In celebration of National Chemistry Week at Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, New Jersey, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, the concerted effort of 250 volunteers from academia and industry, and students at local colleges, universities, middle and high schools in North Jersey made the 20th celebration of ChemExpo 2014 a huge success. Approximately 800 visitors were pumped with Energy generated by “Candy Chemistry”.

For the fifth year in a row, Chemistry Chapters from ten institutions competed for the Sister Marian José Smith Undergraduate Public Outreach Award. The group of students from Ramapo College was awarded the first place for their highly interactive and enthusiastic presentations at ChemExpo with the students from Fairleigh Dickinson University and College of St. Elizabeth (sharing second place with a tie) earning the second place together. This year the steering committee introduced a high school chemistry contest. J.P. Stevens High School from Edison won the first position followed by Hillside High School in the second position. These awards are funded by the North Jersey Section. The ChemExpo steering committee has recognized Marilyn (Bobbi) Gorman for her undying passion for chemistry and endless effort to educate students and community.
Generous donations from three corporations, Infineum USA L.P., BASF, and SPEX CertiPrep, helped defray the costs of holding such a large event. The North Jersey Section is indebted to members of the NJACS Executive Board; the ChemExpo 2014 Steering Committee; retired chemists; chemistry teachers at the participating universities, colleges, middle and high schools; and representatives from various chemical companies for making this event highly successful.

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