

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

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Vice Chair Report

Vice Chair Plans for 2016:

1. Assist Heather Lourenco with transition into YCC Chair position and planning activities for 2016
2. Assist with Mentor Match Program
3. Plan Chromatography Workshop with YCC/RCDG
4. Plan 2017 Virginia ACS Meeting Schedule

Mentor Match Program Report:

Following the October 2015 University of Richmond Meet and Greet, the Mentor Match Program has been developed for Spring 2016 roll-out. The improved matching program is based on mentor volunteers creating ACS Network Profiles, listing their areas of expertise or research, and updating their status as “Available to mentor.” Then, students at local section schools create profiles and reach out to mentors with similar interests/schedule availability. The ACS Network page allows for easy communication and simplified management of the program as it expands.

This winter, Colleen Taylor, Heather Lourenco, and I have been working on recruiting mentors for the ACS Matching Service (attached flyer has been distributed). We are still in need of mentors to sign up as volunteers for the 2016 Spring Matching. Feel free to share this flyer with peers or alumni.

Colleen has assembled some very helpful video resources for Mentors and Mentees to reference when signing up and creating a profile. We expect students to sign up by early March (prior to spring break) once we have distributed all materials.

Updates related to the Mentor Match Program can be viewed on the Virginia Section ACS website: <http://virginia.sites.acs.org/mentoringprogram.htm>

Respectfully,

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