Jennifer Holmgren, CEO of LanzaTech, has a profound message for all of us: Don’t fear failure. And when people whisper in your ear that something can’t be done, don’t listen to them. Her One-Minute Mentor will inspire you, and give you the courage to stretch both professionally and personally.

Our readers have told us that they want to see industry trend stories from time to time. Right on cue, H.N. Cheng, the 2021 ACS President and former industry veteran, provides us with his analysis and projections addressing the chemical industry’s near-term future.

It can be daunting for young, aspiring industrial chemists to sort out how to secure that first job. Mevan Dissanayake shares five networking tips to optimize your chances of finding a challenging and rewarding job.

On a personal note, this is my last issue as the Executive Editor of ACS Industry Matters, and it happens to be the 140th issue we have published. It has been over three years since this publication first appeared. The inspiration behind ACS Industry Matters has been well-validated over that period, thanks to your willingness to contribute articles, and read them. The big idea behind the newsletter was that while industry needs access to technical information, it also values and benefits from having access to non-technical content addressing a wide variety of topics.

Countless contributors to this publication have cited how important the acquisition and application of non-technical skills and information are when it comes to seeking that first job in industry, or advancing one’s career. Fortunately, the industry workforce is walking around with near-limitless amounts of this non-technical experiential learning in their heads, and all that was needed was an invitation to share it with peers, and a platform on which to make it available. And that is the genesis of ACS Industry Matters. Simply put, it enables the industry workforce at all levels to benefit from the insights, opinions, and advice from industry peers.

There are many people I need to acknowledge. I thank Bill Carroll, the very first person within ACS whom I spoke with about this concept. Bill provided me with early, essential
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