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## **ANS Young Members Group Presents Awards**

*Dr. W. David Pointer and Dr. Rachel Slaybaugh to be recognized at the 2014 ANS Winter Meeting*

**La Grange Park, Ill.** – The Young Members Group of the American Nuclear Society (ANS) has recognized Dr. W. David Pointer and Dr. Rachel Slaybaugh for their contributions benefitting young ANS members. Dr. W. David Pointer receives the Young Members Advancement Award for his mentorship of young members, and Dr. Slaybaugh earns the Young Members Excellence Award for her achievements in the field of nuclear engineering.

“We are pleased to recognize these two talented and dedicated leaders with these awards,” said Dr. Michael (Mikey) Brady Raap, ANS president. “In their own ways, Dr. Pointer and Dr. Slaybaugh have served as tireless advocates for the next generation of scientists, engineers and leaders. Dr. Pointer’s mentorship for young members has contributed to the future of the industry, while Dr. Slaybaugh’s accomplishments serve as an inspiration to many of our future industry leaders.”

Dr. Pointer receives the Young Members Advancement Award for his continued support of students and young professionals within ANS. Dr. Pointer, integration lead at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, founded the ANS Young Members Group, and participated in the ANS Membership and Student Sections committees. He served as a president of and remains active with the North American Young Generation in Nuclear. Dr. Pointer received a bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate in nuclear engineering from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Dr. Slaybaugh is the recipient of the 2014 Young Members Excellence Award for her exemplary leadership in and contributions to the field of nuclear engineering. Currently, she is an assistant professor of nuclear engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, while at the same time chairing two committees within ANS. Dr. Slaybaugh earned a bachelor’s in nuclear engineering from Pennsylvania State University and a master’s and doctorate in nuclear engineering and engineering physics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.



The Young Members Excellence Award recognizes a member of the ANS Young Members Group who has demonstrated overall excellence in a variety of areas and positively represents nuclear science and technology to the general population. The Young Members Advancement Award recognizes an individual or group that has made a significant contribution towards integrating young members into ANS as a whole.

The recipients will be presented with their awards on Nov. 10 in Anaheim, Calif.

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*Established in 1954, ANS is an international professional organization of engineers and scientists devoted to the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology. Its more than 11,000 members represent government, academia, research laboratories, medical facilities and private industry.*