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Information, insights, and advice for ACS industry members

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In today's On the Safe Side, Ken Fivizzani asks a universal question: While you may learn about safety in colleges and universities, how do you remember what you learned? Ken states you remember through participating in your employer's regularly-scheduled safety meetings – and suggests what these meetings should address.

USDA's Mike Appell, in today's What I Learned, lists the non-technical skills most responsible for his success. Do they appear on your list?

In this issue's Career Corner, get four perspectives on how to more effectively manage multiple tasks.

Learn about DuPont's Josh Kaitz, our featured Early Career Chemist, who is active in the world of lithography R&D.

Finally, for the entrepreneurs out there, our LinkedIn Learning course shares some tips on making successful pitches to investors.

John C. Katz
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WHAT I LEARNED

"What non-technical skills are most responsible for your career success, both with the USDA and in countless roles as an ACS volunteer?"



Mike Appell

Research Chemist

USDA National Center for Agricultural
Utilization Research

"Four non-technical skills most responsible for success in my career are..." [Read More](#)

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"How do you stay motivated and productive at work?"

Michael Kenney, ACS Career Consultant:

"The best strategy for managing multiple projects has to be..."

Luke Roberson, Senior Principal Investigator, Flight Research, NASA Kennedy Center:

"As a rocket scientist, I ALWAYS have..."

Roy Simmons, Project Management Consultant:

"1. Plan, plan, plan - Develop a cross-project..."

Andrea Alexander, Technical Service and Development Manager, ShinEtsu Silicones of America, Inc.:

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Josh Kaitz
Associate Research Scientist,
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Ken Fivizzani
Safety Expert

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Kizzmekia Corbett
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