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David Bem, PPG's VP of Science and Technology shares some thoughts on coatings and Apollo 11, along with how PPG took home a 2019 Heroes of Chemistry Award. Meet ExxonMobil's Brad Wooler, a young chemist working in the fuel industry, and learn some tips about improving your focus, and staying motivated at work.

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David Bem, Chief Technology Officer and Vice President of Science and Technology for PPG

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Get to know an early career chemist working in industry



Bradley Wooler, Senior Research Technician,
ExxonMobil Research and Engineering

Chemist aids in quest for cleaner ways to make diesel fuel

As an undergraduate majoring in chemistry at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Bradley Wooler thought he'd like to go into pharmaceutical manufacturing. To prepare, he did an internship with a local start-up, a one-person operation called Pharma-Med that was... [Read More](#)

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What you most need to know from an industry-connected LinkedIn Learning Course. Today's course: Improving Your Focus

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