

## ACS President Dr. Marinda Li Wu Joins Advisory Board

April 19, 2013 - Catalyst for Success is extremely excited to welcome the newest member of our Advisory Board, Dr. Marinda Wu. She currently serves as the President of the American Chemical Society (ACS), which is the largest scientific society in the world with over 163,000 members from over 100 countries worldwide, all with professional backgrounds in science. The Congressionally chartered organization also provides the world's preeminent scientific databases and journals that are vital to developing research. Another main focus of the American Chemical Society is public awareness of chemistry and STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) fields in general. ACS has been very successful with outreach programs that educate countless students across the globe.

Before serving as President of the American Chemical Society, Dr. Wu graduated with a Ph.D from the University of Illinois, worked at Dow Chemical, and founded Science is Fun, an organization that aims to "improve education at all levels" and "promote science education". Having been a member of ACS since 1971, she has held many positions at the organization and in 2011 was elected to a three year term at the top of the organization. She served as the President-elect in 2012 and is currently serving as the President.

Catalyst for Success is honored to welcome such an influential visionary in the fields of both education and science. Given Dr. Wu's professional background in public outreach, science, and leadership, her support is invaluable to this organization.

### About Catalyst for Success:

As STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education receives greater attention globally, Catalyst for Success aims to introduce the more captivating and interesting side of science to young students through chemistry "magic" shows, demonstrations of simple chemistry experiments pitched as magic. As a follow up to these assemblies, Catalyst organizes "hands on" after school science programs to give students a more personal interaction with scientific concepts and experiments. Catalyst for Success is a 501-(c)(3) non-profit organization.