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LOCAL SECTION OFFICERS

The WNYACS Local Section has elected the following officers starting in 2026:

Chair (2026): Jason Benedict
Vice Chair (2026): Jiayu Peng
Treasurer (2026-2027): Robert Stewart
Councilor (2026-2028): Peter Schaber
Member at Large (2026-2027): Lindsay Rose

The names and contact info for members of the WNYACS Executive Board may be found on the last page of this newsletter. If you have ideas or issues to discuss, or if you are interested in getting involved with Local Section affairs, please reach out to a board member

2026 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The 2026 WNYACS Undergraduate Research Symposium is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Niagara University, Lewiston, NY. The symposium will feature student oral presentations and poster presentations along with a keynote address by Dr. Konstantinos Plakas from Bristol Myers Squibb:

From Medicinal Chemistry to Radiochemistry and Most Places in Between.

Registration and abstract submission link:
<https://forms.gle/d6XfeCnwKu8MXqAV6>

Abstract deadlines:

Student Oral Presentation: March 14, 11:59 PM.

Student Poster Presentation: March 25, 11:59 PM.

Look for further information about the event in the coming weeks on the URS web site:

wnyacs.org/undergraduate-research-symposium/

LOCAL SECTION AWARDS

THE WNYACS OUTSTANDING SCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Support top-quality science education in WNY schools by nominating a science teacher for the Outstanding Science Teacher of the Year award. This recognition of teachers has been sponsored by the ACS local section since 1959.

If you know an outstanding teacher, please reach out to the local section on how to nominate that person for our annual award. Email the Chair or Secretary to learn more.

THE WNYACS SCHOELLKOPF MEDAL

Please consider nominating a colleague for the Jacob F. Schoellkopf Medal--the oldest continuously presented ACS section award in the country: The first Schoellkopf medal was awarded in 1931, which means we inherit and carry on a 96-year tradition!

Nominations of outstanding researchers, engineers and educators who have excelled and enriched chemistry and Western New York help bring our ACS Section together, celebrate our strong accomplishments, and build institutions and traditions for a bright chemistry future. Pull together your nomination materials today.

More information is available on the Nominations web page: <https://wnyacs.org/schoellk-nomination>.

Nominations and all supporting material should be submitted electronically as a single PDF document to the secretary:

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