

We have heard good things about the USF Chemistry Society, and the President, Mr. Richard Slama, was asked to tell us some of the things the members have been doing:

*Knowledge, Service and Friendship*

“The USF Chemistry Society has seen many new changes ever since its revamping back in the fall of 2007. Under the leadership of faculty mentor Dr. Kenneth Caswell as well as all the new officers, the society seems to be growing larger everyday.”

“Probably one of the largest accomplishments of the society is the activation of the American Chemical Society’s student affiliates chapter, which was accomplished by the society’s President. ACS status not only makes the society more credible, but also gives the society many benefits. One of these includes the opportunity to sell ACS practice examinations to the student body for fundraising opportunities. “

“Other recent additions to the society’s activities include a new website put together by the Historian (Alexandra Talsma), voting for undergraduate teacher of the year by the Public Relations Chair (Bashar Al-turk), numerous volunteer opportunities offered through the center for civic engagement by the Community Service Chair (Zalika Nisbeth). Some of these great activities have included the Heart walk, Stampede of Service, and Toys for Tots, just to name a few.”

“Another very important addition is the new student- run Chemistry Help Center which has been given to the society through the graces of the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Caswell and the organizational skills of Vice- president Lissette Marshall. Although still in the early stages of development, this room will serve as a tutoring room in which students will be able to help students in a subject that has one of the highest dropout rates in college. Tutors will be able to volunteer their time to help students in a variety of different chemistry courses, including Chemistry for Today, General Chemistry I and II, and Organic Chemistry.”

“With all that has happened over the past couple of semesters, the society is truly abiding by its new motto *Knowledge, Service and Friendship for the greater good of the scientific community.*”