Ann Nalley to Receive Henry Hill Award

Dr. E. Ann Nalley, Professor of Chemistry at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the ACS Division of Professional Relations’s Henry Hill Award. The Henry Hill Award is presented annually to a chemist who has made outstanding contributions in the field of professional relations and to the professional status of chemists and chemical engineers. The award was established in 1984 by the Division of Professional Relations (DPR) to honor Henry Hill, a distinguished chemist and former president of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Hill, who was the first African American to serve as president of the American Chemical Society, was a pioneer and long-time activist for increased professional relations activities within the ACS.

Dr. Nalley, who has served on DPR’s Executive Committee for the past eleven years, was recently elected Chair-Elect of the Division. She was selected for the award for her work on the ACS National Committees in the professional relations areas, for her work in organizing symposia at national meetings in the professional relations areas, for her work with the DPR Executive Committee, and for her promotion of professionalism in her students.

Ann served as a member of several ACS committees and task forces concerned with the area of professional relations, the ACS Student Affiliate Advisory Group, and for seven years as a member of the Advisory Committee on the ACS Employment Clearing House. She has assisted in preparing numerous ACS brochures, organized and chaired 7 National Symposia on professional issues, and held all the offices, including Councilor for the past fifteen years, of the Wichita Falls-Duncan ACS Section. She organized the Cameron University ACS Student Affiliate Chapter, for which she has served as faculty sponsor since 1982.

Ann is a member of 5 other ACS Divisions and of the AAAS. She presently is serving on the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Chemists and as National President of the Phi Kappa Pi honor society, and will hold the latter office when the Society celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 1997.

A professor in the Department of Physical Science at Cameron University since 1969, Ann was honored by the University in the fall of 1995 with the highest award given by the University, its Distinguished Service Award. She is the only Cameron University Faculty Member ever to receive this award. She has also been honored by the University in past years with the Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Faculty Award, with the Student Government Professor of the Year Award, with the Cameron University Advisor of the Year Award, and twice with the Phi Kappa Phi Meritorious Service Award. In 1992, she was honored by the five ACS Sections based in Oklahoma as the Oklahoma Chemist.

Ann holds a Ph.D. in Radiation Chemistry from Texas Woman’s University, an MS in Analytical Chemistry from Oklahoma State University, and a BS in Chemical Education from Northeastern Oklahoma State University.

The Henry Hill Award Presentation will take place at the ACS National Meeting in New Orleans on Monday, March 25, 1996 at 4:30 P.M., at the Division of Professional Relations Reception in the Jasperwood Room of the New Orleans Hilton Hotel.
Chair’s Message

As we launch a new year in the Division of Professional Relations, I look forward with optimism to the opportunity to build our Division. It is a fresh start to look at ourselves, our role in the Society, and how we influence the Society. It is clearly our charter to influence the Society on professional matters through the organization of appropriate symposia and workshops, assessment of member opinions on professional matters, and communication of this information to Society members. Below, I have briefly outlined specific goals for 1996 and cited some of the efforts that have already been put into place.

- **Survey member opinions on professional matters and communicate the information.**
  
  For 1996 we seek to put into place the infrastructure to accomplish this. This will provide a means to generate the data base needed to assure relevant short and long range planning for the Division and its programs, and the dissemination of that information. This effort is a longer lead time item and will likely go into 1997 for completion of the first phase. Dr. John S. Connolly will lead the newly formed Member Survey Task Force against this objective.

- **Increase Membership.**
  
  Membership support and involvement are key to our success. Dr. Bela S. Buslig, as Chair of the Membership Committee, has agreed to head this area for DPR in 1966.

- **Increase programming.**
  
  Our symposia and workshops have been relevant and well attended. We need to expand further on this. Dr. T. J. Kucera, DPR Program Chairman, will be leading this effort. In addition to programming at the national level, opportunities at the regional and local levels will be assessed and implemented as appropriate. Further, by leveraging the data generated via survey instruments from the Member Survey Task Force, we will be able to go forward with our programming grounded in the broader-based member opinions provided through the work of the task force. Additionally, a Long Range Planning Committee has been formed which will address a host of subjects, including programming.

**Net, there is much to do in order to accomplish the above objectives.** Member involvement and participation are key. Please feel free to provide input to the committee/task force chairs as well as members of the Executive Committee on the above or any other Divisional matters of interest to you. **You are our most important asset.**

Separately, Dr. A. J. Stipanovic is Chair of our Nominations Committee, as per our Bylaws. The slate of officers for 1997 will be presented in New Orleans. If you have suggestions, please contact Art.

For New Orleans, I urge you to attend the Division of Professional Relations programs. There are two symposia, Sci-Mix posters, and and our Henry Hill Award reception.

All are invited to join us in honoring **Dr. E. A. F. Nalley, the 1996 recipient of the Henry Hill Award.** Please bring a prospective new member with you to see the Division in action. For details of the preceding events, consult the award reception announcement and specific programming information published in this newsletter, also in C&EN.

**In conclusion,** I look forward to a year of new initiatives, new ventures, and laying the foundation for a secure future for DPR. Together we can do it!

*Diane G. Schmidt, Ph.D.*

*1996 Chair, Division of Professional Relations*
The Division of Professional Relations
Symposium
Monday Afternoon, March 25, 1996
New Orleans Hilton • Jasperwood Room, 3rd Floor
Chemistry—the Central Science:
The Road to Many Careers
E. A. Nalley, Organizer, Presiding

1:30 Introductory Remarks.
1:35 1. Recareering: Options for chemists. J. Borchardt
2:00 2. A chemical education: Preparation for a flexible career. D. Chamot
2:50 Intermission.
3:00 4. Chemistry-the central science: The road to an interesting career in dentistry. J. Vance
3:50 6. Creating career opportunities. D. G. Schmidt
4:30 Presentation of the Henry Hill Award to E. Ann Nalley, followed by a reception honoring the recipient.

Undergraduates’ Industrial Opportunities
Beginning at the ACS spring national meeting in New Orleans, student affiliates will be able to interview for industrial intern and co-op positions at the Department of Career Services’ (DCS) National and Regional Employment Clearing Houses, DCS and the ACS Education Division’s Experiential Programs in Chemistry (EPiC) are working together to bring industrial employers in contact with student affiliates so that students might be considered for these positions. For more information, contact John Sophos, DCS (telephone, 800/227-5558, extension 6209; e-mail, jms91@acs.org), or Ji-Won Kim, EPiC (telephone, 800/227-5558, extension 6176; e-mail, jwk97@acs.org).

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Book Review

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For any chemist contemplating a career change, or for anyone looking for a job, this little book is a gold mine of useful information and insight. That is not to say that it is an exciting read. The writing style is straightforward, even bland, but it is easy to read, and the content is extremely valuable.

The first third of the book takes the reader through a process of analysis and self-evaluation. There is just enough explanation to convince you of the value of the approach without degenerating into jargon or academic exposition. This is first and foremost a practical guide, and after reading and thinking about the first few chapters, readers will better understand what they are looking for, and will be better prepared for a successful job search.

The remainder of the book offers short chapters on different careers in chemical research; non-laboratory careers such as law, regulatory affairs, chemical marketing, and so forth; and work in chemical education, computer applications, or self-employment. The primary value of these chapters is to get you thinking about potential areas of work that you might otherwise not have thought about. All in all, a useful book for those looking for a job now, and a good book for the rest of us to have on the shelf in these perilous times.