

FINAL REPORT ACS Innovative Projects Grant

Directions: Please tell us about the outcome of the project or activity that your section accomplished through the Innovative Projects Grant. You need not repeat information provided in your IPG application—simply summarize very briefly what you did, focusing on the results and impact of the event on your local section and/or the broader community. Tell us about your collaborations (if applicable) and “lessons learned” from conducting this type of project.

Local Section:

Application deadline for which you applied: July 1, 2008

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Project Title: Women in Chemistry Career Symposium

Briefly summarize the project results & impact in a concise paragraph:

Eight women (7 Kentucky Lake Section members) presented 15-20 minute vignettes of their careers covering the areas of academics, industry and chemical safety. The keynote speaker, Judith Iriarte-Gross, is an active supporter of encouraging girls to consider careers in the sciences and was excellent in capping off the symposium.

Although extensive mailings/e-mailing to high schools, colleges and girl scout groups within the western Kentucky and Tennessee region, attendance was much less than anticipated. There were 23 people impacted (was aiming for 50-75) from which 2 were from high school, 4 were undergraduate students, 5 were graduate students and 4 were interested adults. The major reason provided in response to the invitations – particularly with the high schools – was conflicting events. It was difficult to obtain a date in the spring due to the myriad of events – spring break, Easter break, assorted testing, sports events, festivals, proms and banquets.

Overall, the format allowed the speakers to get to know each other and all were very pleased with the format of the event (noted in evaluations) and hope that it will be done again during the fall and coordinated with another event that would have a solid high school audience.

The “bonding” of the women of the Kentucky Lake Section during this event was the best outcome of this event and will lead to further cooperation in future events.

Estimated # members involved (volunteers & attendees): 10

Estimated # people reached by event: 23

Describe any PR generated by your event. Please attach appropriate files or include website link, if applicable.

Preliminary meeting at University of Tennessee "Her Lab in Your Life: Women in Chemistry exhibit at the Paul Meek Library:

Murray Ledger and Times, Mon. July 28, 2008

<http://www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/pdfs/Aug.11Addenda.pdf>

Symposium notice in GRITS (Girls raised in Tennessee Science

http://www.pugetsoundcenter.org/ngcp/tennessee/enews/GRITS_enewsletter_April-21-09.html

Symposium notice in Murray State University Calendar and Roundabout Murray

<http://www.murraystate.info/calendar/events/index.php?com=detail&eID=801>

Women in Chemistry Symposium Flyer

<http://www.murraystate.edu/iet/cseto/wicsflyer.pdf>

If you partnered with another ACS entity or outside group, please list your partner(s) and then comment on how the collaboration(s) worked out (both positives & negatives).

Murray State University, Department of Chemistry: Provided \$500.00 for the luncheon.

If you were to repeat this program again, tell us what, if anything, you would do differently. (Please consider your evaluation plan when you respond to this.)

Plan any event that involves high schools for the fall as their spring calendars are quite full.

Thus, I would coordinate this event more closely with the high schools to have a solid student attendance.

The grant money received: XX was more than adequate, _____ was barely enough, _____ had to be supplemented by other funding sources. Please list the major expenditures utilizing the grant funds. (Note: You do NOT need to attach receipts.)

1. Travel assistance for speakers (non-members)	50.00
2. Hotel and travel for keynote speaker	314.40
3. Marketing: Advertising, postage, newsletters, printing	114.69
4. Handouts, supplies	280.10
5. ACS memberships: Student - 2; Professional - 2	368.00
6. T-shirts	373.65
7. Venue set-up	150.00
8. Thank-you gifts for speakers	241.48
9. Snacks for planning meeting and the symposium	232.13
	Total \$ 2124.45

Please keep in mind that your local section is not eligible for additional funding from the Innovative Projects Grant Program until this final report is submitted. Thank you!