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# Pre-College Committee Newsletter

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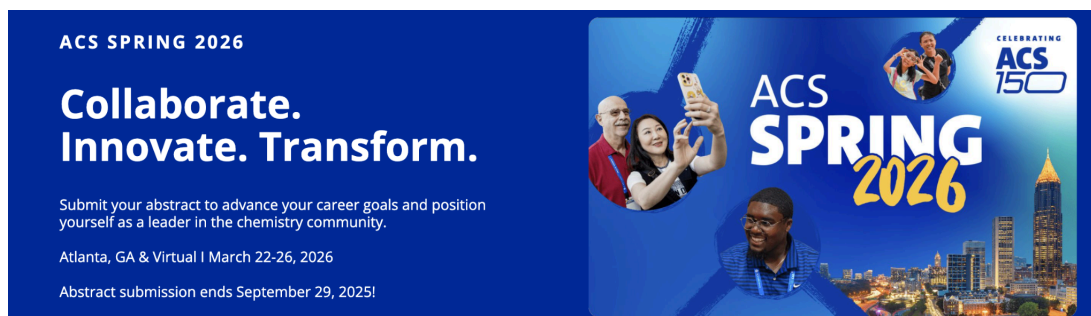
## About Us

We are the **Pre-College Committee**! Our members are a vibrant group of educators committed to supporting high school teachers by explaining the benefits of belonging to the Division and encouraging them to join through various activities and programs.

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Mark Your Calendars:

Join Us for the ACS Spring 2026 Conference!



March 22-26 | Atlanta, GA & Virtual

[ACS Spring - American Chemical Society](#)

Explore the Digital Meeting

<https://www.acs.org/events/spring/digital-meeting.html>

Submit an Abstract | Abstract Submission Ends on **September 29, 2025**

<https://www.acs.org/events/spring/presenters/submit-an-abstract.html>

If you live near Atlanta, please join TEACHER'S DAY at the conference!

## International Conference of Interest for Next Summer 2026

July 8-10, 2026 | London, UK

[13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Microscale Chemistry. London UK](#)

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## Biennial Conference on Chemical Education (BCCE) 2026



The 29th BCCE will be held on the lakeside campus of the University of Wisconsin in the Summer of 2026. The conference will be a mixture of symposia, workshops, poster sessions, exhibits, and spaces for both formal and informal conversations.

For More Information:

[Biennial Conference on Chemical Education | Hosted by UW Conferences & Events](#)

## ACS Events

[ACS Events - American Chemical Society](#)

## AACT Conferences and Events

National and Regional Events

<https://teachchemistry.org/professional-development/conferences-and-events>

## ACS DivCHED Website

DivCHED Website: [DivCHED](#)

Support the Advancement of Chemical Education for All. Join Now!

<https://divched.org/join>



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## DivCHED Materials and Resources

Materials & Resources

[DivCHED Materials and Resources](#)

Teaching Resources

[DivCHED Teaching Resources](#)

## DivCHED Awards

Awards

[DivCHED Awards](#)

## Join the ACS

[Membership - American Chemical Society](#)

## Meetings In Your Area

October - December 2025

We encourage educators who live a driving distance from the meetings' locations to attend! Some of the benefits are:

- There are **Chemical Education symposiums** in their programs, where we learn from each other's best practices.
- Each includes **awards for High School Teachers** (up to \$1000). You could nominate a colleague!
- Symposiums are relevant. For example, the meeting in San Jose, California, includes one entitled "*Charting a New Course Through Project SEED*" that may be of interest to teachers looking to help students enter research before entering college. The meeting in

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Orlando, Florida, includes “Research in Chemical Education at the K-12 Level”, a great opportunity to share experiences about how students learn chemistry.

- All meetings offer a **special registration rate for K-12 educators!**
- *Funding to attend any of these meetings can be found under the Grants update. See ACS Hach Professional Development Grants and Division of Chemical Education Travel Grants.*

## Midwest Regional Meeting

### [Midwest Regional Meeting](#)

Columbia, Missouri

Sunday, October 12- Tuesday, October 14

**Event Location** - University of Missouri Memorial Union, 518 Hitt St, Columbia, MO 65211

**Registration Fees for K-12:** Early Bird (until Sep. 12): \$10; Regular Registration Fee: \$20

## Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting

### [Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting](#)

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Thursday, October 23 – Saturday, October 25

#### **Event Location**

- Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town 800 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104

**Registration Fees for K-12:** \$50



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## Western Regional Meeting

### [Western Regional Meeting](#)

San Jose, California

Saturday, October 25 – Tuesday, October 28

#### **Event Location**

Signia by Hilton, 170 South Market Street, San Jose, California 95113

**Registration Fees K-12** Early Bird (until September 25): \$60; Regular K-12: \$75

## Southeastern and Southwest Regional Meeting

### [The 76<sup>th</sup> Southeastern and 81<sup>st</sup> Southwest Regional Meeting](#)

Orlando, Florida

Sunday, October 26 – Wednesday, October 29

#### **Event Location**

DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld in Orlando, Florida.

**Registration Fee K-12** Early Bird/Regular: \$60

## Northeast Regional Meeting

### [Northeast Regional Meeting](#)

Worcester, MA

November 1<sup>st</sup> (12 Hours)

#### **Event Location**

- Worcester State University 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01602

**Registration Fees K-12:** Not yet available as of August 26, 2025



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## Grants

### ACS Hatch Professional Development Grant

[ACS - HACH PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT](#)

#### Important Dates

- Applications are accepted between October 15 and January 21 annually.

#### Eligibility

Applicants must be a high school chemistry educator teaching in a U.S. or U.S. territory school.

### ACS Hatch Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Scholarship

[ACS- Hach Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Scholarship](#)

#### Important Dates


**Application Opens:** February 1

**Application Deadline:** May 1

**Applicant Decision Date:** Mid-July

#### Eligibility

To be eligible, you must:

- Have a Bachelor's degree or higher in chemistry or a chemistry-related discipline
  - Have less than one year of work experience outside of obtaining undergraduate and graduate degrees\*\*
  - Demonstrate interest and commitment to becoming a secondary educator
  - Be accepted into an education master's program or a teacher certification program
  - Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
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\* Due to scholarship guidelines, scholarship stipends are distributed in equal installments two times per academic year. This may result in scholars receiving half of their total scholarship if they complete their program by the Fall semester.

\*\* If you have more than one year of work experience, please consider applying for our [ACS-Hach Second Career Teacher Scholarship](#).

### Contact

- [hach@acs.org](mailto:hach@acs.org)
- 800-227-5558, ext. 8178

## DivCHED Travel Grants

### [DivCHED International Travel Award](#)

Deadline: November 30 of each year.

Announcement of Award: January 15 of the following year.

### [DivCHED Travel Award \(within USA\)](#)

Deadline: September 2nd (for 2025)

Announcement of Award: One month later





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## DivCHED Other Organizations

### American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT)

A professional community by and for K–12 teachers of chemistry.

[American Association of Chemistry Teachers](#)

*Membership for teachers is \$45, and you can opt for a complimentary ACS Premium Package Membership.*

### National Science Digital Library (NSDL)

[National Science Digital Library | OER Commons](#)

### National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

[National Science Teachers Association](#)

*Membership for new teachers is \$45 and starts at \$70 for returning members.*

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**Thank you for viewing the Pre-College Newsletter!** We encourage you to join the American Chemical Society and receive all the wonderful benefits of joining the organization.

## Contact Us

Please reach out to hear more information and engage with our chemistry educators. We look forward to hearing from you soon! Reach out to **Esther Hines**: [ehines6302024@gmail.com](mailto:ehines6302024@gmail.com)

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