Welcome to BCCE 2016. We are delighted you are considering joining us for this opportunity to:

- Learn about research proven practices in both teaching and learning chemistry
- Find new and innovative activities or labs to recharge your classes
- Network with other chemistry educators from across the country and around the world

As with many conferences there are long standing traditions that make perfect sense to previous attendees, but may seem unusual or confusing to the uninitiated. We will try to address these items here so that you can take advantage of all the opportunities that await you.

The conference has the following primary components:

1. Plenary sessions, which highlight conference themes and are aimed at a level to interest the general audience. [http://www.unco.edu/bcce2016/plenary_speakers.html](http://www.unco.edu/bcce2016/plenary_speakers.html)
2. Symposia and workshops, which run concurrently.
3. Poster sessions, scheduled in the late afternoon and in close proximity to the Exhibition Hall where ~ 60 exhibitors display and inform you of their latest products.
4. Networking, informally or through Birds of a Feather sessions.
5. Social traditions

An overview of the conference can be found at: [http://www.unco.edu/bcce2016/conference_program.html](http://www.unco.edu/bcce2016/conference_program.html)

Conference registration begins March 3rd. You are asked to select workshops as part of conference registration. Workshops have limited space and you may want to reserve a seat now. However, mid-April, the symposia schedule becomes available and you may find a symposium that also fits your needs but is scheduled at the same time as one of your selected workshops. If you prefer the symposium to the workshop, return the registration site and change your workshop selection. This will give someone else the opportunity to attend that session. You may change any workshop selection until June 10th. You will receive a conference registration code by email after you have registered. Please keep it handy to reenter the website.

BOAF – Birds of a Feather – are sessions, planned or informal, that allow folks with similar interests to meet and discuss those interests. A list of scheduled BOAF sessions can be viewed in the on-line program beginning mid-April. Up-to-date BOAF information will be posted on an information board in our registration area each day and publicized in a daily email. To attend, simply grab a lunch and move to the area where seating has been reserved for that BOAF. Most of the BOAF sessions will occur in the University Center which houses the U.C. Food Court, a multi station cafeteria. Of special interest to new members is the BOAF New Members Session on Monday.

Ice Cream Social - 2YC3, Two Year College Chemistry Consortium, traditionally supports an Ice Cream Social. They also serve the ice cream to the attendees. One of the 2016 conference poster sessions will be held concurrently on Tuesday.

Al D. Hyde and the Keytones - first performed at the 2004 BCCE in Iowa. The band consists of over 20 musicians who get together at the conference, rehearse their music and then perform on the last evening. Most of the members are chemistry teachers/professors and their music provides a lively ending to the social portion of the conference.

Additional social events will include an opening night reception, Sunday, and a picnic on Monday.