Dr. Bonnie Charpentier obtained her B.A. and Ph.D. in biology from the University of Houston. She has been an ACS member since 1982 and has served on numerous committees and on the Board of Directors of the American Chemical Society, including as Chair of the Board. Prior to joining Cytokinetics in 2014, Bonnie served as Vice President of Regulatory and Quality at Metabolex, Inc. (now CymaBay Therapeutics). From 2001 to 2006 she served as Vice President of Regulatory and Quality at Genitope Corp. From 1995 to 2001, she held regulatory positions at Roche Global Development, a division of Hoffman-La Roche Ltd., including Vice President and Regulatory Site Head in Palo Alto, California. Prior to that, she held regulatory positions of increasing responsibility at Syntex Corporation. She began her career as an analytical chemist at Procter and Gamble Co. in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bonnie and her husband, Lee, share a passion for science-based community outreach, including bringing hands-on science activities to homeless youth. When Bonnie’s two sons are home everyone can be found outdoors at the beach, hiking or biking, or in the kitchen experimenting with recipes old and new.

SoFL-ACS AWARDS BANQUET
Saturday, April 27
11:30 AM Reception and Poster Session
12:30 – 2:30 PM Buffet and Awards
Wolfe Student Center 221-223
FIU Biscayne Bay Campus
3000 N.E. 151st Street, North Miami

Keynote address by
Dr. Bonnie Charpentier
ACS President

Cost: $30.00 ACS members and guests; $15.00 Students

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The following persons have achieved the remarkable milestone of 50, 60 or 70 years of ACS membership and will be honored at the awards banquet:

**70-Year Members**
Dr. Marilyn Klothy..............................................Tamarac  
Mr. Albert F. Lane (72 years).............................Jupiter

**60-Year Members**
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Mr. Etzer Chicoye........................................Pembroke Pines  
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Mr. Lewis J. Doctor.....................................Lantana  
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Mr. Martin S. Levin................................Boyon Beach  
Dr. Joseph Pugach..........................Naples  
Mr. Todd Simmons.........................Boyon Beach  
Dr. Claibourne D. Smith..................Jupiter  
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Mr. Ronald J. Wierzbicki......................Fort Myers

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**SOUTH FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD FINALISTS**

In early March, 350 chemistry students from 20 high schools participated in the National Chemistry Olympiad qualifier exam administered at Nova Southeastern University (Dr. Vic Shanbhag), FIU-Biscayne Bay (Dr. Milagros Delgado) and at other satellite locations including University School (Dr. Carlos Montero), American Heritage-Plantation (Dawn GregorSt. Thomas Aquinas (Dr. Erin Williams), St. Brendan High (Elyssa Falkner), St. Andrews (Paula Martin), Miami Palmetto High (Dr. Yuria Sharp), John Ferguson (Natalia Guevara), American Heritage-Delray (Ewa Wojcik) and Community School of Naples (Betsy Lewton). Eleven finalists were selected to participate in the nationwide National Chemistry Olympiad (NChO) exam and lab practical that will be held on Saturday, April 27 at NSU. Based on those results, 20 students nationwide will be selected to go to an intense three-week training camp at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Four will be selected to go to the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO), July 21-30, 2019 in Paris.

Congratulations to the following South Florida high school students, and their chemistry teachers, who qualified to take the national exam:

**Student**
- High School
- Teacher

**Student**
- Gulliver Preparatory
- Jennifer Guerra

**Student**
- Everglades High School
- Uma Lyer

**Student**
- American Heritage Boca/Delray
- Ewa Wojcik

**Student**
- Palmetto High School
- Yuria Sharp

**Student**
- American Heritage Plantation
- Dawn Gregor

**Student**
- American Heritage Boca/Delray
- Ewa Wojcik

**Student**
- Palmetto High School
- Yuria Sharp

**Student**
- John A. Ferguson High School
- Natalia Guevara

**Student**
- Atlantic Community High School
- Melinda Ogden

**Student**
- American Heritage Plantation
- Dawn Gregor

**Student**
- Community School of Naples
- Betsy Lewton

**ACS SCHOLARS FROM SOUTH FLORIDA**

The ACS Scholars Program was initiated in 1995 to address the gap in underrepresented minority representation in the chemical sciences by an appropriation from the ACS Board of Directors of $5 million. Outside gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations have achieved another $10 million. These contributions have funded 3,199 scholarship recipients and 1,775 students have successfully completed their undergraduate degree. More than half of them have continued into graduate programs where 306 have received a PhD degree with 67 serving in academic roles and 16 manage or coordinate various university programs. The scholarship, besides the monetary award, strives to find mentors (coordinated by our own Zaida C. Morales Martinez – aka Mama Z) for all Scholars and encourage them to engage in research before graduating. As of October 2018, there were a total of 384 Scholars in over 200 colleges and universities across the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and Hawaii. Congratulations to the following Scholars attending South Florida local section universities:

Ester Alvarez Florida Gulf Coast University  
Kathleen Lago Florida International University  
Nicole Giorgi Florida Gulf Coast University  
Jose Hernandez Septien Florida International University  
Frances Zengottit Florida International University

**AACT CHEMISTRY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Each year the American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT) recognizes three K-12 educators as the Chemistry Teacher of the Year awardees. Through their pedagogy, dedication, skills, and accomplishments, these teachers make outstanding contributions to the chemistry teaching profession and AACT. One of the three winners is from the South Florida Section. Congratulations to **Susan Bickel**. Susan teaches Kindergarten through fifth grade at the Benjamin School in North Palm Beach. In addition to teaching chemistry, Susan covers biology, earth science, engineering, environmental science, and physics. Susan has been an AACT member since 2016 and has written two articles for Chemistry Solutions and published a lesson plan in the classroom resource library. Susan has been teaching for more than 20 years.

**SUMMER 2018 ACS SEED SCHOLARS**

During the summer of 2018 two high school students participated in research at the University of Miami with support from SoFL-ACS and the ACS Project SEED (Summer Educational Experience for Disadvantaged students). Irena Lian, a Senior at Doral Academy Charter High School and Gabriela Hernandez, a Junior at Coral Reef Senior High School, worked with Dr. Rajeev Prabhakar at the University of Miami. These SEED students will be honored at the SoFL-ACS awards banquet. Congratulations to them.

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