



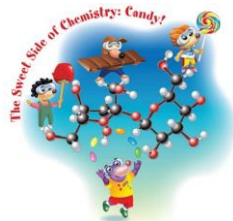
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National Chemistry Week Family Day

Noon - 5:00 pm, Saturday, October 25

Museum of Discovery and Science

401 SW 2nd Street, Ft. Lauderdale

Free admission and an IMAX show for SoFL-ACS members and families, plus refreshments
Just show your ACS membership card or some other ACS identification at the box office

12:30 PM: Keynote address "Chemistry of Ice Cream Making", Suzanne Batlle, Azucar Ice Cream Company

2:00-4:00 PM: Chem Club students and faculty from high schools, colleges, and universities
will present chem demos and hands-on activities

Congratulations to Dr. Leonard Keller

Recipient of the Florida International University Service Medallion

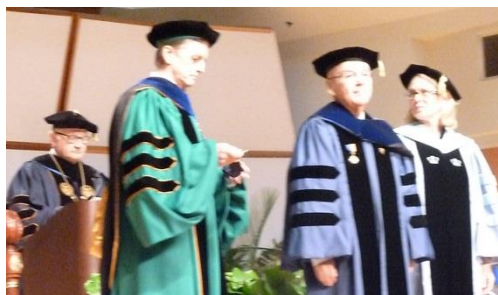
On Thursday, October 2, 2014, chemistry faculty member Dr. Leonard Keller was honored at the FIU faculty awards convocation as the recipient of the Medallion. FIU President, Dr. Mark Rosenfeld, presented the award to Dr. Keller.

"Leonard Keller, as a founder of the Department of Chemistry, whose term impact within these academic years over more than four decades, has been a source of inspiration and guidance for many of us."

As a newly minted chemistry professor at FIU in 1972 to take your first step onto a mostly desolate former airport and immediately began helping create the organic chemistry curriculum as well as a lab program that would be housed in a trailer. Over time you rose to serve as chairman of the Department of Physical Sciences and, later, the newly established Department of Chemistry. Under your guidance, the Bachelor of Science degree program in chemistry received American Chemical Society certification and the Master of Science degree program was inaugurated. You also helped lay the groundwork for a subsequent doctoral program.

Under your leadership, the chemistry faculty more than doubled in size and a dedicated Chemistry and Physics building was constructed, the latter involving many hours of your working with architects and administrators. Your exemplary service is complemented by your passion for teaching organic chemistry and your support of students through your duties with the FIU chapter of the academic honor society Phi Beta Kappa and the South Florida Section of the American Chemical Society.

We honor you for your devotion to FIU and for never shunning the important work that needed doing. You have established a legacy at FIU that will forever remain a credit to your name. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Florida International University Board of Trustees, I hereby present you with this FIU Service Medallion."



SoFL-ACS treasurer and FIU founding member Leonard Keller was honored at the FIU faculty awards convocation as the recipient of the FIU University Service Medallion. FIU President, Dr. Mark Rosenfeld, read the following citation during the ceremony:

Department of Physical Sciences and, later, dedicated service has made a critical, long-term impact on all who have passed through our department. We salute you.

As a newly minted chemistry professor, you arrived at FIU from Yale University and immediately began helping create the organic chemistry curriculum as well as a lab program that would be housed in a trailer.

November Section Seminar Meeting

Emily Schmitt, Ph.D.

Professor of Biology
Nova Southeastern University

Stories Behind Cancer Cell Lines

5:00 pm, Friday, November 14

HPD-Terry Building, Room 2102, Resnick Auditorium

Nova Southeastern University

3200 S. University Dr., Ft. Lauderdale

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Project SEED High School Summer Research Internships

Three high school students from South Florida participated for eight weeks of summer research at the University of Miami and Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus. Daphka Alius, a senior at iPreparatory Academy, and Bernard Mingo, a junior at Miami Norland Senior High School, worked with Dr. Rajeev Prabhakar at U.M. investigating the Insulin Degrading Enzyme (IDE). Marsha Edwards, a Junior at Miami Country Day School, worked with Dr. John Berry at FIU studying metabolites from Cyanobacteria. These high school students received a stipend, research training and college counseling from their research mentors. They are also eligible to apply for a SEED college scholarship.

Please remember to support Project SEED with a donation when you pay your ACS dues.

SoFL-ACS Bylaws Updated

Periodically ACS requests that local sections update their section bylaws to bring them into compliance with the National ACS constitution and bylaws. Consequently, we have updated our section's bylaws and you will be asked to ratify them on the November election ballot. If approved, the changes in the bylaws will also allow for electronic voting in our section elections beginning in 2015. Please go to the section website: www.soflacs.org to read the changes and updated bylaws.

Call for Nominations for 2015 Officers

We solicit members who would be interested in serving as SoFL-ACS officers for 2015: Chair-Elect and Secretary.

If you are interested and willing, please let George Fisher (editor) know by November 1.

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