

Council Committee on Project SEED

Mister President-Elect and members of Council:

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This summer, the Committee on Project SEED made lemonade out of lemons. At the end of March, the committee voted to cancel all in-person research for Project SEED students. We quickly switched gears and started planning a virtual Project SEED summer camp. The 4-week camp centered on three learning objectives, achieved through individual assignments, webinars, and small group discussions – as highlighted in the schedule on the right.

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We reviewed 521 total applications, ultimately finishing with 291 campers and 62 undergraduate or graduate student cabin leaders. Campers and student leaders that successfully completed the camp received \$1,000 or \$1,500, respectively. High-level demographic details of both campers and student leaders are illustrated in the pie charts on the slide.

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Putting this camp together in a few months was a significant undertaking that involved 45 speakers, the Project SEED committee, 23 ACS member volunteers, 60+ ACS staff members, and 11 ACS departments. Tasks included shipping Chromebooks, setting up a learning management system, developing curriculum, conducting background checks and paying the students

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We held 584 Zoom meetings for a total of 667,000 minutes, generating 229 GB of recorded data. Notably, 98% were glad they participated in the program. Future summers will continue to incorporate weekly national webinars to expose students to careers and research in chemistry, college readiness, and other relevant topics, and will help students better engage with the Society for the long term.

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Project SEED owes a huge debt of gratitude to our many volunteers and donors. We encourage Councilors to please continue to donate to Project SEED when renewing ACS memberships and please reach out to your local section to support or start a SEED program in your area.

Mr. President-Elect, this concludes my report.

Don Warner, Chair

American Chemical Society



Report from the Committee on Project SEED

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Committee on Project SEED
Virtual Summer Camp Edition

The Plan...

CAMP OBJECTIVE AREAS



Research basics and preparedness



Professional etiquette and college readiness



Exposure to chemistry-related career pathways

CAMP ACTIVITIES

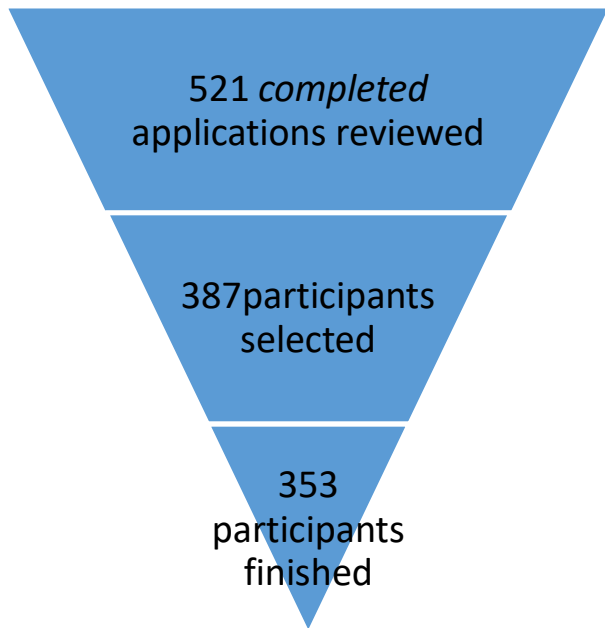
- Live webinars
- Independent assignments (graded and feedback provided)
- Small-group discussions

NATIONAL CAMP ITINERARY

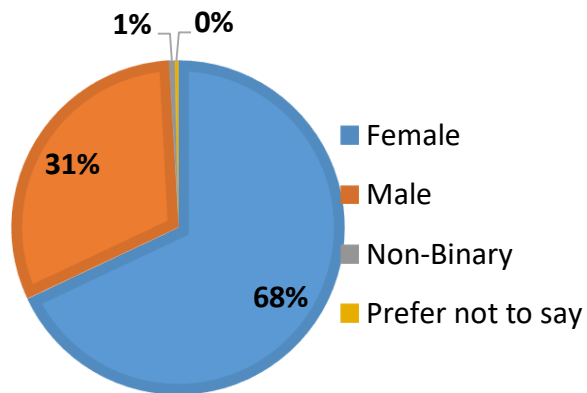
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		WEEK 1		
		WEEK 2		
		WEEK 3		
		WEEK 4		

Free day One webinar Two webinars Conference day

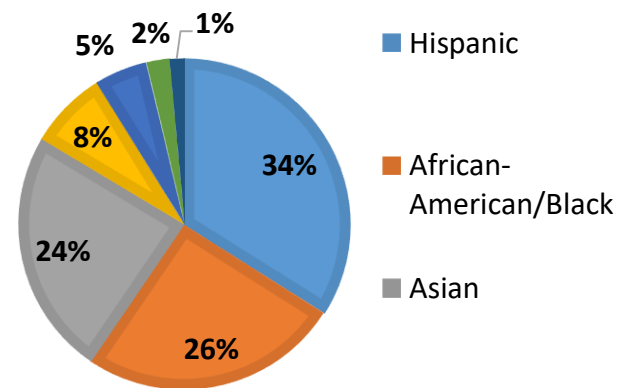
The Participants...



GENDER



RACE/ETHNICITY



291 Project SEED Campers
62 Cabin Leaders

The Team...



Volunteers and Governance

- **27** Webinar and Panel speakers
- **18** “UnConference” speakers
- **28** Committee members and associates
- **17** Virtual Summer Camp Task Force members
- **23** ACS volunteers that served as Camp Managers

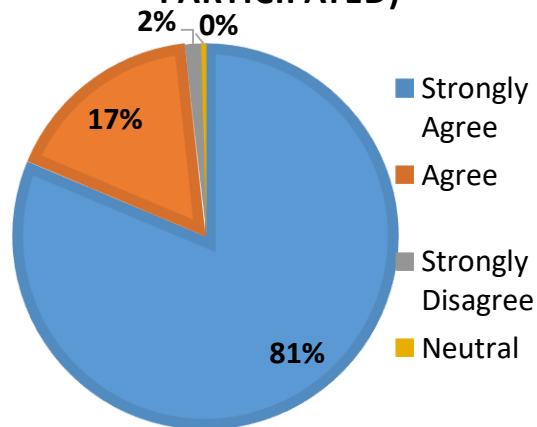
ACS Staff

- **60+** ACS Staff members dedicating several hours to one month’s worth of time
- **11** Departments and Divisions (Education Division, Finance, Purchasing, Facilities, Service Center, IT, HR, Secretary’s Office, Membership Division, Office of Philanthropy, and Secretary’s office)

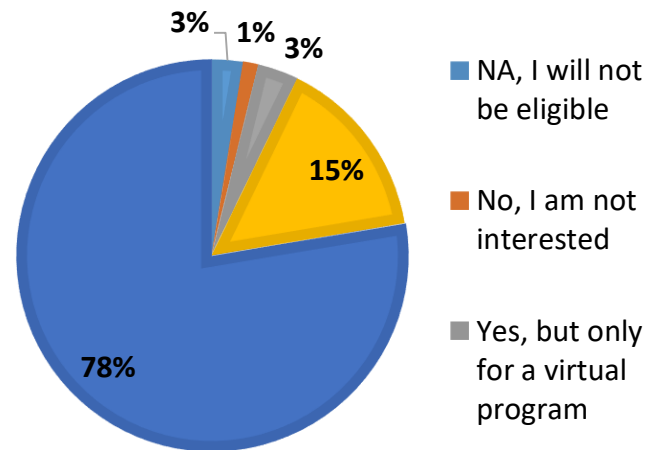
The Results...

- 584 Zoom meetings
- 667,000 minutes
- 24 National Webinars
- 2 Virtual Conference days
- 98% of Campers were satisfied with the camp (strongly agree or agree)
- 96% of Campers are interested in returning for 2021, depending on format

OVERALL PROGRAM SATISFACTION (GLAD TO HAVE PARTICIPATED)



INTERESTED FOR 2021



The Investment...

Project SEED will continue both in-person and virtual components as feasible for 2021. To continue the progress, Project SEED needs your help.

- Donate your time: Consider serving as a mentor or coordinator for Project SEED. See if your Local Section is represented!
 - www.acs.org/Projectseed
 - Click “Find a Location”
- Consider a financial contribution!
 - donate.acs.org/seed

