

JANUARY EDITION

ACS Western Michigan Section



A 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW: OUR WINS AND MILESTONES

Happy New Year 2024!

It's been nothing but an exciting year for our ACS Midwestern section celebrating many accomplishments and milestones throughout 2023. Overall we had 5 board meetings, 2 social networking events in April and December, 2 guest speakers at Grand Valley State University, and Aquinas College, and 3 huge events one of them being NCW Chemistry at the mall. No better way for us to share with the community and bring us all together. As one chapter closes, a new one opens with so many new events we cannot wait to share. We're also ringing in the new year by congratulating our newest members to the team as well as give a huge thank you to our members for all the support throughout the year. We cannot wait to give a inside sneak peak look at our events this year. This 2024 is OUR year in the making.

As always, don't forget to follow us on social media for more updates on what's to come! Thank you for reading and we hope you enjoy this January edition.



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Mugshots!

A Time for Celebration

Our happy hour at MugShots in Allendale on December 4th (5-7 pm) to welcome new board members was a resounding success! Attendees revealed in the lively atmosphere, indulging in scrumptious pizza, refreshing drinks, and tempting appetizers. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for connection and celebration. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this gathering a memorable and enjoyable occasion!

A huge thank you again to all our ACS board members who made this event possible. Students, faculty, family, and friends for joining us on this very special night.



We want to congratulate and welcome our newest members to the board who bring new spark and innovation to our team. Brianna Gordon as our secretary, Matt Hart as our Treasurer, and Carter Tomko as Chair Elect.

We welcome you all with open arms as we build a better ACS 2024

U.S National Chemistry Olympiad

2024

A Pathway to Excellence in Chemistry

The U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) is a prestigious high school chemistry competition that provides opportunities for students to be challenged and excel in chemistry. It is sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

The competition has multiple stages, beginning with local competitions in March overseen by ACS Local sections. Top performers advance to take the National Exam to compete to attend a rigorous two-week Study Camp in June. Ultimately, four students are selected to represent the U.S. at the International Chemistry Olympiad.

Students can be proud to participate in any stage of the Olympiad competition to challenge their chemistry knowledge and make connections with peers, ACS Local Sections, and even national or international chemistry communities.

We encourage all eligible high school students with an interest in chemistry to consider registering for this engaging and rewarding program. Participating in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad can open doors and provide a meaningful boost to your chemistry education and future aspirations.



2023 U.S National Chemistry Olympiad Named

In 2023, we had one school in our section participate and we're already starting the year off strong with 3 more school signing up for this incredible opportunity. It's not too late to have your class or selected student sign up to participate.

If any questions or concerns arise you may contact our local section coordinator Dough Ragan at dragan@hpseagles.net for more details.

The competition is open to all U.S. high school students who meet eligibility criteria. Interested students

must register with ACS by January 19, 2024 to participate in their local March competition.

Additional

details and the registration form are available at

https://fs10.formsite.com/ACS_Outreach/USNCO2024/index

Mark your Calenders!

An inside look at upcoming ACS 2024 Events

Monday, Feburary 5th

3:00pm GVSU PADNOS Room 377

Seymour and Esther Padnos Hall of Science, 10810 N Campus Dr, Allendale, MI
49401

Please join us for our second board meeting of the year. Email Michelle (DeWittmi@gvsu.edu) if you would like to attend, would like a zoom link, or are in need a parking pass. As always, our meetings are open to all members!

CCEW

Time & Place TBD

We are looking for a spring speaker!

Please let us know if you would like to speak to our section about batteries or give a tour relating to this theme.

The theme this year

Chemist Celebrate Earth Week- Get a charge out of chemistry and batteries!

National Chemistry Week

“Picture Perfect Chemistry“

Saturday, October 19th 11:00am,-3:00pm

Woodland Mall

3195 28th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512

Our beloved Chemistry at the Mall is back and better than ever! With this years theme

“Picture Perfect Chemistry”

This year we our looking for input from our members and audience for T-shirt designs for NCW.

All designs will be considered. Please email all ideas to **wmacsoutreach@gmail.com**

BEFORE MAY 1st, 2024

Be sure to check our website page down below!!

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