

## **SENCER E-News for September 19, 2008**

### **NCSCE Invites Nominations and Applications for SENCER Leadership Fellows**

Following the appointment of a strong inaugural class of Fellows this summer, we welcome all interested educators to apply for the next round of Fellowships. During the 18-month terms, Fellows work on projects of their choice to improve STEM education on campus and serve as mentors for colleagues new to the SENCER approach. Applications and nominations can be submitted easily through the [SENCER website](#), and are due by October 20, 2008.

### **Bain Receives Adjunct Professor of the Year Award**

Ralph Bain, professor of chemistry, was selected to receive the 2008 Montgomery College Center for Teaching and Learning Adjunct Professor of the Year Award. Ralph has been active in the SENCER community for many years and has applied the SENCER approach to a chemistry lab for non-science majors. The award was presented during the Teaching and Learning Success Forum at Montgomery College (MD) on September 6, 2008. To learn more about Ralph's work, please click [here](#).

### **SENCER Alumnus Coordinates Symposium at ACS Meeting**

Richard Sheardy, professor and chair of chemistry and physics at Texas Woman's University, coordinated a symposium on "Science Education and Civic Engagement: The SENCER Approach" at the American Chemical Society National Meeting and Exposition in Philadelphia on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The symposium featured six presenters in addition to Professor Sheardy who explored different facets of the SENCER approach and provided examples of implementing innovations in curricula. To read more about the symposium, please click [here](#).

### **SENCER Launches New Website Feature**

SENCER introduces a new reporting function that will allow anyone who does a presentation, gives a workshop, presents a poster, publishes an article, or completes other SENCER dissemination activities to easily inform us of these events. We encourage you to complete the "Outreach Activities" form at <http://www.sencer.net/Institutes/Fastlane/outreachreport.cfm> every time you publish or present on SENCER to let us know how you are disseminating information of your campus-based work.

We invite information on all events, whether on campus or at regional or national events, and also encourage you to log any past presentations or publications so we can gather a more accurate account of SENCER dissemination activities by community members. We also welcome notes from those of you who decide to include examples of your SENCER work in your tenure applications. We do know of several people whose SENCER work has contributed to their professional advancement, and while there is not a designated place on the Outreach Activities form for this information, please do keep us informed any professional distinctions, especially promotions, that result in part from involvement in the SENCER project.

### **ASM Annual Conference Announced**

The American Society for Microbiology will host its 16<sup>th</sup> annual Conference for Undergraduate Educators from May 28-31, 2009 at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. Please visit <http://www.asmcue.org/index.html> to learn more about the conference program and for details on how to register.