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Information, insights, and advice for ACS industry members

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In our latest "Seeking Sustainability" contribution, DuPont upsets the conventional wisdom that sustainable water treatment solutions must come at a high cost. DuPont explains how these solutions can be both sustainable and cost-effective.

Katie Hunt, formerly with Rohm & Haas and Dow, and past ACS President, shares her thoughts on a wide range of topics including the critical importance of asking questions in the pursuit of new technologies, particularly the question, "why?"

Few people enjoy negotiating salary and benefits. ShinEtsu's Andrea Alexander outlines a systematic approach that could increase the chances of achieving your goals.

In the Innovation Zone, Brenna Teigler tells us about Activate – a nonprofit organization that provides a new avenue for entrepreneurial scientists and engineers to transform their discoveries into world-changing technologies.

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SEEKING SUSTAINABILITY

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663 million are without access to clean drinking water and only 2.5 percent of the earth's water is fresh. Increases in population, industrial activity, pollution and climate change add to the pressures on the world's water supplies. DuPont explains how the company's advanced water solutions can be both sustainable and cost-effective. [Go to article](#)

WHAT I LEARNED

Katie Hunt discusses her tenure as ACS President, what it was like working for Rohm & Haas and Dow, and teaching at UVA. Katie also provides advice for younger chemists, and why it is so important to always ask questions – specifically the question “Why?” [Go to article](#)



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ShinEtsu's Andrea Alexander provides advice on how to negotiate salary and benefits. [Go to article](#)

INNOVATION ZONE

Brenna Teigler tells us about Activate – a nonprofit organization that partners with funders and leading research institutions to support the Activate Fellowship, a new path for entrepreneurial scientists and engineers to transform their discoveries into world-changing technologies. [Go to article](#)



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Industry Actions to Address Systemic Racism

The ACS Senior Chemists Committee (SCC) hosted a webinar on July 9 to address systemic racism and its impact on ACS members and others in the chemistry community, including academia, government, and industry. SCC developed this free webinar to give the guest panelists and participants an opportunity to identify specific actions to encourage engagement by minority chemists and diversify the chemical enterprise and ACS. ACS President Luis Echegoyen moderated the session that included four panelists. Dr. Denise Barnes, retired from the chemical industry and the National Science Foundation, provided input from the industry point of view. [Read more](#)

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