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# INDUSTRY MATTERS

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Information, insights, and advice for ACS industry members

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*The Industry Matters newsletter will be undergoing some changes soon to help streamline and optimize member communications. The industry-related content you have been receiving in this newsletter will now be included in ACS Matters. Be on the lookout for this specially curated version of ACS Matters coming to your inbox on Tuesdays this summer. In the meantime, visit us at [acs.org/indnl](https://acs.org/indnl) or follow our hashtag #ACSIndustryMatters on social media. Thank you for being a part of our reader community!*

## In This Issue:



*Welcome to this special issue of ACS Industry Matters, dedicated to the diverse world of careers in chemistry. This month we are highlighting career paths available to chemists beyond the conventional laboratory and academic settings.*

*Our contributors include chemists who have moved into entrepreneurship, marketing, and business development roles. You will also find practical advice on transitioning to a non-traditional career, including how to build skills needed to make a career change.*

*Whether you are a seasoned professional looking for a new direction or an inquisitive mind keen to explore the diverse career options available, we believe you will find this issue informative and inspiring. There are endless career possibilities with a background in chemistry!*

## A Look into the Future: Transforming Medicine with AI

**NEW! What I Learned**



Iktos's **Mac Monson** leverages his chemistry background to harness the potential of AI-generated solutions in the field of medicine. [Find out more](#)

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## Creating Solutions

**Innovation Zone**



Meet **Brad Justice**, the scientist and entrepreneur who isn't afraid to "get his hands dirty" to fight climate change through soil carbon. [Read More](#)

## How Can I Learn About and Transition Into Non-Traditional Careers in Chemistry?

NEW! Career Corner

“If you find yourself curious about a different career field, do not just embrace change; seek it out and thrive.”

-Paige Oliver

R&D Sustainability Program Lead, Corteva

ACS Members offer helpful tips on navigating non-traditional careers for chemists.

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ACS Institute offers a variety of learning and training resources developed and reviewed by expert professionals in the chemistry community.

[Check out learning opportunities here](#)

### Most Valuable Non-Technical Skills for Scientists

With traditional research jobs becoming more uncertain, alternative career paths are gaining popularity. Check out these stats on most valuable non-technical skills for scientists based on interviews with 37 senior executives from the chemical and pharma industries.

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- 51% - Collaboration
- 42% - Communication
- 41% - Creativity
- 30% - Intellectual Curiosity
- 24% - Innovative Spirit



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## Meet Jamie Schwarzbach: Scientist and Marketing Manager

### Early Career Spotlight



**Jamie Schwarzbach** of Myriad Genetics takes us behind the scenes of marketing in the biotech industry. [Read More](#)

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## Developing Transferable Skills in Your Current Role

### Career Perspectives



ACS Career Consultant **Andrea Alexander**, has some advice on building transferable skills that you can take with you from job to job. [Read More](#)

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## One Minute Mentor



## Don't Limit Your Career By What You Know

**Jyoti Seth** emphasize the importance of focusing on capabilities while prioritizing learning and credibility-building.

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## Discern Your Purpose

UniLever's Chief R&D Officer **Jason Harcup** shares the "one consistent compass" that has been crucial in his 25-year career for making important career decisions. [Read More](#)

## Practices of a Successful Scientific IP Professional

CAS Insights



**David Saahri**, senior scientist at CAS IP Services<sup>SM</sup>, offers valuable insights into the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in today's competitive IP landscape. [Read Here](#)

## Meet Kathryn Harkup

C&EN



Science Communicator, Best-Selling Author, and Goth Enthusiast **Kathryn Harkup** discusses her transition from a lab chemist to telling stories about science. [Read Here](#)

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## Events & Opportunities

### Committee on Committees Webinar Making an Impact on ACS: Navigating the Committee Appointment Process

Please join the Committee on Committees (ConC) on Tuesday, June 18 at 2:00 pm (EDT) for the webinar - **Making an Impact on ACS: Navigating the Committee Appointment Process**. The ACS is an amazing place to volunteer and give back to the Society.



Join **Brian Mathes**, ConC Chair, as he walks you through the committee appointment process and suggests strategies to help you get recommended on the governance committee that best fits your interest. ***Grow your network by giving back to the ACS!***  
[Register Here](#)

### Recognize Innovation in Industry: Nominate a Start-Up for C&EN's 10 Start-Ups to Watch



C&EN is seeking nominations for its annual 10 Start-Ups to Watch Special Issue, which highlights start-up companies that are changing the game in the chemical industry. Past winners have made a significant impact with innovative

developments in pharmaceuticals, materials, green chemistry processes, agricultural technologies, instruments, and automation tools. Do you know a start-up that fits the bill? Nominate them by August 1, 2024 for a chance to be featured in C&EN.

### Meet C&EN's Talented 12 Class of 2024

C&EN's Talented 12 Program celebrates early-career researchers from industry, academia, and government who are making a significant impact on the field of chemistry. This year's cohort is making strides in pressing areas such as nuclear fuel storage, battery electrolytes, nucleic acid functionalities, and the impacts of microplastics on human health. [Read More](#)

### Check Out Upcoming ACS Regional Meetings & Events

Gain valuable insights through outstanding technical programs covering diverse topics, engaging poster sessions, informative expositions, and networking opportunities through social events. Take advantage of the opportunity to connect, learn, and engage! Find a meeting near you and register today. [Click here](#)

### Register for ACS Fall 2024 NOW!



Register and join us from August 18 - 22 for ACS Fall 2024! We'll be in-person in Denver, Colorado or virtually across the globe. The theme, Elevating Chemistry, will be at the core of programming for the hybrid event.

You can receive exclusive rates and benefits by booking your hotel through ConferenceDirect, the official housing service provider for ACS Fall 2024! Premium package ACS Members receive up to \$400 in meeting registration discounts. Standard and Basic Package Members can upgrade to save! [Register Now](#)

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