Dear Science Educator,

Due to renovations to one of the science buildings at UM-St. Louis, Career Day has been postponed to the Fall. Doing so also enables avoidance of some of the conflicts that occur for schools in the Spring such as mandatory testing. **The date being considered for Career Day is Friday October 5, 2018.** If your school is interested in attending Career Day and this is not a good date for your school, please let us know so an alternative date can be considered.

**Career Day** is an event sponsored by the American Chemical Society and in recent years it has been held at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department. The aim is to introduce your students to careers involving chemistry and biochemistry and have them witness activities in those areas. It includes tours of research laboratories and instrument facilities, and Demonstrations by the UM-St. Louis Chemistry Club. Brief talks on topics such as *Just What is Chemistry* and *What Careers Use Chemistry* are followed by the tours to research labs and major instrumentation facilities. Chemistry and biochemistry are very much “central sciences” and other careers such as ones in healthcare also involve these disciplines. In the department tour, research in biochemistry, inorganic, organic, and physical chemistry are featured and major instruments to be shown and demonstrated include X-ray Diffraction, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, High Performance Liquid Chromatography, Mass Spectrometry and Electron Microscopy. A lunch (pizza, etc.) that starts at about 11:30 a.m. concludes the event.

Please inform Leah Trimble (516-5311, e-mail: trimb1el@umsl.edu and include your e-mail address) by Friday April 20, 2018 if October 5, 2018 is a good date if your school plans to attend high-school Career Day this year. [If your school has anticipated attending a Career Day function in spring of 2018, please let us know as soon as possible so that an alternative function could be arranged for your school]. Your school schedule is likely already very crowded, but consider how valuable this experience may be for your students as they consider their college and future career options.

An invitation letter will be sent to the Science Educators on our list of schools in early Fall 2018. We again are contacting science educators by e-mail rather than by traditional mailing. Please note: our budget for this event does not include the cost of transportation for attendees but free parking will be provided. For those who can attend, additional information will be provided subsequently by e-mail.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Stine and Jim O’Brien

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