



Breakfast Seminars – 2018

BS4 YFSF's Wake Up to Professional Development... and Bacon!

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After attending this presentation, attendees will have gained knowledge pertaining to professional development and understand how to better prepare themselves for a career in forensic science. Additionally, attendees will be informed of practical applications by professionals established within several disciplines of forensic science.

This presentation will impact the forensic science community by educating young scientists on the importance of personal and professional developments and on the positive effects they can have on the forensic science community. This breakfast seminar provides students and scientists with the opportunity to network with professionals in a unique setting that focuses on bridging the gap between established professionals and young scientists, both in higher education and in the beginning of their careers.

The Young Forensic Scientists Forum (YFSF) Breakfast Session is a morning session that will leave attendees motivated and enthusiastic about their future successes and accomplishments. This session will focus on bridging the gap between academics and early career growth. The goal is to provide young forensic scientists, whether students, near-graduates, or recent employees, with practical skills and knowledge associated with this transition period. Topics of interest will include the application and interview processes, early success and development as a scientist in a respective field, and the overall feelings and emotions that can often overwhelm young scientists. The speaker presentations will conclude with an open Q&A session, where attendees will be able to interact with the speakers to gain additional information.

The YFSF Breakfast Session will conclude, as always, with the popular résumé review session, pioneered by Academy scientists and peers from across several disciplines and career paths. This session is a rare opportunity for young professionals and students to discuss and improve their résumés with established professionals and leaders in the fields of forensic science. Attendees will sit down one-on-one with résumé reviewers to gain imperative knowledge regarding important aspects and areas to highlight or improve upon within their achievements and qualifications.

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