

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS



The Virginia Section participates in a number of Community Outreach programs. The two most significant are **National Chemistry Week (NCW)** and **Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCED)**. National Chemistry Week began as **National Chemistry Day** back in 1987. The



Virginia Chemistry participated in that first celebration of chemistry and again in 1988. In 1989, the ACS began National Chemistry Week. The Virginia Section was there in 1989 and has been involved in every National Chemistry Week since then. The Section has received several Phoenix and ChemLuminary awards for its National Chemistry Week programs.



The Earth Day events began in 2006. The Virginia Section has participated every year and has been awarded several ChemLuminary awards for its CCED programs. **Dr. Kristine Smetana** is the Chair of the Section's Committee on Community Activities which is responsible for both NCW and CCED.

