

# Washington Idaho Border Section



(Spring 2012)



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## Opportunities:

- ✓ WIBS has a \$300 travel grant for students attending and presenting at their first scientific meeting
- ✓ WIBS will pay the first year of membership for new members of the ACS
- ✓ Contact Dan Stelck or Aurora Clark for more information!

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## News.

- Sue Clark (WSU) was awarded the Garvin-Olin Medal by the American Chemical Society. This award is given annually to one person to “recognize the distinguished service to chemistry by women in chemistry”. The award was established in 1936, and this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time that a WIBS member has received this award, the other awardee being Jeann’ne Shreve in 1972.
- WIBS has been awarded an **Innovative Project Grant** for 2012 to support a public scientific forum on energy production from the Alberta Oil Sands. This forum will be held in November of 2012, with more information to follow. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Jakob Magolan ([jmagolan@uidaho.edu](mailto:jmagolan@uidaho.edu))
- Kirk Peterson (WSU) was elected a fellow of the AAAS. Prof. Peterson was noted for his development of basis sets and reliable property predictions.
- Nadine Abdel-Rahim, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student from Lena Whitmore Elementary (Moscow) was a winner of the ACS illustrated Earth Day poetry competition at the National Level. Jakob Magolan and Dan Stelck made the award presentation at a special assembly at Lena Whitmore and a poster with the poem is on view there.
- WIBS organized a tour of the Dodgen Research Facility’s nuclear reactor for undergraduate chemists interested in learning more about nuclear chemistry and research. Approximately 15 students from the WSU chemistry club attended.

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## News (cont):

- As a follow up, WIBS is soliciting people who may be interested in a tour of the *Hanford B reactor* on September 20, 2012. If you or your group would like to join other WIBS members on the tour, please contact Aurora Clark ([auclark@wsu.edu](mailto:auclark@wsu.edu)). WIBS will organize transportation from WSU to Hanford and back. More information on Hanford tours can be found at: <http://manhattanprojectbreactor.hanford.gov>
- **Jordan Porter** (UI), an undergraduate student working with Sofie Pasilis was awarded a \$300 travel grant by WIBS to attend and present a poster at the Spring National Meeting of the American Chemical Society.
- **Nathalie Wall** has been awarded the WSU College of Sciences Early Faculty Career Award for 2012.
- Rachel Jameton (LCSC) is co-authoring a new Organic Chemistry textbook for W.H. Freeman, due out in 2015.



*Jakob Magolan and Dan Stelck with Nadine Abdel-Rahim and her 1<sup>st</sup> place award for the ACS illustrated Earth Day Poetry Contest*

## Get to Know a Member.

Rachel Jameton is a Professor of Chemistry at Lewis Clark State College. Rachel has spent much effort redesigning the Organic Chemistry courses at LCSC and implementing online courses. She is active in many outreach activities and has coordinated the STEM outreach program “expanding your horizons”, as well as activities with local schools in Grangeville and an afterschool science program at the Jack O’Conner Center in Lewiston. Rachel’s inspiration to focus on undergraduate education began when she was a Peace Corps volunteer in the West African country of Niger.

## Notes from the Spring Natl. Meeting.

- ✓ the following nominees have been selected as candidates for President-Elect, 2013: Thomas J. Barton, Luis A. Echegoyen, William A. Lester, Jr., and Barry M. Trost.
- ✓ the Council VOTED to continue Project SEED.
- ✓ Despite the sluggish economy, ACS generated strong operating results in 2011, up +1.8% over 2010.
- ✓ The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2013 at \$151.
- ✓ Membership recruitment and retention efforts were very successful last year. The Society ended 2011 with 164,215 members - the highest number in Society history. 24,249 new members were elected into the Society.

## Upcoming Events.

- ✓ September 20, join WIBS members on a tour of the Hanford B reactor. If interested please contact [auclark@wsu.edu](mailto:auclark@wsu.edu)
- ✓ The 67<sup>th</sup> Northwest Regional Meeting of the ACS (NORM) will be held June 24-27 at the Boise Center. For more information please see <http://www.snakeriveracs.com/norm2012.html>