

# Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry Newsletter – 02/2023

## Departmental News & Highlights

- Congratulations to Amalthea Trobare for Receiving a Prestigious NASA Undergraduate Research Fellowship!
- UMBC's Ranked 26<sup>th</sup> in the Nation for Physical Chemistry by Chemistry-Schools.com
- Professor Joel Liebman Celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> Year as a Faculty Member in the Chemistry Department at UMBC.
- Emergency Free Food Pantry for Students in Need (outside Tutorial Center; MEYR 145); "Take What You Need, Leave What You Can"

*Do you have Chem/Biochem news or have you won a related award worth sharing? If so, email [Chemistry@umbc.edu](mailto:Chemistry@umbc.edu)*

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- January 30<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Classes for Spring Semester
- February 10<sup>th</sup> – Last Day to Add or Drop a Class without a "W"
- February 15<sup>th</sup> – Last Day to Apply for Spring Graduation
- Departmental Seminars (12:00 – 1:00 pm; MEYR 120): Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Beth Guiton (U. KY) – Nano Synthesis  
Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Svilen Bobev (U. Del.) – Zintl Phases
- Now is the time to begin applying to Graduate Schools and Internships for this Summer and coming Fall

**Join the ACS Chemistry and Biochemistry Club Today!** (next meeting Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm in MEYR 256)

Also Stop by the Chem Club Table at Involvement Fest in the RAC (Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 2:00 pm)

***Student Tip of the Month*** – "Talk to your academic advisors about internships and jobs, they can have lots of good advice"

***Did You Know?*** – New UMBC President Dr. Valerie Sheares Ashby is a world-renowned Organic Chemist

## New Job, Internship, REU Listings

For an extended listing of recent jobs and internships; visit  
(<https://chemistry.umbc.edu/career-resources/job-postings/>)

- Entry Level Biological Scientist/Biochemist Position at GAO
- FDA Strategic Planning and Design Thinking Fellowship
- Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education Internships
- Chemistry Internships (summer and year-round)
- Searchable database of 650+ Summer Research Programs
- Join ChemBioChemJobs-group – email [bmoravec@umbc.edu](mailto:bmoravec@umbc.edu) to receive regular job/internship updates & postings

## Faculty Spotlight



**Dr. Joseph Bennett** – *Computational Chemist*

### Research Interests:

Computational Materials Chemistry to Improve Human Health, Energy and the Environment

### Personal Factoid:

Dr. Bennett's karaoke go-to's are Whitney and Britney

***Need Help with Chemistry Courses?*** – In addition to reaching out to your instructor, did you know about:

- 1) Chemistry Tutorial Center (Schedule a visit with an expert tutor; MEYR 145)
- 2) UMBC Math and Science Tutoring Center (Walk-ins welcome; Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)
- 3) Peer assisted study sessions with SI Pass

***Interested in Undergraduate Research?*** 1) Visit the department's website to see faculty's research programs  
2) Email/Call faculty with appealing research to set up a meeting with them  
3) Register for undergraduate research credit and/or just enjoy the experience

***Interested in Pre-Professional Programs (pre-med, pre-dental, etc.)*** – Don't miss out on advising

***Need Help with Your Resume or Interviewing Advice?*** – Reach out to the UMBC Career Center

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