

#### DEPARTMENT OF

# CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

## **FOCUS**

# Females of Chemistry Uniting Scientists



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#### Mission

The purpose of this organization is to promote awareness and highlight scientific achievements of prominent females within the field of chemistry while motivating and encouraging other women, minorities, and members of the scientific community. Additionally, FOCUS coordinates community outreach at local school to excite the next generation of scientists.

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#### Demographic

The organization was created this year and to date, we have 90 members. Although the group's goal to highlight the success of women in chemistry, the membership is not limited to females.

## Industry involvement

As a part of our annual activities, we have created a FOCUS seminar series that includes inviting prominent women in chemistry to give a keynote seminar. Additionally, as a part of the symposium we held a poster session where graduate students from Midwest schools could share their research. At the judged poster session there were 115 attendees, 38 poster presenters, and 6 awardees.

We also have hosted lunches with female industry representatives (Merck, Dow) to learn their stories and grow from their experiences through an informal panel.

FOCUS was awarded as 2019 Outstanding New Student Organization from OSU. Also, we received a grant from the Columbus Service Support Program to fund our outreach program ChemScouts.





