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Local Chemists Honored by World's Largest Scientific Society

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Local chemists were honored August 21 for outstanding community outreach by the national office of the American Chemical Society (ACS), the world's largest scientific society. The 14th annual ChemLuminary Awards celebration was held in conjunction with the ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia.

The California local section of the ACS, which has over 3,500 chemists and chemical engineers as its members, received four ChemLuminary Awards, including Best Activity or Program in a Local Section Stimulating Membership Involvement. In a partnership with the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation and funding from a LSAC grant, the California section initiated a monthly series of Science Cafes featuring acclaimed speakers in many areas of science. The series were highly successful, with at times capacity crowds, and provided new networking opportunities for members and non-members.

The next Science Cafe lecture, Sun-day Sun Gazing, will feature Saint Mary's professor and astronomer Ron Olowin, Ph.D., who will present "The Sun: Fun, Facts, Fads & Fallacies" Sunday, September 23 at 4 pm in the Community Hall. A free Sun gazing event is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. prior to lecture in the Amphitheater.

For more information about this year's ChemLuminary awards, visit www.acs.org/ChemLuminary. For a listing of additional Science Cafe events, visit the LLLC website at www.lafayettelib.org.

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