Information, insights, and advice for ACS industry members

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Cabot’s Jon Siddall (formerly with Dow) provides us with a wide-ranging, and thoughtful “What I Learned.” He has a unique and interesting take on all manners of issues surrounding chemists and chemical engineers. You won’t be bored.

Elsewhere, four Career Consultants share some thoughts on how to be a better mentor. This topic is important for many reasons, not the least of which because many of our ACS Boss Talk and What I Learned contributors have written about the consequential role of mentors to their career advancement.

In this issue’s On the Safe Side, Frankie Wood-Black reminds us that it’s important to reinforce positive safety practices. And when we encounter potentially unsafe practices? Frankie walks you through how to manage the situation with tact and something called ‘bystander intervention.’

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ON THE SAFE SIDE

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Celebrating the Incomparable Mama Z!

This year marks Zaida Morales-Martínez’s 21st and final year as a Mentoring Consultant for the ACS Scholars Program, which awards college scholarships to minority students from groups underrepresented in the chemical sciences. Over the years, Zaida has demonstrated a deep personal commitment to countless ACS Scholars, motivating them to reach for the stars, while thoughtfully pairing them with dedicated mentors. Several of these students as well as others in the ACS family share their appreciation for their beloved “Mama Z” in this 3-minute video tribute. You, too, can celebrate "Mama Z" by making a donation to the ACS Scholars program in her honor at www.donate.acs.org/scholars.

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