NOBCChE November General Body Meeting

Thursday, November 4, 2010

4:00 p.m. Marker Seminar Room, Chem 0112

Old Business

- Dues- $10 for undergrads/ $20 for grads for the year
  - See Alicia or Rennisha

- Tutoring volunteers (Gen Chem./ Org./ Phys./ Anal.)
  - Will be done by appointment this semester
  - Contact Floyd

- Fall Fundraiser (Raffle)
  - 8GB Ipod Touch
  - Winner will be announced at the holiday party.

New Business

- Professional Development Series – Any ideas are welcomed!
  - Today- Women in Science – Dr. Beckett, Dr. Mullin, & Dr. LaRonde-LeBlanc
  - Leadership/Job Opportunities – Dr. Doyle on Dec. 2\textsuperscript{nd}
  - How to give a presentation – Dr. Isaacs on Feb. 3\textsuperscript{rd}
  - Manuscript Writing
  - Alternative Careers in Chemistry
  - Fellowship and Grant Writing
  - Writing a scientific CV

- Volunteers needed!
  - End of the Semester Celebration
    - Date: Dec. 10\textsuperscript{th} from 4PM- 8PM at the Nyumburu Cultural Center
      - Committees (If we are missing any please inform us):
        - Food
        - Music
        - Decorations
        - Toy drive

- Upcoming Deadlines
  - Fellowship applications for NOBCChE fellowships – November 30\textsuperscript{th}
    - The DOW Chemical Company Fellowship
    - The Eastman Kodak Dr. Theophilus Sorrell Fellowship
    - E.I. DuPont Fellowship
    - The Lendon N. Pridgen, GlaxoSmithKline NOBCChE Fellowship
    - Procter & Gamble Fellowship

Speaker- Dr. Beckett, Dr. LaRonde-LeBlanc, and Dr. Mullin, Women in Science
**Dr. Beckett**

- **Background**: Dr. Dorothy Beckett came from a big family. She gained her education from catholic all girl schools until she attended college. Dr. Beckett gained her inspiration and discipline from her grandmother who is still alive today.

- **Advice for women**: Dr. Beckett says no matter if you’re a woman or a minority no one can deny efficient work. Efficiency has gotten her where she is today and will push her even further. Dr. Beckett also pointed out that representation among women in science is very weak. Women need to step up into more leadership roles and make their presence known in the sciences as they are of equal status. To build on that she stated to not be scared to be assertive. She spoke of the stereotype of assertive women but said it is better to be known then never advancing in your career.

- **General tips**: When applying for Post-docs, apply a year in advance to know potential openings and work conditions. Also do further research into the previous Post-docs that worked at that particular job. Find out where all of the previous Post-docs moved on to and what they are doing now.

**Dr. LaRonde-LeBlanc**

- **Background**: Dr. Nicole LaRonde-LeBlanc is originally from Dominica. She was raised by a single mother and gives credit to her grandmother for showing her what true strength is. Dr. LaRonde-LeBlanc was brought up in catholic schools in both Dominica and the United States. She never thought as a woman that she could not achieve her goals, since women had such prominent roles in Dominica.

- **Advice for women**: Dr. LaRonde-LeBlanc knows that having a family and being a mother and working in science can be overwhelming. Since she is a single mother herself, she knows first-hand how to balance a family. Dr. LaRonde-LeBlanc suggests seeking support to help. This support can come from a spouse, family member, or a good friend. She says that it helped and still helps her a lot when she had to stay long hours or work on the weekend. She also suggested that having a family can help to be more efficient so you can meet the demands of a family and a job in science.

**Dr. Mullin**

- **Background**: Dr. Amy Mullin came from a science background, as her father worked with the space program at NASA. Although her father was in science, her biggest inspiration came from her grandmother who she described as a very strong person. She was also brought up in all girl catholic schools until she reached college. Her first attempt to work in sciences was denied because she was a woman. Dr. Mullin’s interest has always lied in quantum mechanics and when she tried to work in a lab, she was told that she should not join since no woman has ever graduated when they chose to work in that lab. She decided to work in another lab but was determined to show that she had what it takes to graduate.

- **Advice for women**: Dr. Mullin suggested that women should look into any job’s policy on parental leave. She says that it is not always standard on the rules of parental leave. It is important for women who plan on having families to look into these rules since they should have full coverage but it is not always guaranteed.
General tips- One of the most important things in working in the sciences is planning. She explained that planning will make or break your career in science. Dr. Mullin also said that adding travel grants received to go to different conference to your CV will help boost it. Also when applying to jobs, research the salaries of the position of choice and negotiate to get a desired salary. Furthermore to get a higher salary, it is good to express the other offers given to you.
Committee Sign-up sheet

Food
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Music
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Decorations - We hope that all NOBCChE members will assist in setting up and cleaning up.
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Toy Drive
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Other Volunteer Opportunities

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