



MAKING THINGS HAPPEN

A warm welcome from the 2025 ACS Maryland Section Chair

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Obtained a Master of Chemistry Education at the University of Pennsylvania, UPENN, and a BA in Mathematics and Computer Science from Eastern Connecticut State University, ECSU.

Beatrice has been an active ACS member for 26 years. She has served as a volunteer in the ACS Maryland section for 15 years. During this time, she has occupied several leadership positions in the local section including councilor and chair in 2018 and 2025. In addition to this year's chair position, she will continue her duties in the local section, as coordinator of the Chemistry Olympiad, USNCO, coordinator of the Chemist Celebrate Earth Day, CCED, and chair of the Award Committee "The Maryland Chemist of the Year Award".

The Maryland Local section of the American Chemical Society begins the year 2025 with a new and refreshing theme: **"Making Things Happen."** I want to encourage all current members to invite other ACS members residing in Maryland to join the ACS local section and collaborate with the local section members to improve the careers of young new chemists. We need new leaders and partnerships with industry and academia. This is where your collaboration comes in because this enterprise is a team effort.

Including in my plan as chair of the section for 2025, I have set up 4 in-person board meetings and 2 virtual meetings. All ACS members are welcome to attend these meetings. The event announcements will be on our website acsmaryland.org. The leadership of the ACS Maryland local section will make sure that all members attending will be heard, their new ideas and event proposals will be recorded and considered for economic support if needed. Please feel welcome and bring your thoughts to be discussed in our meetings.

Board meetings will take place virtually in February and June. The in-person meetings will be in April, August, October and December. I would like to invite current members and new members to become leaders in the local section and help your career ladder as well as your colleagues' careers. Any ACS Maryland Section member can run for any leadership position, no experience is necessary. At the present time we have some important positions open 1__ Chair-Elect (2026) to become chair in 2027. 2__ Leadership/board positions as Member at Large and Alternate Councilor which renew each year. The positions of secretary and treasurer are renewed every two years. Councilors' positions renew every 3 years. The duties of each position are explained in our website <https://acsmaryland.org> (Leadership positions). If anyone is interested, please contact any existent volunteer member or send a note with your credentials to Beatrice Salazar, Chair- 2025 ACS Maryland Section at <mailto:beatricesalazar1@gmail.com>.

Thank you for your time, I hope to hear from you soon.

Beatrice Salazar January / 2025

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Tentative dates for the ACS Maryland Local Section Executive Board Meetings

<p>February:</p> <p>This is a virtual meeting to discuss the 2025 plan and budget, current and new events, and ACS Annual Report.</p> <p>Week of 10-14 Save the date.</p> <p>Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>April:</p> <p>This is an in-person meeting to discuss the 2025 April events Student Awards, USNCO national exam, budget, current and new events.</p> <p>Week of 7-11 Save the date.</p> <p>Location TBA</p> <p>Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>June</p> <p>This is a virtual meeting to discuss the 2025 budget, current and new events. ACS Maryland Elections and changes on submission of awards.</p> <p>Week of 9-13 Save the date.</p> <p>Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>August:</p> <p>This is an in-person social meeting and networking prepared by Michelle to discuss the 2025 summer events and recruit new members.</p> <p>Week of 4-8 Save the date.</p> <p>Location TBA</p> <p>Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>October:</p> <p>This is an in-person meeting to discuss the 2025 current awards, new officer's elections and reflect on the work done by volunteers.</p> <p>Week of 6-10 Save the date</p> <p>Location TBA</p> <p>Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>December:</p> <p>This is an in-person meeting to discuss the 2026 budget, volunteer awards and the end of the year.</p> <p>Week of 15-19 Save the date</p> <p>Location TBA</p> <p>Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>

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January 2025 –

The newly nominated Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect for the year 2025 will attend the Leadership Institute in Houston, Texas (Jan31-Feb2, 2025). During this conference attendees will learn management and leadership skills to enable them a successful leadership during their volunteer work as leaders within the American Chemical Society. Please join me in congratulating [Sunita Thyagarajan](#), Vice-Chair 2025 and [Ayse Gul](#), Chair Elect, 2025.

February 25 -

Events: Women Chemist Yearly Lecture TBA contact [Saraswathi Narayan](#) of [Kelly M. Elkins](#) Maryland Chemist of the Year 2024 Award Lecture on Feb. 26, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. Contact [B. Salazar](#)