

COFSE Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Dec 1: Webinar
[Laboratory and Academia - From Internships to Partnerships](#)
Feb 13: COFSE AAFS Workshop
Feb 14: COFSE Annual Meeting

Award Nominations

Due by December 1st

- Excellence in Teaching
- Outstanding Service to COFSE

Service Opportunities

Volunteers Needed:

- Member to serve on the nominating committee
- Member to be the COFSE Social Media Collaborator

Seeking textbook or book donations for giveaways



Message from the President

I am so glad to be representing COFSE this academic year, where we have all learned so much from the previous few years and being able to adapt and be more inclusive in our teaching. I am excited to share upcoming webinars, workshops and future COFSE events coming up. Please plan to join us in Orlando for our annual meeting or get involved by joining a committee.

Gina Londino-Smolar

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[Laboratory and Academia - From Internships to Partnerships](#)

COFSE along with SOFT will be hosting a webinar on Thursday, December 1st, 2022 at 1:00pm EST.

There is a need both within academia to place students in appropriate internship programs, and for industry partners to place student interns within their labs. On both sides of the equation, this process can be frustrating if relationships don't already exist. Establishing clear expectations from the start is crucial for a meaningful and productive internship to occur so that both the student and the laboratory gain a positive outcome from the experience. This webinar aims to provide attendees with perspectives from academia, forensic organizations, as well as students on setting up, managing, participating in, and maintaining strong internship programs.

[Register Here](#)

Award Nominations - Due by December 1st

It is that time of year to consider your colleagues who are worthy of celebrating for their achievements in academia. Each year at our annual meeting, COFSE presents two awards to its members for their contributions to Forensic Science education. The descriptions of the two awards are provided below. Please consider nominating one of your colleagues or mentors this year. The nominations committee will carefully consider all applications and winners will be announced in February during the AAFS meeting.

Excellence in Teaching Award

This award recognizes and rewards forensic science educators: who demonstrate instructional expertise, creativity, and innovation in their classrooms; who make learning engaging, vibrant, and relevant for students; and whose work and accomplishments set a standard of excellence for all teachers.

Outstanding Service to COFSE Award

This award recognizes COFSE members for their outstanding service to COFSE and have contributed significant volunteer effort on behalf of COFSE. Award winners have gone above and beyond what has been asked of them and make COFSE operations more effective to the membership.

To be considered for the 2023 awards, nominations should be submitted for the attention of Dr. Karen Scott to cofse.ed@gmail.com by December 1st at 5pm EST. Please make sure to clearly state which award is being considered in your nomination letter. Award nominees will be approached for additional information, including a personal statement and resume.



COFSE at AAFS

- COFSE Full-day Workshop - Monday, February 13th
 - COFSE will sponsor up to 2 members to attend the workshop, by reimbursing the fees to register for the workshop. Please submit a one-page summary on the benefits you would gain from attending the workshop. Send summaries to cofse.ed@gmail.com by January 1st, 2023 to be considered.
- COFSE annual meeting will be in-person during the annual AAFS meeting on Tuesday, February 14th at 3:30pm location TBA.
- COFSE will have a table at the University Fair on Thursday, February 16th during the Wine and Cheese reception. Please come visit us

and tell other educators that would be interested in joining the COFSE membership.

- Membership get together on Thursday, February 16th following the University Fair. Meet in the Headwaters Lounge of the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort.
- Please look for the educational session during the General Section scientific sessions in the afternoon on Friday, February 17th.

Service Opportunities

Are you looking to get more involved with COFSE. We are looking for a few volunteers to serve COFSE. If you are interested in serving in one of the opportunities below, please email us at cofse.ed@gmail.com

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- Member to be the COFSE Social Media Collaborator



COFSE is also hoping to get book donations from any of our members that have published textbooks or books. We would like to have give-aways at our table during the University Fair at the AAFS meeting. If you would like to donate a textbook or book, please email us at cofse.ed@gmail.com





DDE Highlights

Ohio University Omega Chapter

The Omega Chapter was founded in 2016 and has grown from five founding members to over 25 members during the 2021-2022 academic year.

The Chapter participates in many outreach events each year. In April of 2022, the members assisted the professional chemistry fraternity Alpha Chi Sigma, Gamma Nu Chapter, with Family Science Saturday at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. The event showcased age-appropriate forensic learning stations in which children identified their fingerprint patterns, studied bones, and had fun with invisible ink.

In October 2022, the Chapter hosted high school students



Joint event with Professional
Chemistry Fraternity Alpha Chi
Sigma-Family Science Saturday



CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATES

interested in studying Forensic Chemistry at Ohio University. Students processed a mock crime scene and learned how to properly collect, package, and analyze different types of forensic evidence.

2021-2022 Executive Board Members

Advisor Rebecca Barlag

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