



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Chemistry

Dr. Matthew A. '82 and Patricia J. Harthcock PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

CHEMISTS TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS JUNE 14th, 2024, at the A&M Hotel

In 2018, the Department of Chemistry launched the Matthew A. '82 and Patricia J. Harthcock Professional Development Symposium for graduate students. Annually, it features an alumni advisory committee meeting, professional development panel discussions, talks, and networking events.

This year's morning session offers a crash course in "Business 101," featuring two keynote addresses, four industry-academic presentations, and a career panel with all of our guest speakers.

8:30 – 9:00	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:05	Opening remarks <i>Dr. Tamara Powers, Assistant Head of Graduate Studies</i>
9:05 – 9:35	Business 101 Concepts: A Whole Other Language <i>Dr. Matthew Harthcock '82, Solutions by Harthcock Associates</i>
9:35 – 10:20	Business 101 Client Case Studies <i>Dr. Carl McAfee '90, McAfee Consulting LLC</i>
10:20 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:30	Chemistry Careers in Industry and Beyond <i>Dr. Sherrika Sanders, Technical Services Manager at Manner Polymers; Dr. Leslie O'Leary, R&D Director at Dow Inc.; Dr. Jessica Demott '15, R&D Manager at Arkema Inc.; Dr. Raúl Hernández Sánchez, Assistant Professor, Rice University</i>
11:30 – 12:20	Career panel
12:20 – 1:30	Mix and mingle network lunch

*The afternoon session will offer two one-hour concurrent events. **Small Group Breakout Sessions:** Students will engage with two to three symposium speakers in a small group setting, providing an opportunity for networking and focused discussion. **Science Writing Workshop:** Led by Dr. Barbara Gastel from the TAMU School of Medicine, this workshop emphasizes effective science communication to non-scientists. Clear communication fosters collaboration with engineers, policymakers, and the public, enhancing research credibility, promoting informed decision-making, and building trust among stakeholders.*

RSVP by May 20th using the QR code or link provided.

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NOTE: While the event is open to all Graduate Students & Postdocs, please be aware that space is limited! Registration is required and priority will be given to senior graduate students.

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