MESSAGE FROM
DEPARTMENT HEAD

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from Purdue! With the new academic year only a few weeks old, I want to invite you to several celebrations and update the progress of a few Chemistry projects here on campus.

Early next month the department will honor the scientific accomplishments of Professor Ei-ichi Negishi with a Nobel Celebration Symposium on October 3 & 4. You should have received a symposium invitation earlier this summer. You can still visit the Chemistry website (www.chem.purdue.edu) to register and see a list of distinguished scientists who will be visiting the West Lafayette campus.

Also mark your calendar for June 2012 when we celebrate the life of 1979 Nobel Laureate Herbert C. Brown during the centennial year of his birth. A breakdown of that week’s events is located at: www.chem.purdue.edu/brown100/

Planning continues on our new drug discovery facility which will be part of the Life and Health Sciences Quadrangle on the southwest side of campus. Construction is scheduled to begin February 2012 and completed by Summer 2013. We are also making progress on our focused effort to create a vital new space for our students, staff, and faculty, outside Wetherill 200 lecture hall, called “The Wetherill Commons.” To follow all of our construction projects, please visit: www.chem.purdue.edu/projects/

If a football game, the autumn color, or the Negishi Nobel Symposium lure you back to campus this fall, please stop by and say hello! We are eager to discuss and share with you the improvements being made here in Chemistry.

Best wishes for fall 2011,

Paul Shepson
Benjamin A. Nault of Kendallville, Ind., who majored in chemistry in the College of Science, was awarded the 2011 G.A. Ross Award, which is presented annually to Purdue’s outstanding graduating senior man.

Nault, an undergraduate researcher in the Shepson Research Group, was involved in many leadership activities during his four years on campus. He is attending the University of California at Berkeley this fall pursuing a doctorate in earth and planetary science.

G.A. Ross, a 1916 graduate, stipulated that the award go to a graduating senior man demonstrating high standards of academic achievement, outstanding leadership, strength of character and contribution to Purdue. The recipient receives a $500 award, medallion and his name permanently inscribed on the award marker on Purdue Mall.

Mary J. Wirth was named as one of Purdue University’s inaugural Distinguished Women Scholars in the spring. The award honors alumnae who earned a Purdue doctorate and have made significant scholarly contributions to their academic communities.

Her research focus is the separation and isolation of biomarker candidates in blood for early detection of cancer, and her teaching focus relates the principles of chemistry to current issues in the real world.

Wirth was recently selected to serve on the 12-person search committee to select Purdue’s 12th president to replace President France Córdova who steps down next summer.

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**ALUMNI FEATURE**

**Benjamin A. Nault**

2011 B.S. in Chemistry

Minor: Political Science

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**Mary J. Wirth**

Ph.D. 1978

W. Brooks Fortune Professor of Analytical Chemistry, Purdue University

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**NOBEL CELEBRATION Symposium**

OCTOBER 3-4, 2011

www.chem.purdue.edu/negishi/symposium.asp

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**BORON AMERICAS XIII**

BROWN CENTENNIAL

June 7-8, 2012

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**29th BROWN LECTURES**

June 9, 2012

www.chem.purdue/brown100/
SPRING 2011 GRADUATES

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Dr. Emmanuel Appiah-Amponsah (Professor Raftery)
Dr. Allison Dill (Professor Cooks)
Dr. Dana Emmer (Professor Hrycyna)
Dr. Kathryn Fega (Professor Ben-Amotz)
Dr. Hair Gokulanathan Nair (Professor Ramachandran)
Dr. Jesse Grey (Professor Low)
Ms. Sarah Harden (Professor Simpson)
Dr. Jianfeng Li (Professor Ghosh)
Dr. George Pates (Professor Kettamaa)
Dr. Jeff Raker (Professor Towns)
Dr. Kaumba Sakavuvi (Professor Ramachandran)
Mr. Brandon Smith (Professor Choi)
Dr. Jonell Smith (Professor Cooks)
Dr. Hoy Min Song (Professor Wei)
Dr. Robin Underwood (Professor Ben-Amotz)
Dr. Kathryn Verhoeven (Professor Savinov)
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Dr. Robert Buszek (Professor Francisco)
Dr. Channongsak Chanthamontri (Professor Mcluckey)
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