

Letter from the Chair

Good day,

Welcome to The University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa Student Chapter of AVS website! We are a new campus organization born in October of 2008. We are affiliated with AVS- The Science and Technology Society, headquartered in New York. The purpose of our chapter is to create awareness about the cutting edge science at our institution to the larger community on campus and in the southeastern region.

Similar to the fast growing pace in globalized economics, creative technology and production in advanced materials applied in almost every aspect of peoples' lives have been hoiking during the past five decades. Scientists and engineers involved in the time of global cooperation needs better platform to export and import the great amount information, to develop network and communication with colleagues, to follow the pace with the rolling technical wheel. AVS has been providing such platform and opportunities since 1953. It has members all around the world, covering advanced surface engineering, biomaterials, electronic materials, magnetic materials, manufacturing, thin film, energy source, and many related fields that are of professionals' interest today. It gathers thousands of academic researchers and industrial companies from various backgrounds annually during symposiums and exhibitions and it's continuing its growth in members.

As a student branch, we benefit from accessing all the resources AVS provides for every member, at a significantly discounted rate. Student members have the opportunity to network with local professionals in the field of vacuum science and technology; develop various vacuum knowledge and skills through the AVS education programs; and develop as leaders, interacting with colleagues and student chapters at other schools, in a cooperative environment. We also hold activities such as lectures by honored academic and industrial invitees, tours to research and industrial organizations, national conferences, outreach to high school students, and so on.

We are composed of passionate students and professors. We are the main representatives of the AVS on campus. Everybody plays a significant part, making their individual dreams a part of the whole picture.

We welcome you to join us and get involved!!

Sincerely,

Kejing Li

Chair, The University of Alabama Student Chapter of the AVS