Susquehanna Valley Section
American Chemical Society

Annual
Education Awards
Banquet

Kehr Union Building, Room 408
Bloomsburg University
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

9 May 2007 5:30 p.m.
PROGRAM

I. Welcome and Introductions .................................... Dr. Karen Castle

II. 50/60-Year ACS Members .................................... Dr. Karen Castle

DR. H.E. BERKHEIMER
DR. RAYMOND BORKOWSKI
MR. DELBERT CRAGLE
DR. OWEN FAUT
MS. JANET KOHLER
MR. EUGENE TROUTMAN (60 years)

III. Joseph Priestley Service Award ............ Mr. Ronald Blatchley

DR. DAVID FRANZ, Retired from Lycoming College

IV. High School Teacher Award ..................... Mr. Ronald Blatchley

JANE NAGURNEY, Scranton Preparatory School

V. David H. Frederick Memorial Awards in High School Chemistry ............................ Dr. Eric Hawrelak

EXAM A WINNERS

LANCE MILLER Mifflinburg Area High School
Teacher – Mr. Landis

JAMES PEARCE Williamsport Area High School
Teacher – Mr. Kelley

PATRICK HRICKO Scranton Preparatory School
Teacher – Ms. Nagurney

JAMES BOND Canaan Christian Academy
Teacher – Mr. Bond

FIONA STEEL Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School
Teacher – Ms. Holodick

LINDSEY DANIELS MMI Preparatory School
Teacher – Mr. Stiller

EXAM A RUNNERS-UP

ASHLEY OLLEY Mifflinburg Area High School
Teacher – Mr. Landis

STEPHEN KENN Shikallemy Area High School
Teacher – Ms. Monahan

NOAH STERNGOLD Muncy Jr./Sr. High School
Teacher – Ms. Peterman

ETHAN TITUS Jersey Shore Senior High School
Teacher – Mr. Smith

GREG CAMERON Scranton Preparatory School
Teacher – Ms. Nagurney
AMy SweeNey  Scranton Preparatory School  Teacher – Ms. Nagurney
RICHARD MAOPOLSKI  Old Forge High School  Teacher – Ms. Rupprecht
MEAGAN DRIVER  Honesdale High School  Teacher – Ms. Tonkin
ASHLEY NILSEN  Western Wayne High School  Teacher – Ms. Masankay
BRITTANY QUINN  Abington Heights High School  Teacher – Ms. Siwak
NICOLE PIERSON  Pittston Area High School  Teacher – Mr. Timlin
ERIC WENDOLOSKI  Pittston Area High School  Teacher – Mr. Timlin
GABRIELLA CORRIDONI  Pittston Area High School  Teacher – Mr. Timlin
ANTHONY RISMONDO  Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School  Teacher – Ms. Holodick
MEGHA PATEL  MMI Preparatory School  Teacher – Mr. Stiller
GWEN SMITH  Danville Area High School  Teacher – Ms. Slattery
BRANDON BROWN  Bloomsburg High School  Teacher – Mr. Davis

EXAM B WINNERS

MARIA GUBBIOTTI  Wyoming Area High School  Teacher – Mrs. Palmer
JASON MARTIN  Mifflinburg Area High School  Teacher – Mr. Landis
JOHN WATSON  Pittston Area High School  Teacher – Mr. Kupetz

VI. Chemistry Olympiad Entrants.....................Dr. Amy Bradley

PATRICK HRICKO  Scranton Preparatory School  Teacher – Ms. Nagurney
CASEY KINSMAN  Honesdale High School  Teacher – Ms. Tonkin
MEAGAN DRIVER  Honesdale High School  Teacher – Ms. Tonkin
JOHN WATSON  Pittston Area High School  Teacher – Mr. Kupetz
AMY SWEENEY  Scranton Preparatory School  Teacher – Ms. Nagurney
VII. College Award Winners .......................... Dr. Therese Wignot

NICHOLAS FOX  ........................................... Bloomsburg University
MEGHAN MULCRONE ......................................... Bucknell University
MATTHEW D. FLANNERY  ................................... King's College
DANIEL DIROCCO ........................................... Lycoming College
KRISTY GOGICK ........................................... Scranton University
ERIK HOSLER ........................................... Susquehanna University

VIII. “Famous Mad Hatters” ................................. Dr. James O’Brien
Retired from Southwest Missouri State University

The origin of the phrase "Mad as a Hatter" is due to the incidence of odd behavior on the part of workers in the early felt hat industry. Their odd behavior, or "madness", was the result of mercury poisoning contracted on the job.

This presentation will discuss the recent mercury analyses done on the hair of Isaac Newton; the deterioration of the great mind of Michael Faraday; the bizarre behavior of Boston Corbett, the man who shot John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln; and the possibility that mercury poisoning affected the behavior of other famous people such as King Charles II of England, the author William Makepeace Thackeray, and a number of famous artists, such as Rubens, Renoir, Dufy, and Klee.

“Mad” women in History have been more difficult to locate. One eminent female whose health was affected by chemical exposure was Clare Boothe Luce. Her health problems while serving as U.S. Ambassador to Italy in the 1950’s will be discussed.