

Report to the Executive Committee of the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society

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Younger Chemists Committee



Virginia Section Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) in 2014:

The ACS Younger Chemists Committee hosted a fall social event, “The Chemistry of Beer,” on September 25, 2014. The event included a brewery tour and beer tastings at Legend Brewing Company, in Richmond, Virginia. About thirty members and guests attended the event. The tour was given by Cam, Legend’s lab technician. It was a great night, and everyone enjoyed the beer, food, and company. Young chemists had a chance to learn about the ACS and YCC, as well as to meet other chemists in the Richmond area. The total cost (including food, large group fee, and tip) was \$237.99.

Following this very successful social event, the YCC would like to host more events in 2015. We hope to reach out to students at local high schools and colleges, teachers, and young professionals. Some activities include:

- Lunch with speaker in the spring (Tobacco Company, Patrick Henry’s Pub, or other)
- Tour a local company’s lab or academic lab in the summer/ early fall
- Career panel and discussion: “How to begin/advance your career in chemistry”

As we recruit more YCC members, we would also like to help with other ACS committee local events and volunteer opportunities.

The YCC would like to host discussions that focus on fun, exciting, and even debatable topics of current chemistry research. Topics of interest include:

- Cannabis Chemistry, ACS webinar by Dr. Christopher Hudalla and possible speaker from VCU
- Flavor Chemistry, possible speaker from Altria, incorporate lab tour

The YCC respectfully requests that \$750 be allocated in the 2015 budget for YCC activities. We also plan to apply for the Local Section YCC Starter Grant as we begin our first full year of activities.

Respectfully,

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