

# The Roles of ACS, Science, and Education in Society

**Saturday June 2, 2012**

**Noon to 2:00 pm**

**Tent, Upper Plaza (between Fine Arts Building and Meyerhoff Building)**

**Boxed lunches and Crab(Cup)cakes will be provided.**



**William E. Kirwan**, Chancellor & CEO  
University System Maryland



**Freeman Hrabowski**, President  
University Maryland, Baltimore County



**David Wilson**, President  
Morgan State University



**Bassam Z. Shkhashiri**, ACS President, will lead a distinguished panel that will emphasize the vitality of science literacy in today's advanced scientific and technological society. The panel will discuss the critical role of institutions of higher education in advancing science and in serving society. The conversation with the audience will focus on the importance of the chemical sciences as key to improving the quality of life around the world. One goal of this session is to inspire members of the audience to pursue careers in research, teaching and public service in keeping with the ACS Mission: "advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and its people."

## **Questions for the Panel and Audience:**

**What are the grand challenges to science and to education in serving society today?**

**What are the roles of institutions of higher education in addressing these challenges?**

**Are science, scientists, and educators prepared and ready to address these challenges?**

**Are we likely to succeed in convincing society to support us in addressing the challenges?**

**Why should anyone pursue a career in the chemical sciences?**

**What are the employment prospects in the chemical sciences?**

**What can/should we do to raise the public awareness of the importance of chemistry in daily life?**