

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	Shikallemey 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.

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