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## Midland Section Wins ChemLuminary Award for Outstanding Performance by a Local Section

*Gina Malczewski, Past Chair*

At the recent National ACS meeting in Indianapolis, Midland ACS received a ChemLuminary Award for Outstanding Performance by a Local Section in our size category for the 15<sup>th</sup> time. This honor (for 2012) recognizes our outstanding Outreach and scientific programs (events like Earth Day, Science Coaching, Fall Scientific Meeting, teacher training, and seminars such as Turner Alfrey) as well as our active technicians' group, our publicity and public relations volunteers, SEED and Awards programs.



*Michelle Rivard (pictured) and Gina Malczewski presented a poster in Indianapolis, helping secure the Outstanding Performance by a Local Section ChemLuminary Award for the Midland Section.*

As chair and Outreach co-leader for 2012, I would like to thank all those who participated in our various activities, the Board, and especially those who helped me document (both in writing and in photos) this busy year. I know we are on track for an excellent 2013—it is wonderful to accomplish great things, learn, and enjoy ourselves in the process!

We encourage more of our members to get involved and help contribute to our continued success.

Mastering the Molten: All About Glass-Blowing  
Gina Malczewski, Past Chair / Outreach

**The Midland Section of the American Chemical Society,  
Mid-Michigan Technicians Group and  
The Jefferson National Junior Art Honor Society present:**

**Mastering the Molten:  
All About Glass-Blowing**

**Jefferson Middle School, Theatre 209**  
800 W Chapel Lane, Midland, MI 48640  
**Friday, Nov 22, 2013**  
**6:30-8:30 pm**  
**FEATURING Tim Drier**  
**(30 yr of glassblowing experience)**

FREE and open to the public

Handmade Christmas ornaments available

Learn about the chemistry and physics of glass

Live Demos!

Find out how color and shape are achieved!

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**Opportunity to Become a Science Coach**  
*Eva Li, Midland Section ACS Publicity Chair*

Share your expertise and enthusiasm for science with an elementary, middle, or high school teacher in your community by becoming an ACS Science Coach. In this year-long volunteer role, you'll work directly with a classroom teacher to support science learning. Together, you and the teacher will decide how to best combine your time and talents. If approved, ACS will donate \$500 to the school to support your efforts. Find out more at [www.acs.org/ScienceCoaches](http://www.acs.org/ScienceCoaches).

**Register Kids for Free Weekend Science Program at CMU**  
*Jason Suhr, Mid-Michigan Technician Group Chair*

Registration is now open for Weekend Science @ CMU Fall 2013, a free program where children in grades 3 through 6 collaborate with others and develop central scientific concepts and inquiry skills through engaging activities in science. This semester's dates and topics include: Saturday, Nov. 2 — The Science of Insects;

Saturday, Nov. 9 — The Science of Basic Electronics; Saturday, Nov. 16 — The Science of Solids, Liquids and Gases; Saturday, Nov. 23 — The Science of Cool.

To learn more or to register, contact Kevin Cunningham at [cunni1kd@cmich.edu](mailto:cunni1kd@cmich.edu) or ext. 3386.

## Announcing the 2014 ACS Central Regional Meeting

*Matt Grandbois, Secretary*



# 2014 ACS Central Regional Meeting



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AND INNOVATION  
CERM 2014**

**WWW.ACSCERM2014.ORG**

**THE 45<sup>TH</sup> CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 1-4, 2014**

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON  
PITTSBURGH - GREEN TREE

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**PLENARY SPEAKERS**

<p><b>VICKI H. WYSOCKI, PH.D.</b> THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY</p> 	<p><b>BRADLEY D. SMITH, PH.D.</b> UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME</p> 	<p><b>SARA E. SKRABALAK, PH.D.</b> INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON</p> 
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**EXPOSITION AND TECHNICAL SYMPOSIA**

### In Past Issues of *The Midland Chemist*

*Wendell L. Dilling, Midland Section Director and Historian*

### 40 Years Ago

In *Saginaw Valley College*: "National and Midland Section officers of the American Chemical Society will participate in the Saginaw Valley College Tenth Anniversary program November 27 at the college. Charles Benson Branch, president of The Dow Chemical Company, will be the speaker at a program in which the ACS officially will recognize the ACS certification of the SVC Chemistry Department program."

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### 30 Years Ago

In *Councilors Report From D.C.* by Wendell L. Dilling: "The Midland Section had been nominated, along with the Akron, Rochester, and St. Louis Sections, for the 1982 Award for Outstanding Performance by Medium-Large Local Sections. Unfortunately, we missed the top ranking, which went to Rochester. Last year's Midland Section officers and committee members still can feel a sense of achievement in our ranking as one of the top four sections of our size." (At the Indianapolis National Meeting last month the Midland and Rochester Sections were again candidates for the Award for Outstanding Performance by a Local Section, medium size this time. This time the Midland Section came out on top.)

### 20 Years Ago

In *MMTG Tutoring Program: Volunteers Needed!* by Connie Murphy: "One of the objectives of the Mid-Michigan Technician Group (MMTG) is to support the education process. To advance toward this goal, the MMTG offered a free tutoring service to area school districts last school year. To continue this successful program this year, there's a catch – tutors are needed!"

### 10 Years Ago

In *Welcome* by Wendy Flory and Dale LeCaptain: "We welcome you to the 59th ACS Midland Section Fall Scientific Meeting. There is an incredible number of "Green Chemistry" options planned for the day, so please feel free to attend some or all of the events. ... Last but not least, it's time to share the praise and gratitude to everyone who helped make this event possible. First to The Dow Chemical Company, especially Rick Gross for donating the use of these world-class facilities and for donating the superb lunch. A special thanks goes out to all of our vendors. The 2003 FSM organizational volunteers, list below, did a wonderful job in organizing their venues. Please extend your personal gratitude to them as well. To the speakers, poster presenters, and vendors, thank you for providing the reason to meet. Finally, thank you for participating in the 59<sup>th</sup> Midland Section ACS Fall Scientific Meeting. We hope you find the meeting professionally and personally rewarding."

### Upcoming Dates, Events, and Other Updates

- October 7 (7:00-9:00 PM) – ACS Board meeting, MCFTA Board Room (in person), or via conference call at phone number: 866-299-7945, participant code: 9837036#.
- November 4 (7:00-9:00 PM) – ACS Board meeting, MCFTA Board Room (in person), or via conference call at phone number: 866-299-7945, participant code: 9837036#.
- November 22 (6:30-8:30 PM) – *Mastering the Molten: All About Glass-Blowing* event, Jefferson Middle School, Theatre 209. Contact Gina Malczewski at [reginamalczewski@gmail.com](mailto:reginamalczewski@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.
- December 2 (7:00-9:00 PM) – ACS Board meeting, MCFTA Board Room (in person), or via conference call at phone number: 866-299-7945, participant code: 9837036#.