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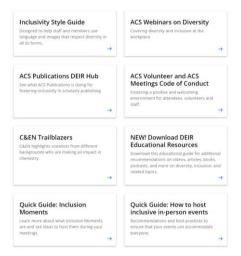


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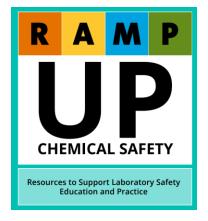
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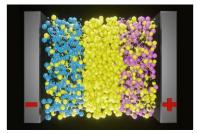




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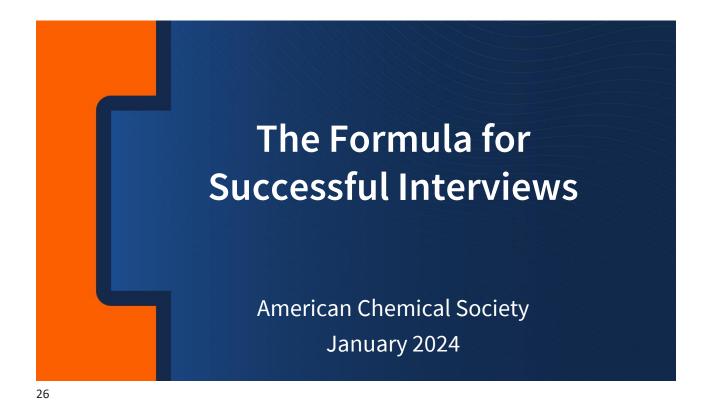
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## **Strong Networking Leads to Strong Interviews**



- Collection of contacts, acquaintances, experiences, and opportunities that make you who you are
- Provides a basis for solving problems and growing as a person
- · Start early and be strategic
- Utilize resources to create comfortable & engaging opportunities

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# **General Networking Tips**



- Ask others to help arrange meetings
- Tap into the fact that:
  - Most love to talk about themselves
  - Most love to give advice
- Prepare in advance
- Find a mentor
- Volunteer for key projects & initiatives
- Ask how you can help others
- Put away the phone
- Send thank you notes

# POLL QUESTION



# How many of these job interview traps have you fallen into? (Select all that apply)

- I did not focus on how I presented myself, only prepared what to say
- I embellished the truth/said what the interviewer wanted to hear
- I only focused on my credentials and authorships
- I did not research the company before my interview
- I did not prepare my online interview space

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## Interviewing



- Even if research is amazing, if you wouldn't make a good colleague (i.e. you don't interview well), you may not get the job
- The most qualified résumé does not guarantee you will succeed!

# **Getting Started**



Interests Experiences Skills Unique-ness		'Holes' Challenges Fit		Elevator Pitch STAR Method Be Specific!	
Strengths	Weaknesses		Stories		

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# **Getting Started**



- Practice questions/stories
- Rehearse your research
- Think through their potential issues/challenges and how you can help solve (website, networking, YouTube, internet)
- Investigate your interviewers
- Prepare technology
- Put together your 'tools' (outfit, nice folder/notepad/pen, slides)
- Have back-up plans

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# Interviewing





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# At the Interview



- Be on time
- Make eye contact and smile
- Don't slouch
- Put away distractions
- Engage with your voice and nonverbals
- Be your 'best self'

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## POLL QUESTION



# Which of the following strategies have you used to prepare for a job interview? (Select all that apply)

- Conduct research on the employer and field and consider your fit
- Review and prepare answers to potential questions using STAR method
- Stay up all night before an interview prepping
- · Write out questions you can ask the interviewer

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# Preparation Set a date Practice and organize Get plenty of rest! Travel (if actual face-to-face) Reimbursement & receipts (bring cash) Be prepared for worst Obtain off-hours contact info Keep notes



Phone or Virtual Interviews
Set the Stage

Test technology
Background & lighting
Camera angle (& something to make you look here instead of at the screen)
Control 'noise'

Prepare 'Tools'

Notes
Pictures/LinkedIn profiles of interviewers
Notebook/pen

## **Next Steps**



- Always ask what happens next (find out the timeline)
- Review the interview
- Send thank yous

- Follow up when needed
- Ask for feedback
- Maintain positive relations

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# POLL QUESTION



## What is the biggest mistake you could make in an interview?

- A limp, clammy handshake
- Taking long pauses before answering questions
- Not demonstrating enthusiasm and knowledge of the employer
- Forgetting to say, "Thank you" at the end

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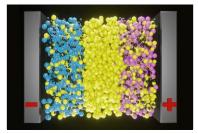




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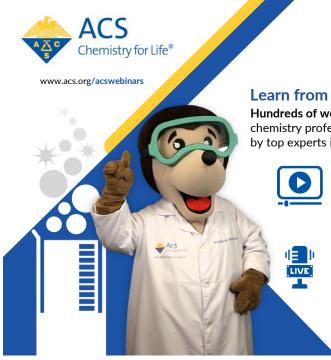
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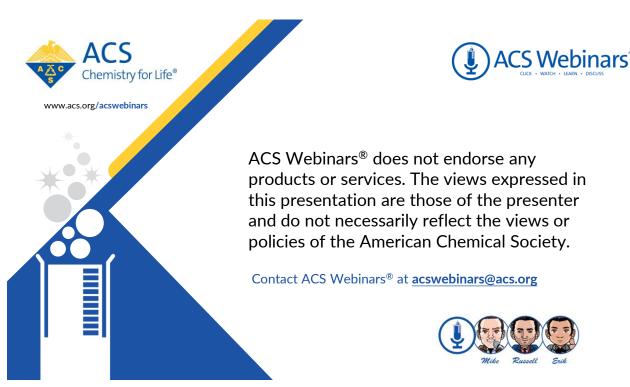
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