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Pre-College Committee Newsletter

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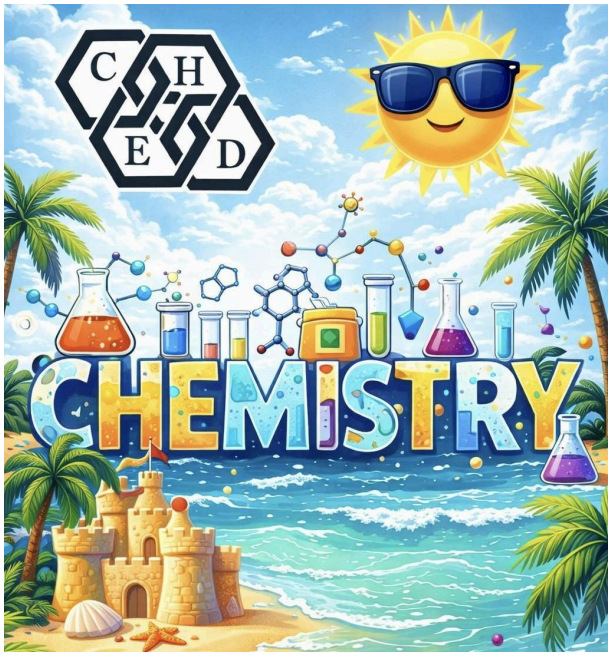


About Us

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 a range of activities and programs.

Mark Your Calendars:

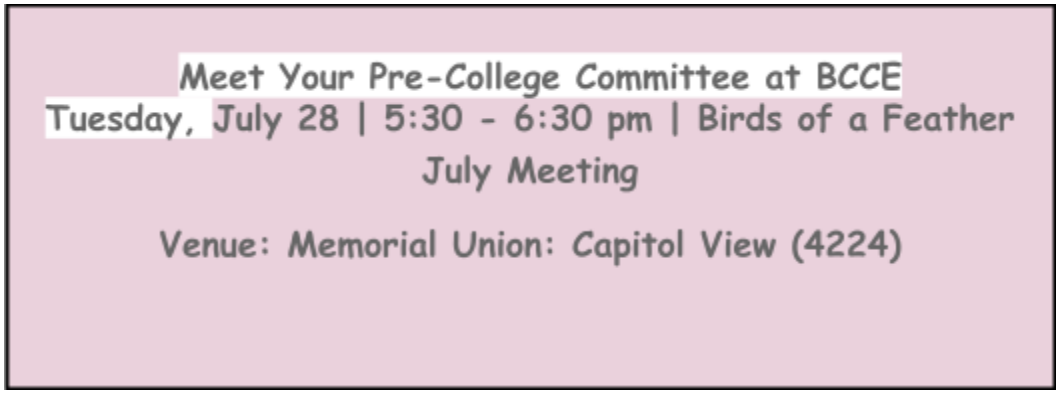
Summer 2026

Biennial Conference on Chemical Education (BCCE) 2026

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

For More Information:

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



International Conference of Interest July 8-10, 2026 | London, UK

[13th International Symposium on Microscale Chemistry, London, UK]

Join Us for the ACS Fall 2026 Conference!

August 23-27 | Chicago, IL In-Person & Virtual

[ACS Fall 2026 - American Chemical Society]

Registration for the In-Person and Digital Meetings

[ACS Fall 2026 - Registration]

Global Virtual Symposia

[ACS Fall 2026 - Global Virtual Symposia]

If you live/work near Chicago, please join us at the TEACHER'S DAY at the conference!

ACS Fall 2026 Teachers Day

Sunday, August 23 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm |
Explore the K-12 Teacher Program

Location: TBD, in-person

Check all ACS Events

ACS Events - American Chemical Society

AACT Conferences and Events

National and Regional Events

Conferences and Events | AACT

REGIONAL MEETINGS IN YOUR AREA

We encourage educators who live within a driving distance of the meeting locations to attend! Some of the benefits are:

- There are ***Chemical Education Symposia*** 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 to your practice.
- 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 the ACS or AACT websites to check the Hach Professional Development Grants and Division of Chemical Education Travel Grants.*

79th Northwest Regional Meeting (NORM) @ Boise, Idaho

June 28-July 1st, 2026

2026 Southeastern Regional Meeting of the ACS @ Memphis, Tennessee

November 4-7, 2026

Opportunity to Share Best Practices in the Classroom (New England)

One way to share your best classroom practices is to present them in person to eager colleagues across New England.

2026 Annual Summer Conference (Currently accepting proposals)

Topics that may interest members of this forum include

- Innovative and Adaptive Teaching Strategies
- Chemistry and Global Challenges
- Integrating Current Chemistry Research into the Classroom
- Integrating Emerging Science and Technology
- Building Inclusive and Accessible Chemistry Classrooms
- Experiential and Community-Based Learning

What do you think? Are you willing to contribute? Information on registration, housing, and scholarships to help you attend will be available soon. Happy writing!

ACS DivCHED Website

DivCHED Website: DivCHED

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https://divched.org/join

DivCHED Materials and Resources

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Teaching Resources

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DivCHED Awards for You

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In addition, please check the ACS CATALYST SCHOLARSHIP for your students.

DivCHED Travel Grants

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DivCHED International Travel Award

Deadline: November 30 of each year.

Announcement of Award: January 15 of the following year.

DivCHED Travel Award (within the USA)

Grants

ACS Hatch High School Chemistry Classroom Grant

ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant - American Chemical Society

Important Dates

Applications are accepted between ***February 1 and June 1*** annually.

Eligibility

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

ACS Hatch Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Scholarship

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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

* 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

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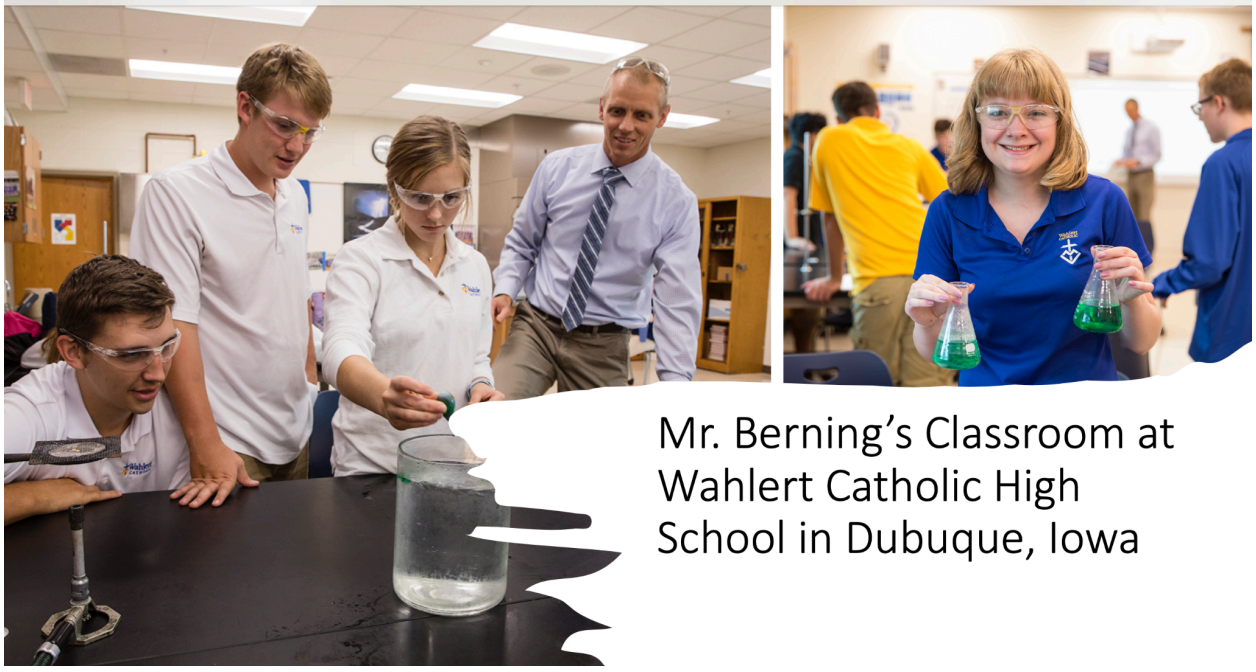
Pictures from High School Chemistry Classrooms



Mr. Berning's Classroom at Wahlert Catholic High School in Dubuque, Iowa

Submit A Picture for the Next Pre College Newsletter

If you would like to enter a picture or graphic design for the Fall 206 newsletter, please send your image, along with your name, high school, location, and brief description to **Esther Hines**: ehines6302024@gmail.com

NOTE: Make sure your school has the required photo release authorization to publish your students' pictures. Thank you!

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 fees are $45, and you can opt for a complimentary ACS Premium Package Membership.

National Science Digital Library (NSDL)

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National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

National Science Teachers Association

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

Join the ACS

Membership - American Chemical Society

Contact Us

Please reach out to volunteer as a committee member, learn more, and engage with chemistry educators like you! Reach out to **Esther Hines**: ehines6302024@gmail.com

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Thank you for viewing the Pre-College Newsletter! We encourage you to join the American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Education to enjoy all the wonderful benefits the organization offers!