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Your career advancement is linked, in part, to your ability to network. If you happen to be an introvert, networking can be difficult, if not painful. Fear not, as ACS Career Consultant Christine McInnis shares a detailed blueprint to help even the most introverted among us become more proficient at networking.

Mark Jones, a frequent contributor to this newsletter, recently underwent a bout with COVID despite being fully vaccinated well before becoming infected. Still dealing with some residual symptoms, Mark's story provides a cautionary tale for the vaccinated among us, not to mention the unvaccinated.

In the 5th Quarter, Diane Schmidt, former longtime executive at Procter & Gamble, and also the 2015 ACS President, urges people to begin planning for retirement at least 5 years before one's projected retirement target date. She also explains why four key considerations can help make or break a rewarding retirement: health, boredom, attitude and important papers.

Finally, check out our infographic which summarizes what 37 executives from the chemical and pharma industries said about the most important non-technical skills for career success.

On behalf of the ACS Industry Newsletter team, have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday!



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CAREER PERSPECTIVES



Christine McInnis
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VACCINATED NOT INVINCIBLE



Mark E. Jones
Executive External Strategy and
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Mark Jones shares details about his 'breakthrough' case of COVID, and how it reminds us that vaccinated does not mean invincible. [Go to Article](#)

THE 5TH QUARTER



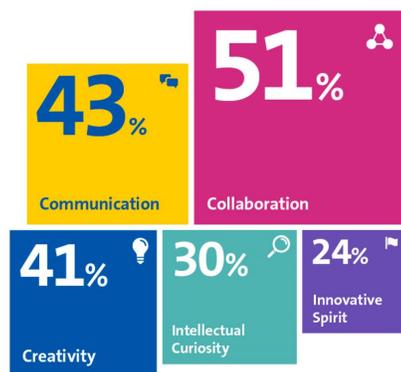
Diane M. Schmidt

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Diane Schmidt explains how planning in four key areas can help achieve a rewarding retirement: health, boredom, attitude and important papers.

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INFOGRAPHIC



Thirty-seven executives from the chemical and pharma industries identify the most important non-technical skills for career success. [View Infographic](#)

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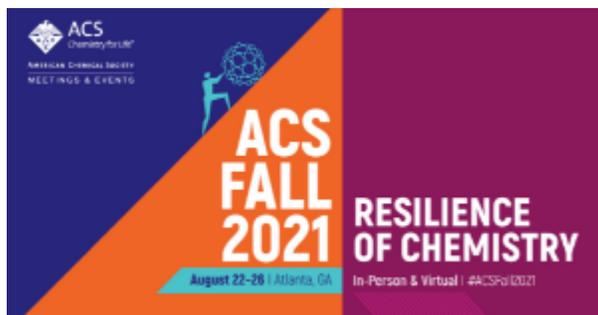
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ACS Fall 2021 will bring together chemistry professionals, educators, and students worldwide to discover and share research, network, and advance careers. The hybrid event is an excellent opportunity for professionals and students to showcase their work and connect with colleagues in all areas of chemistry

Participate in up to 1,400 hours of live interactive virtual technical presentations and 700 hours of in-person technical presentations, including oral and poster talks. ACS and the Technical Divisions will be hosting in-person and virtual networking events to help you connect and share ideas with your peers from around the world. Participants are also invited to join us in-person OR online for the remarkable talks planned for the Opening Session and Kavli Lecture Series. Don't miss these highlight events – [register today!](#)

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Upcoming from ACS Webinars



TODAY, 7/1: [Designing Bio-Sourced Polymers](#)

Join Stefan Mecking of the University of Konstanz during this free interactive broadcast as he reimagines polymer recycling and discusses how hydrocarbon polymers and their specific material property profiles can be designed for low effort efficient recycling. This ACS Webinar is moderated by Mark Jones, Executive External Strategy and Communications Fellow, Dow Chemical (retired) and co-produced with the ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry. [Register for free!](#)

Wednesday, 7/7: [How to Work Successfully Across Cultures](#)

Join Dr. Ramki Subramanian, Managing Director for DowAksa USA as he discusses what he has learned about career development from his experience in working across multiple cultures spanning different continents, countries, regions, companies, job roles, functions, and languages. This ACS Webinar is moderated by Tom Halleran of the American Chemical Society and co-produced with ACS Careers. [Register for free!](#)

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Submit an Abstract a Fall ACS Regional Meeting

Don't miss your chance to participate in an ACS Regional Meeting! Abstract submissions are now being accepted for the following Fall ACS Regional Meetings.

Midwest Regional Meeting (MWRM)

October 20-22, Springfield, MO

Abstract deadline: July 19

Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting (RMRM)

October 20 – 23, Tucson, AZ

Abstract deadline: July 19

Southwest Regional Meeting (SWRM)

October 31 – November 3, Austin, TX

Abstract deadline: July 26

Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS)

November 10 – 13 | Birmingham, AL

Abstract deadline: August 9

The regional events feature technical programming, professional education workshops, poster presentations, expositions, and networking opportunities. Visit the individual [Regional Meeting pages](#) for more information.

ACS Career Consultant Virtual Office Hours TODAY



TODAY: Special Networking-Themed Career Guidance Session with ACS Career Consultants

Last call to register for TODAY's special themed Virtual Office Hour, full of networking pro tips with ACS Career Consultant Joe Martino! [Learn more and register for free!](#)

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