

ChEGSA NEWSLETTER

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ChEGSA is hosting the 5th Annual Research Symposium on March 9. The event will involve oral and poster submissions from graduate students. This year the symposium will feature Scott Armentrout, Director, External Innovation, Eastman Chemical Company. He will speak about "Innovation in the Chemical Industry: Enhancing the Quality of Life in a Material Way." Registrations are open for the symposium. [Registration link](#)

Upcoming events:

Graduate Invitational Spring - March 9, 2018

Big Event - March 24, 2018

Sign-Ups close February 16 at 5:00 pm



To register as a part of the ChEGSA group follow this link:

[Registration link](#)

Please choose "online student sign-up".

Under "Join a Group", put A41FD-00301 as the access code.



STRESS BUSTER: ChEGSA organized stress buster event on Dec 7. Graduate students enjoyed a break from exams with coffee, donuts and having conversations with their fellow colleagues.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS:

UPCOMING LINDSAY LECTURES:

Feb 7 | 3:30 pm | Dr. Mallapragada Surya
“Nanomaterials for Combination Therapies and Immunomodulation”

Feb 12| 3:00 pm | Covestro Distinguished Lectureship
“Semi-crystalline polymers for controlled self-assembly”

Feb 14| 3:30 pm | Dr. Ronald G. Larson
“Multi-Scale Modeling of Complex Fluids: Surfactants, Colloids, and Polymers, and their Applications”

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UNIVERSITY EVENTS:

Study Abroad Programs Office

Affording Study Abroad: Feb 13 | 11:30am - 12:30pm Pavilion 236
Stop by to learn about your aid options, how to identify money in your budget to help with costs and creative ways to stretch your dollar abroad.

[Registration link](#)



Aggies Invent: Feb 16-18
Invent for the Planet: Join students from around the world in a very unique Aggies Invent! Almost 15 universities will develop solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems.
Current theme - How can you tackle big issues such as species conservation and human rights? Make your mark on the world during Invent for the Planet. You will focus on developing products to make the world a better place for the inventors of tomorrow.

[Registration link](#)

Degree Planner Help Session: Feb 13 | 10:00 am | 400 Hotard Hall

Need assistance with your degree planner? We can help! This session will cover the basics on using the undergraduate degree planner. Transition Academic Programs cannot approve degree planners for those students who are not in our department, but we can help you learn how to use the system. Please bring a laptop or tablet to work on your planner during the session. Limited laptops are available should you not have one of your own.

[Registration link](#)



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ZOHRA HALIM



Zohra Halim is a fourth year PhD student working with Dr. M. Sam Mannan at the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center. Her research focuses on developing a model for assessing cumulative risk arising from impaired barriers in offshore platforms. Zohra won the Lamiya Zahin Memorial Safety Scholarship in 2016 and held first positions at the Annual MKOPSC Poster Competition in 2016 and 2017. She was elected Media Chair of the Chemical Engineering Graduate Students' Association (ChEGSA) during 2015-2016.

To read the full article, follow this [link](#)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS:

US Senator Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowship Award, Deadline - Feb 9:

This fellowship, available only to currently enrolled doctoral students at Texas A&M University, recognizes scholarly excellence.

[Link](#)

The Association of Former Students Distinguished Graduate Student Award, Deadline - Feb 9:

Each year, the Association of Former Students at Texas A&M University chooses up to 15 graduate students to receive Distinguished Graduate Student Awards in one of three categories: Excellence in Research-Doctoral, Excellence in Research-Master's, and Excellence in Teaching. Student nominations arrive from faculty advisors or departments, and nomination represents a true honor and accomplishment in itself, due to strenuous eligibility requirements.

[Link](#)

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES:

Student Health Services:

This office provides students with quality programs medical care services and educationally prepares them with diverse strategies for success in preserving health and promoting wellness.

A.P. Beutel Health Center, 1264 TAMU

