There may be people who actually enjoy the yearly annual review process, but I have not met them. But that doesn’t mean these reviews are going away. So you may as well make the best of them. Four ACS Career Consultants provide exceptional advice on how to make the most of these reviews. I think it is one of the most valuable stories we have published all year. I encourage you to share it with friends and colleagues, particularly those early in their careers.

Mark Jones has the holidays on his mind. He takes an analytical approach to examining the environmental impact of his choice of holiday lights and Christmas tree. The numbers may surprise you.

Natalie LaFranzo, director of business and market development at Personalis, wants us to resist the urge to get complacent about investing the appropriate level of preparation for presentations, client meetings, candidate interviews, and more. In this One-Minute Mentor, Natalie explains the fringe benefit to solid preparation: It allows you to think more quickly on your feet.

Most full-time employees work about 2,000 hours per year, give or take. For many retirees, finding things to do to fill the newly available time can be daunting. Not so for Arlene Garrison, Chair, Senior Chemists Committee. She cautions against responding “yes” too often in retirement. You can quickly find yourself overextended.

Finally, we will not publish on December 23. We need some time to clean our chimneys, in hopes that Santa Claus will be dropping in. Look for us on December 30; we’ll have a special year-end issue for you.
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