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# INDUSTRY MATTERS

## 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  
Executive Editor

### 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.:

*"Project management is an important skill..."*

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**Josh Kaitz**  
Associate Research Scientist,  
DuPont

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**Ken Fivizzani**  
Safety Expert

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**Kizzmekia Corbett**  
Senior Research Fellow,  
National Institutes of Health

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