



FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

ACS Fall 2025 features FAMU CoPPS, IPH Interim Dean Keynote: “A Diverse Path to Success in Analytical Chemistry”

Washington, DC - Dr. Seth Y. Ablordeppey, Interim Dean, Florida A&M University, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Institute of Public Health (FAMU CoPPS, IPH), was the keynote speaker at the Committee on Minority Affairs (CMA) Luncheon held on **Monday, August 18, 2025**, at the **Marriott Marquis Washington, DC**. His talk focused on the theme of **diversity and success in analytical chemistry**, drawing from his extensive experience in pharmaceutical sciences and his commitment to mentoring underrepresented students in STEM.

A Few Key Highlights:

- **Personal Journey:** He shared his path from Ghana to becoming a respected pharmaceutical scientist and educator, emphasizing resilience and curiosity.
- **Career Journey:** Dr. Ablordeppey shared his path from Ghana to becoming a leading researcher and educator in pharmaceutical sciences.
- **Mentorship & Representation:** He emphasized the importance of mentorship and visibility for minority scientists in chemistry and STEM fields.
- **Innovation & Inclusive Excellence:** Dr. Ablordeppey encouraged institutions to embrace inclusive models that foster diversity not just as a value, but as a driver of innovation and excellence..
- **Bridging Gaps:** He discussed the importance of creating academic and professional environments where minority scientists feel seen, supported, and celebrated.
- **Empowerment Through Education:** His message inspired students to pursue their passions boldly, knowing that their unique perspectives enrich the scientific community.

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COMMITTEE ON MINORITY AFFAIRS LUNCHEON
ACCELERATING INNOVATION IN THE CHEMICAL SCIENCES

Keynote Speaker:
Seth Y. Ablordeppey, Ph.D.
*Interim Dean, Eminent Scholar Chair, and
Fulbright Scholar, Florida A&M University,
College of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical
Sciences, Institute of Public Health*

Join the Committee on Minority Affairs for a captivating luncheon featuring Dr. Seth Y. Ablordeppey. Drawing from his experiences in research and academia, he'll reflect on what might spark the next wave of innovation in the chemical sciences and the environments that help make it possible.

TICKETED EVENT * | **MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH**
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM)
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*Purchase tickets to this luncheon during registration for ACS Fall 2025 or on site.

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Dr. Ablordeppey's presence at the luncheon was a centerpiece of the CMA's programming at ACS Fall 2025, which aimed to celebrate and elevate voices shaping the future of chemistry through equity and belonging.

A Memorable Quote: "Success in science is not just about the data—it's about the people. When we invest in various minds, we unlock discoveries the world has yet to imagine." Some pictures from the ACS meeting in August includes one with

the **current ACS President, Dr. Dorothy J. Phillips**, pictured with Dr. SYA. **ACS has a 230,000 membership.**



Dr. Ablordeppey's work spans:

- Drug discovery for CNS diseases like schizophrenia and depression
- Biomedical research targeting emerging infectious diseases
- Mentorship and advocacy for underrepresented minorities in STEM

