chemists, increase the number of senior chemists' groups, and the level of their engagement within local sections.*
- CCEW ([Chemists Celebrate Earth Week](#)) Coordinator  
*Help promote the positive role that chemistry plays in protecting our planet.*

If you are interested in learning more about these volunteer activities, please contact the section Councilor (Donald Mencer, [donald.mencer@wilkes.edu](mailto:donald.mencer@wilkes.edu)).

---

---

---

## NATIONAL ACS MEETINGS:



### ***Spring 2026 ACS National Meeting***

The Spring 2026 national meeting will be a hybrid event.

The meeting will be held 22 – 26 March 2026, and the in-person event will take place in Atlanta, Georgia.

See the [website](#) for more information.



### ***Fall 2026 ACS National Meeting***

The Fall 2026 national meeting will be a hybrid event.

The meeting will be held 23 – 27 August 2026, and the in-person event will take place in Atlanta, Georgia.

Abstract submission ends March 30, 2026!

See the [website](#) for more information.

---

## JOIN THE ACS:

If you know of anyone who would benefit from being a member of the American Chemical Society, please direct them to the membership website: <https://www.acs.org/membership.html>

---

## ACS LEGISLATIVE ACTION NETWORK:

Legislation that may impact the chemical enterprise comes before Congress on a regular basis, and the ACS is committed to keeping its members informed and encouraging them to weigh in on high-priority issues. To see the position of the ACS on many legislative issues visit the ACS LAN website: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/policy.html> To find out how to become more active in ACS advocacy activities, see the [advocacy website](#).

Joining the ACS' grassroots legislative advocacy network, ACT4CHEMISTRY will allow you to stay up to date on policy issues and contact legislators on behalf of chemistry and chemists, go to their website, follow the [Act4Chemistry X](#) account, or email [advocacy@acs.org](mailto:advocacy@acs.org).

***Act4Chemistry Advocacy Issues. To take action go to the website***

<https://www.acs.org/policy/memberadvocacy.html>

---

Susquehanna Valley Section Web Page: [svs-accs.org](https://svs-accs.org). Please send any comments about the monthly newsletter to your Local Section Secretary, Sydney Bachman, [sydney.bachman@stellantsystems.com](mailto:sydney.bachman@stellantsystems.com)