

Younger Chemists Committee
Council Report
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Madam President and Members of Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to report on the Younger Chemists Committee's continued empowerment and support of younger members within the Society.

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The YCC is pleased to recognize the Savannah River, East Central Illinois, and Colorado Local Section YCCs as winners of our 3 ChemLuminary Awards.

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Our Committee is grateful for the opportunity to participate in ACS President Allison Campbell's "ACS Chemistry on the Hill Advocacy Workshop" held Sunday morning. This workshop provided skills for advocating for the tremendous value of science, and we look forward to using these to harness our passion for promoting science. This is further embodied by our Committee's two presidential-supported programs at this meeting, "Chemistry in an Evolving Political Climate: Research Priorities & Career Pathways in Public Policy" and "The Road Less Traveled: Career Opportunities in the Government Sector".

[Insert Slide 3: Catalyze the Vote]

Our Committee continues to involve younger chemists in the ACS National Election through our "Catalyze the Vote" initiative where candidates for President-Elect address questions prepared by the YCC encompassing topics relevant to our constituency. These answers are shared on our website at the address listed, and on social media using the hashtags #CtV and #CatalyzeTheVote. On September 28, we will again host an interactive Live Virtual Town Hall so younger members can ask the candidates the difficult questions necessary to drive the Society towards future growth.

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The YCC is excited to be a founding member of the officially-established International Younger Chemists Network or IYCN. Envisaged in the International Year of Chemistry in 2011, the IYCN aims, "to create a unified global network of young chemists to communicate, collaborate, educate, and mentor". The IYCN inaugural meeting was part of the 2017 World Chemistry Congress in São Paulo, Brazil and included the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. The full governance meeting was broadcast internationally via Facebook Live, with

the recording and other news being found on the IYCN Facebook page: [facebook.com/IYCN.global/](https://www.facebook.com/IYCN.global/)
The IYCN welcomes all younger chemists to connect and participate in creating this network of international scientists, further supported by the ACS Office of International Activities and the International Activities Committee.

[Insert Slide 5: Mixer]

The YCC is dedicated to creating a diverse and inclusive Society of members and volunteers, through collaboration with the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board. We greatly appreciate D&I's support of our Informal Mixer on Work/Life Balance for Younger Chemists – an opportunity for younger members to discuss mechanisms for tackling some of life's difficult problems.

Madam President and Members of Council, thank you for supporting the development of younger chemists. This concludes my report as Chair of the YCC.

Natalie LaFranzo, Chair
Younger Chemists Committee