Professional Societies and You

You’re the CEO of your life…

What you get out = what you seek + what you put in

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Characteristics……..

• **Initiative**… identifies important tasks that need to be done and then DOES them decisively, efficiently and effectively.

• **Networking**… develops pathways to knowledge experts; shares knowledge and experience with those who need it; develops skills to broaden contacts and context

• **Self-management**… identifies critical path (timelines & milestones); puts energy into activities tied directly to it.

• **Perspective**… sees a problem or a project in a larger context and stays the course..as seen by coworkers, collaborators, supervisors, customers, competitors, upper levels of mgt. or admin.

• **Followership**… works cooperatively with the leader to accomplish an organization’s goals
Role of Professional Societies

- Help you to gain access to all the elements of being a Star Performer!
  - Gain skills outside of your work environment
  - Move “beyond the science”
  - Network and have your “ear to the ground”

- Make friends and have fun
• **Career Advice and Publications**
  ◦ Consultant Program
  ◦ Interviewing Skills for Chemical Professionals
  ◦ Resume Preparation – Tips for Chemical Professionals

• **Workshops and Courses for College Faculty**
  ◦ [Teaching and Learning with Chemistry in Context](#)
    Develop a better understanding of the content and pedagogy of *Chemistry in Context: Applying Chemistry to Society* at this half-day workshop.
  ◦ [Externships and courses for chemical technology faculty](#)
    Find a list of externships and courses to improve your teaching skills.

• **Salaries & Surveys**

• **Career Headlines**
  ◦ [A Two-Track Course](#)
    Institutions of higher learning implement family-friendly practices to ease the tenure-track burden for female academics.
    C&EN, March 3, 2008
  ◦ [Getting A Pharma Job](#)
    Potential employees are advised to target high-growth areas and hone specific skills.
    C&EN, February 4, 2008

• **ACS Careers Blog**

• **Jobs Service**
The **Leadership Development System** is a comprehensive leadership curriculum that provides you with practical courses to advance your career, help you to be more effective in your position, and equip you with tools to more effectively lead ACS volunteer initiatives.

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- **Online Courses**
- **Facilitated Courses**

*Courses are in various stages of development and are subject to change.*
Women Chemists Committee

- [http://membership.acs.org/W/WCC/](http://membership.acs.org/W/WCC/)
  - Awards
  - Courses
  - Sponsors symposia/programming
    - National
    - Regional
    - Local
  - Networking and involvement
Role of Professional Societies

- DEFINING what you want out of your investment
- DETERMINING which options are best suited to your goals
- ENGAGING in an active way
- NETWORKING and gaining contacts; skills; savvy beyond the science….

What you get out is what you choose to seek and the effort you choose to put in.....