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**Opportunities:**

- ✓ WIBS has a \$300 travel grant for students attending and presenting at their first scientific meeting
- ✓ WIBS will pay for the first year of student affiliate membership for those joining ACS for the first time

## Upcoming Events

### Chemistry Olympiad

The Department of Chemistry at the University of Idaho in conjunction with the Washington-Idaho Border States ACS section is excited to host our inaugural sectional competition of the U.S. National Chemical Olympiad on March 26, 2016 in Malcolm M. Renfrew Hall. The event is designed to excite and engage local area high school students to compete against each other in written and laboratory events as well as to promote interest and knowledge of the STEM fields to the community. For more information please contact Dr. Kristopher V. Waynant: [kwaynant@uidaho.edu](mailto:kwaynant@uidaho.edu) or Dr. Alaina Nye: [alaina@uidaho.edu](mailto:alaina@uidaho.edu).

### Seminar Series

WIBS and the ACS are dedicated to promoting scientific literacy and knowledge to our community. This year we are proud to host an informative speaker series that addresses the impact of climate change at both a global and local level as well as potential solutions to this 21<sup>st</sup> century problem. For more information please visit our website at <http://wibs.sites.acs.org/eventsannouncements.htm>.



Evan DeLucia  
Nov 9/10



Solar Roadways  
Nov 16/17



Kathy Hibbard  
Mar 21/22



NNMREC  
TBA



## News

### Women Chemist Retreat

<https://sites.google.com/site/pswomenchemists/>

The third annual [Puget Sound Women Chemists Retreat](#) was held May 15-17<sup>th</sup> at the Pack Forest Conference Center in Eatonville, WA. This retreat provided Washington State University and University of Idaho women with networking opportunities by exposing them to women chemists from a variety of chemistry careers (academia, industry, government, and non-traditional), constructive feedback on presenting a research poster, and leadership advice through a COACH workshop.

*“This retreat is wonderful, especially for career development and networking. I would suggest it to a fellow graduate student 100%.”—Larissa Gribat*

*“The Women Chemist Retreat is a great international platform for women who share a common vision of a scientifically driven society.” – Megha Karki*

*“The Women Chemist Retreat offered me a really amazing experience to bond with the female scientists with which I work.” - Leah Shaffer*

### Women Chemist Retreat Photo



*Pictured (Left to Right): Larissa Gribat (WSU), Katherine Donahoe (WSU), Dr. Ursula Fittschen (WSU)*

## Feature Article

### Why Chemistry?

Most people who decide to pursue a career in chemistry have done so because of a mentor who made chemistry fun, rewarding, and exciting. Dr. Shreeve, who has been having fun with chemistry for the past 55 years, believes the secret to retaining chemistry students “is to involve the prospective chemist in research – stimulate her (him) with the search for the unexplored and the unknown – doing something that no one else has done. AND then most importantly while this process is ongoing the new person will acquire a place to belong and colleagues who share the same joy and fun. The hook will be set!”

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