

Join us for the 2026 ACS Student Awards Ceremony 48th Anniversary
featuring a talk by Dr. Sandra Kay Young titled

Career Opportunities for Young Scientists Around the World

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11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Notre Dame of Maryland University, Knott Science Center Lounge



Dr. Sandra Young is currently a contracts and supply chain specialist with LufCo, a software and materials engineering solutions company in Aberdeen, MD. In June 2025, she returned to the U.S. after a six-year stint in Japan, where she served as the head of the U.S. Army's Basic and Applied Research Office. In that role, she regularly met with scientists, engineers, and students throughout Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania, discussing their research, establishing collaborations with scientists back in the US and, sometimes, funding their research.

Dr. Young has wide-ranging previous experience in hands-on STEM education, scientific strategy, and science through small and large-scale materials development. She previously served as an advisor at the Pentagon for basic research programs and managed the Engineering and Scientist Exchange Program for the US Army. Dr Young also taught undergraduate chemistry for 15 years. Early in her career, she participated in a young scientist exchange with the UK and has been a long-time advocate for internships and mentoring programs. As a dedicated member of the American Chemical Society, Dr. Young has twice served as chair of the Maryland Section, where she also led various outreach programs. She was selected as an ACS Fellow in 2016.

Dr. Young believes deeply in continuous learning, mentoring and harnessing change to make career pivots. Her presentation today is titled "Career Opportunities for Young Scientists Around the World."

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- Start on I-95 and take exit 47 for I-695 toward Towson.
- Merge onto I-695 and continue for about 10 miles.
- Take exit 30B to merge onto I-95 South toward Washington.
- Take exit 47 for MD-295 South toward Washington.
- Continue on MD-295 and take the exit for I-95 South.
- Follow signs for Notre Dame University and enter the campus.
- Knott Hall Science Center will be on your right; look for campus signage.

Parking: there are 5 small and medium parking areas around the Science Center building

