

ACS Western Michigan Section



DIVING IN TO OUR SPRING EVENTS: KICKING OFF THE YEAR STRONG!

ACS Western Michigan Section is slowly preparing for spring, summer, and fall events!

For the month of March we had one board meeting, an exhibition event at the MSO 40th Anniversary at GVSU, Chemistry Olympiad, and a guest speaker for the upcoming month of April along with a volunteer event which will fit in perfect with CCEW “**Chemists Celebrate Earth Week**”. We want to thank our board members and readers for tuning in on this month's Spring Newsletter Edition.

Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (April 21-27):

We're excited to announce this year's theme for Chemists Celebrate Earth Week is...Get a Charge Out of Chemistry! ACS members can contact their local section leader to join the fun by planning events in their community. For more information on CCEW and other Outreach events, contact outreach@acs.org stay connected:

<https://www.acs.org/education/outreach/ccew.html?sc=240308>
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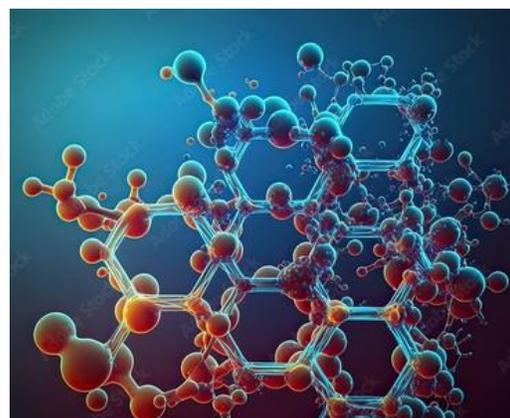
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Arnold C. Ott Lectureship in Chemistry Winter 2024
Community Lecture Thursday, April 18, 2024 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Chemistry Seminar Friday, April 19, 2024 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Join us for the Winter 2024 Arnold C. Ott Lectureship in Chemistry featuring Dr. Kent Kirshenbaum, Professor at New York University. Dr. Kirshenbaum's engaging talks will explore the intersection of chemistry, cuisine, and nature-inspired innovation.

In his community lecture, "Biomimetic Cuisine: The Chemistry, Craft, and Culture of Our Future Foods," he will delve into the exciting realm of sustainable food systems and culinary innovations driven by scientific inquiry. The reception will start at 5 p.m. followed by the lecture at 6 p.m. in the Grand River Room, Russel H. Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus. This is a free for all and open to the public. Thursday will be dedicated for the general public and Friday's lecture more towards chemistry majors and professors.

Additionally, his chemistry seminar, "Biomimetic Chemistry: Innovating Molecular Structures and Functions Inspired by Nature," will highlight groundbreaking research in the design of synthetic polymers with sophisticated sequence-structure-function relationships. Join us on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 1 p.m. in the Pere Marquette Room, Russel H. Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus, to discover how chemistry is shaping the future of food and molecular design.



ARBORFEST

Community tree planting volunteer opportunity.

Get ready to witness the magic unfold as all those cans and bottles you generously donated get a second chance to shine at ArborFest!

Friends of GR Parks is gearing up for its 2024 tree-planting extravaganza, which will be held in partnership with the Mayor's Greening Initiative.

Register as a volunteer and join the outdoor fun at Martin Luther King Jr. Park on:



Friday, April 26 @ 1 pm-4 pm

Saturday, April 27 @ 9 am-12 pm or 1-4 pm

GRAM and the local American Chemical Society of Western

- Michigan are combining efforts to boost the number of volunteers
- our groups can provide.

ArborFest is a place where community and corporate volunteers come together to plant 300+ trees in a different neighborhood each year in an effort to achieve 40 percent tree canopy cover.



Please join us for Happy Hour at Mugshots!



Past winter was a huge success and we'd love to have you back again for our Happy Hour Spring Edition! Food and pop will be provided. A cash bar will be available.

Hope to see you there!

Friday, April 12th

5pm-7pm

4633 Lake Michigan Dr, Allendale,

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Spring 2024 Councilor Talking Points: Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

The following summary is provided to help Councilors report to their Local Sections and Divisions on key actions of the ACS Council meeting held on March 20, and the Board of Directors meetings held on March 15 –17, 2024.

View Document: (website link)

<https://communities.acs.org/t5/Western-Michigan-Local-Section/Spring-2024-Councilor-Talking-Points-Summary-of-Governance/ta-p/95154>

An Inside Look at Local Events happening in April 2024!



Sign-up for June 22nd Cruise on Jackson research vessel out of Muskegon. Please arrive by 9:10am, boat launches at 9:30am. The cost is \$5 per person. Members can bring their families, but the boat does not allow children under 8 years of age. If you sign up and don't show you will still be billed the \$5 each. We have a limit of 28 people

RSVP at wmacsoutreach@gmail.com

location of the W.G. Jackson at 740 W. Shoreline Drive, Muskegon, Michigan.
<https://www.gvsu.edu/wri/education/wg-jackson-25.htm>

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An inside look at upcoming ACS 2024 Events

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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 ideasto wmacsoutreach@gmail.com BEFORE MAY 1st, 2024

Be sure to check our website page down below!!

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