

Community College Award



First California Section ACS Teacher-Scholar Award for Community College Chemistry Faculty

The California Section, ACS is pleased to announce that its first Teacher-Scholar Award for Community College Faculty is presented to Galen George of the Santa Rosa Junior College. Of the many fine nominees for the award, Galen's accomplishments stood out for his commitment to his students, his class developmental skills, and his public outreach.

Galen has been teaching about 28 years. In that time several of the students he has encouraged have gone on to advanced degrees in chemistry. Students usually have a smooth transition to four-year institutions because of the preparation given them by Galen. He actively seeks scholarship opportunities for his students to help them through their studies.

In Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, Galen collaborates with the other disciplines well. He has served more than one term as department chair. He advocates for funds to support both instructors and students. He supervises independent research students and has authored several laboratory manuals used in the department.

Galen co-created Chem 100, Basic Chemistry Skills course for students not quite ready for college level work, to prepare them to be successful in their future studies. He is active in the local K-12 system and coaches the Santa Rosa JC women's softball team.

We congratulate Galen George for his dedication to his students and his teaching accomplishments.

We thank the committee of Peter Olds (chair), Joe Ledbetter, and Kent Campbell for their work in selecting Galen. We also thank the Santa Clara Valley Section and Harry Unger for the idea of honoring a community college instructor and are pleased we could follow their lead with such a fine first awardee.