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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Education Committee of the Western New York section of the American Chemical Society (WNYACS) is accepting nominations for the **Outstanding High School Science Teacher of the Year Award**. On behalf of the WNYACS Education Committee, we request you to nominate a high school science teacher(s) for this year's award, or to refer our letter to a school principal or award or nominating committee.

Nominations are due by Friday, **March 4, 2022**. For nomination details, see the Awards page of the WNYACS website:

wnyacs.org/awards

Sincerely,

Rachel Ventura and Dominic Ventura
Education Committee Co-Chairs



LOCAL SECTION OFFICER ELECTIONS

Thank you and congratulations to the people listed below, who have been elected this year to serve on the WNYACS Executive board:

Chair	(2022)	Dominic Ventura
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The complete list of current officers and committee chairs is on the back page of the newsletter, and is available on the local section website: wnyacs.org

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

April 9th, 2022

Save the Date!

The **Undergraduate Research Symposium**, sponsored by the Western New York ACS section, will return to SUNY Buffalo State College on Saturday, April 9th, 2022.

Undergraduate student talks and posters are welcomed and there will be awards presented for outstanding presentations.

More information will be found on the symposium website in the coming weeks:

wnyacs.org/undergraduate-research-symposium

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2022 SCHOELLKOPF MEDAL

Please consider nominating a colleague for the Jacob F. Schoellkopf Medal--the oldest continuously presented ACS section award in the country.

Information is available on the Schoellkopf nomination web page: wnyacs.org/schoellk-nomination/
Nominations are due by **May 1, 2022**

Dr. Christopher J. Patridge, Secretary

American Chemical Society Western New York Section
Call for Nominations
Outstanding High School Science Teacher of the Year



Attn: Principals, colleagues, professional collaborators, and former students of outstanding high school science teachers

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Our selection of the award winner will be based upon the following four points:

- strength and innovation in teaching
- exceptional service to students
- efforts to stay well-informed regarding science progress
- extracurricular activities in science and education

A completed nomination includes the following:

- 1) Your nominating statement regarding the nominee's achievements as a high school science teacher. Please limit this statement to 1000 words.
- 2) A supporting statement from the nominated teacher's supervising school principal. (In cases where the principal is not the nominator.)
- 3) Two to four additional supporting letters of recommendation. These can be written by supervisors, colleagues, or scientists who know the nominee's teaching accomplishments and technical abilities. Please note, supporting letters from former students are greatly encouraged. However, supporting letters from currently enrolled students are not to be included.
- 4) A curriculum vitae of the nominee containing pertinent details related to the criteria described, including a brief description of the nominee's educational background, special training, achievements and any publications or formal presentations.

Nominations are due by **March 4th, 2022** by e-mail to the address shown at the bottom of this letter.

The awardee will receive an engraved plaque for the awardee's institution, an engraved glass for the awardee, a certificate and an honorarium. These will be presented at our annual Education Night Awards Dinner held in late April. We hope very much to be able to host this event in-person this year! For further information about the WNYACS, go to: <https://wnyacs.org/awards/#osty>

Thank you for honoring our outstanding teachers and for your timely consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Rachel Ventura and Dominic Ventura
Co-Chairs, Education Committee, WNYACS

Please forward all nominations: Rachel Ventura, Univ. at Buffalo, rdibbell@buffalo.edu

Previous Awardees

2021 Chris Mekelburg, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
2020 Burton Howell, Batavia High School
2019 Kathleen Collins, St. Francis High School

2018 Shelley Bochicchio, Lockport High School
2017 Sarah English, Sweet Home High School
2016 Nancy Sedita, Notre Dame High School
1959 Ms. Louise Schwabe, Kenmore Senior High School (1st award)

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