



**2024 SECTION-WIDE CONFERENCE**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024, 10:00am – 1:00pm**  
**Ballroom DAC-416A at St. John's University, Jamaica, NY**  
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*Registration is free for this In-Person Event! [Click here to register](#)*

**PROGRAM**

**09:30 AM**    **Continental breakfast will be available**

**10:00 AM**    **ACS, NEW YORK SECTION COMMITTEE PLANNING SESSIONS FOR 2024.**

**Educational Activities:** Chair: Dr. Alison G. Hyslop

Chemagination, Chemists Celebrate Earth Day, Continuing Education, High School Chemistry Olympiad, National Chemistry Week, Nichols Foundation High School Teacher Award, Project SEED, Student Membership, Student Award Recognition

**Member Affairs:** Chair: Dr. Joseph M. Serafin

ACS Fellows, Awards, Employment and Professional Relations, History of the New York Section, Indicator, Membership, Outstanding Service Award, Minority Affairs

**Program Review:** Chair: Dr. Anne T. O'Brien; Dr. Rolande Hodel, Westchester Subsection Chair, presiding  
Subsection and Topical Discussion Group Chairs

**Public Affairs:** Chair: Dr. Robert P. Nolan

Academe and Industrial Relations, Environmental Chemistry, Fund Raising, Government Affairs, Information Technology, Public Relations, Speakers Bureau

**10:40 AM**    **REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEE PLANNING SESSIONS**

**10:50 AM**    **GREETINGS FROM THE ACS NEW YORK SECTION 2024 CHAIR**

**Dr. Ping Furlan**  
US Merchant Marine Academy

**11:00 AM**    **AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

Service Plaque and Pin to the 2023 ACS New York Section Chair

**Dr. Mary Virginia Orna**  
ChemSource, Inc.

ACS New York Section Outstanding Service Award

**Dr. Joseph Serafin**  
St. John's University

Outstanding Four-Year University with Graduate School Chemistry  
Faculty Teaching Award

**Professor Guillermo Gerona-Navarro**  
Brooklyn College

Outstanding Four-Year Undergraduate College and University  
Chemistry Faculty Teaching Award

**Professor Rita Upmacis**  
Pace University

Outstanding Two-Year College Chemistry Teaching Award

**Professor Sharon Lall-Ramnarine**  
Queensborough Community College

Nichols Foundation High School Chemistry Teacher Award

**Xue Qing Liang**  
New Utrecht High School

**11:30 AM**    **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2024 ELECTIONS**

**Dr. Eric Chang**  
Pace University  
2024 Chair Elect ACS NY Section

**11:40 AM**    **PROJECT SEED** Poster presentations by New York Section Project SEED Students  
**Break** to view and discuss posters

**12:00 PM**    **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**Title: Daly/Daily Inspiration**

**Dr. Raychelle Burks**  
American University

Abstract: Dr. Marie Maynard Daly's life can inspire us to be better chemists and citizens.  
In this talk, Dr. Burks will share her Daly/daily inspirations for the new year.

**01:00 PM**    **CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING:** Join with colleagues for lunch at a local restaurant.