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Chair Column

Judith Espinoza, Chair, Midland Section ACS

Dear Readers,

March arrives with the reminder of how disciplines, communities, and people are connected, and that science advances most powerfully when we move forward together. As we transition from winter into spring, our Midland Section ACS celebrates growth, collaboration, diversity, and the continually evolving role of chemistry within our local scientific community.



February marked an important milestone for our local section. With the release of the 2026 membership roster, the Midland Section ACS officially expanded from 5 to 21 counties, significantly broadening our geographic reach. As Chair of the Midland Section ACS, I am delighted to welcome our new counties and members into our community. This expansion represents both an exciting moment and a meaningful responsibility in the history of our local section, one that calls on us to ensure access, foster engagement, and promote active participation across our growing region. I am pleased to share that our Awards Committee and Chemistry Olympiad Committee are already working to connect with the expanded areas and invite involvement in upcoming programs. I look forward to building relationships, listening, and working together as we grow. Please know that I am here to support you, and I warmly invite our new members to reach out to me at chair@midlandacs.org. For more details about this territory expansion, I encourage you to read Mark Jones' article, "*The Midland Section Got Bigger*," published in the [February 2026 issue](#) of *The Midland Chemist*.

Alongside this milestone, February was an active and meaningful month for our local section. Our Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Committee recognized Black History Month by highlighting the journeys of two of our local scientists, Mikiyas Assefa and Dare E. George. Their stories are a powerful reminder of why representation and recognition matter in our scientific community. You can learn more about it at the [ACS Diversity and Inclusion - Midland Section](#) Facebook page.

The Women Chemists Committee successfully hosted the IUPAC Global Women's Breakfast in Midland. Over 90 minutes of conversation, Deboleena Chakraborty and Jing Yu shared their career journeys and reflected on the role of diversity in shaping their professional paths. With approximately 25 attendees gathered at a local café, the event created a safe space for fostering meaningful connections and inspiration across career stages. Later in the month, the D&I Committee and Younger Chemists Committee co-hosted a "Learn to Curl" event at the Midland Curling Club. Inspired by the Winter Olympics, this event brought together 30 attendees and volunteers from Dow, DuPont, and Roquette for an afternoon of learning, teamwork, and fun – an excellent example of how science communities thrive through shared experiences.

As we continue our journey celebrating the 150th anniversary of the ACS, this month invites us to reflect on the ACS core value of **Interdisciplinary Collaboration**, recognizing that today's global challenges demand collaborative solutions. A recent example demonstrating how chemistry connects disciplines and turns collaboration into real-world impact was the development of mRNA vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic. While biology identified the viral targets, it was chemistry that made global deployment possible enabling the safe delivery of fragile mRNA into cells through the design and synthesis of lipid nanoparticle delivery systems. Working alongside materials science, engineering, and medicine, chemical innovation transformed a promising concept into a lifesaving technology.

Through our Midland Section ACS programs and events, we strive to inspire the next generation of scientists to embrace the core value of **Interdisciplinary Collaboration** and play an active role in shaping the future of chemistry.

The month of March marks not just a change of season, but a turning point for our local section, one where growth, responsibility, and possibility move forward hand in hand.

I dedicate this month's Chair Column to our immediate Past Chair, Krishnaja Duvvuri, in recognition of her leadership, dedication, and lasting impact on our Midland Local Section. Thank you, Krishnaja.

ACS Spring 2026, March 22-26
Vickie Langer, Co-Editor, *The Midland Chemist*

Editor's note: The information contained in this article is reprinted, in part, from a National ACS email communication to all members, dated Friday, January 30, 2026.



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A banner for ACS Spring 2026 featuring the ACS logo, event details, a call to action to register before February 23, and a 'REGISTER TODAY' button. It also includes a photo of three people taking a selfie.

2025 CHEMISTRY NOBEL PRIZE AWARDEE TAKES THE ACS STAGE



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Keynote Speaker Announced

DR. OMAR M. YAGHI
2025 Chemistry Nobel Prize Winner

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A banner announcing Dr. Omar M. Yaghi as the keynote speaker for ACS Spring 2026. It features the ACS logo, event details, a 'Register Today!' button, and a photo of Dr. Yaghi. The background shows a city skyline at night.

Join us for a special [ACS150 Keynote Address featuring Dr. Omar Yaghi](#), the 2025 Chemistry Nobel Prize Awardee, as he highlights **Organic Chemistry and AI for Our Planet**, shares the experiences that led to his Nobel Prize, and discusses the impact ACS has had on his career. Add Dr. Yaghi's address, along with the other keynote events, to your schedule on the [ACS Spring 2026 Virtual Platform](#).

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 23 TO SAVE THE ADVANCE RATE

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Announcing the 2026 Spring Awards Recognition Banquet and Call for Nominations *Allison Abdilla and Kajari Bera, Awards Committee Co-Chairs, Midland Section ACS*

The 35th annual American Chemical Society-Midland Section Spring Awards Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at the Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center in Midland. Please consider taking a moment to read about the awards that are open for nominations and consider nominating a worthy peer. Details of the program, including the featured speaker, and all the information on how you can register to attend are described on pages 7 to 8 in this newsletter.

The awards program is about recognizing outstanding educators, volunteers, and colleagues that you have graciously taken the time to nominate. The awards banquet is a great way to connect with others in the industry, those who have gone before us, those who teach the next generation, and those who will be following in our footsteps. Please consider joining us on Wednesday, April 22. We continue with the goal of having outstanding students from all area high schools and universities/colleges recognized, and to have a nominee for each award offered this year. Please help make this happen as there are very deserving people in every category!

The process of nominating is very easy. The minimum submission criteria for nominations are a quality nominating letter extolling the virtues of your nominee and supporting the criteria of the award, along with one supporting letter of recommendation, two are even better (outstanding high school and collegiate student awards require only the [Student Award Nomination Form](#) submitted by the appropriate chemistry teacher or department head). The letter must state why the nominee is deserving of the award with specific examples of professional involvement/growth, contributions to industry, and outside affiliations. It is highly recommended that the nomination includes a publications and patent list where applicable. Additional letters of support can come from students, parents, community members, and/or administrators. An example nomination letter can be requested from the awards committee co-chairs via email.

Consider getting your colleagues together for lunch and putting together a nomination packet. If you are in a managerial role and are worried about favoritism, consider nominating two to three qualified persons (you will remain anonymous, if requested, and nominations are considered for three years). If you would like to be considered for an award, there is the option to self-nominate. If you are a parent, consider nominating your child's outstanding science or chemistry teacher, or a science volunteer you know. It takes less than an hour to put together an award-winning letter and an additional 15 minutes soliciting supporting letters. Think of what it will mean to that person and how good you will feel about your generous deed.

Previous award recipients are listed on pages 11 to 15 in the February edition of the newsletter at [The Midland Chemist – February 2026 \(midlandacs.org\)](#), as nominees must not have received the award that they are being nominated for within the past ten years. Nominations that do not meet the minimum requirements, and submissions received after the **Sunday, March 29, 2026, deadline**, will not be considered.

Please reach out if you have any questions to Allison Abdilla or Kajari Bera at awards@midlandacs.org, Midland Section ACS Awards Committee Co-Chairs.



Call for Nominations: 2026 Teaching, Volunteer, Education, and Chemical Sciences Awards
Allison Abdilla and Kajari Bera, Awards Committee Co-Chairs, Midland Section ACS

The Midland Section of the American Chemical Society presents awards to recognize outstanding achievement in the chemical sciences each year. Nominations for the 2026 awards are invited for the following areas:

- Outstanding Achievement: Elementary Level Science Teaching
- Outstanding Achievement: Middle Level Science Teaching
- Outstanding Achievement: High School Chemistry Teaching
- Outstanding Achievement: College Chemistry Teaching
- Science Education Volunteer of the Year
- Outstanding Achievement in the Promotion of Diversity in Chemistry, Related Sciences, and Engineering
- Outstanding Achievement and Promotion of the Chemical Sciences
- Outstanding Service to the American Chemical Society
- Outstanding Chemical Technician
- Outstanding High School / College Chemistry Students
- Team Innovation Award

Additional details regarding the awards are available on pages 9 to 10 in the February edition of the newsletter at [The Midland Chemist – February 2026 \(midlandacs.org\)](https://www.midlandacs.org).

The deadline for all nominations is Sunday, March 29, 2026. Nominations not meeting the minimum requirements, and submissions received after the March 29 deadline, will not be considered. Mail or fax submissions are acceptable; *electronic (email) submissions are preferred*. All submissions must be accompanied by the name, position, address, and phone number of the nominator.

Award recipients as well as Chemistry Olympiad winners, National Chemistry Week Poem Contest winners, and Fifty/Sixty/Seventy Year ACS Members will be honored with certificates or plaques and featured in an article in the *Midland Chemist*.

The Awards Committee greatly appreciates the efforts involved in nominating someone and wishes to thank you for helping to recognize deserving students, colleagues, and educators in our local section. Please pass this information along to anyone involved in our local science programs!

The National ACS has many great awards available as well. The links to the web addresses where you can find the list of awards and the criteria for nomination are listed on page 6. Now is the time to begin nominations for National ACS awards for 2026-2027 as most annual reviews have a deadline of around November 1, 2026.

For more detail on any award, please contact Allison Abdilla or Kajari Bera at awards@midlandacs.org, Midland Section ACS Awards Committee Co-Chairs.

ACS National Awards for 2026–2027 Nomination

Allison Abdilla and Kajari Bera, Awards Committee Co-Chairs, Midland Section ACS

Editor's note: Several Midland Section ACS members have received various National ACS awards over the years. A list of past recipients may be found on pages 16 to 17 in the February edition of the newsletter at [The Midland Chemist – February 2026 \(midlandacs.org\)](#).

Criteria and deadlines for the National ACS awards, and other grants and considerations, can be found at [National Awards - American Chemical Society](#).

The full list of National ACS awards by title can be found at [Awards by Title - American Chemical Society](#).

Get Egg-Cited About Chemistry! – March 28

Gina Malczewski, Outreach Committee, Midland Section ACS



GET Egg-CITED About Chemistry!

1-2 pm March 28, 2026
Bay County Historical Society
Site of the American Chemical Society
Historical Exhibit

...about all things
"Egg",
including:
*Surprising egg properties!
*Nutritional value of eggs
* Info on natural EASTER
EGG DYES
* Egg shells—art!

*Hands-on
science!*

LIMIT 30—you must register at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054BA-DAA2EA20-62453769-2026#/>
or **HERE:** 



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2026 ACS Spring Awards Recognition Banquet, RSVP Deadline April 10
Allison Abdilla and Kajari Bera, Awards Committee Co-Chairs, Midland Section ACS

ACS Recognition Dinner

Wednesday, April 22, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center at Valley Plaza Resort
5121 Bay City Road, Midland, Michigan

Program

5:30 PM – Register, Cash Bar, and Social Time
6:00 – PM Dinner
6:15 PM – Keynote Speaker
6:45 PM – Awards Presentations

Educators, students, ACS members, industry colleagues, and 50-, 60-, and 70-year ACS members/retirees will be recognized for their outstanding achievements at this 35th annual event. Mark your calendar and join us in support of our award recipients, to connect with colleagues, or just to mingle with a diverse group of people passionate about science!

Our keynote speaker will be Andre Argenton, Dow's chief technology and sustainability officer. He is responsible for leading Dow's global Research & Development organization, Sustainability and Environmental Health and Safety.

Previously, Argenton was the chief sustainability officer (CSO) and vice president of Environment, Health and Safety (EH&S), advancing Dow's sustainability, safety and health priorities. He also accelerated Dow's efforts to create value for customers and global communities through sustainable products and solutions. Prior to that, he was the vice president of Core R&D, overseeing a broad portfolio of research programs and world-leading innovation capabilities enabling technology development across key market segments.



Andre Argenton

Argenton joined Dow in 1999 and moved to the U.S. in 2007. Throughout his career, he has driven innovation across varied chemistries and technologies, supporting multiple industries through product development, process research, and application development.

Argenton earned a Ph.D. from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. He has served on several academic advisory boards. Currently, his external commitments include the University of Michigan Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Michigan Erb Institute, and the NYSE Sustainability Advisory Council.

The cost of the dinner is \$20.00 per person and includes dinner, dessert, and a non-alcoholic beverage. A pre-dinner cash bar will be available. Your dinner reservation request must be received by April 10, 2025.

Register to attend at [Midland ACS Awards Committee: 2026 ACS Recognition Banquet \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com) or by scanning the QR code at the right. You may pre-



pay using the *Pre-Pay Registration* option or pay at the door (cash only) by signing up using the *Pay at Door Registration* option.

Dress is business casual. This event is sponsored by the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society. For more information or any questions, please contact Allison Abdilla or Kajari Bera, Midland Section ACS Awards Committee Co-Chairs, at awards@midlandacs.org.



Cosmetic Chemistry Networking and Seminar, March 31

Dale LeCaptain, Councilor, Midland Section ACS



COSMETIC CHEMISTRY NETWORKING AND SEMINAR

March 31, 2026 4:00- 7:30 pm

Biosciences Building
Central Michigan University
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Please Register by March 20th!



SCHEDULE

**4-6
PM**

HAPPY HOUR
Hors Devours and Informal Networking
Biosciences Atrium

Open Event

**5-6
PM**

CAREER NETWORKING
Speed network format - Meet
professional cosmetic scientist
Biosciences 1010

Free Pre-Register

**6-7:30
PM**

DINNER & SEMINAR

"Little Italy" Buffet
\$40/professionals
\$20/students

Seminar by
Heather Dusek



**"The Hidden Power of
Neutralizers: How a
Small Change Shifts an
Entire Formulation"**

Biosciences 1010

Ticketed Event - Register

Join MSU St. Andrews as Our Next Site Manager, Application Deadline March 31
Janelle Campbell, Human Resources Business Partner, Michigan State University

MSU St. Andrews in Midland is seeking a dynamic Site Manager to lead daily operations within a unique, research focused environment. This is an opportunity to directly support scientific discovery, K–12 STEM education, and community engagement by ensuring the facility runs safely, smoothly, and efficiently. If you excel in hands-on problem solving, operational leadership, and collaborative service, this role offers an impactful career path within Michigan State University.

About the Role

The Site Manager/Facilities Coordinator manages the operational, technical, administrative, and financial activities that keep MSU St. Andrews running smoothly. Responsibilities include coordinating building maintenance and projects, overseeing vendors, supporting research logistics and procurement, and supervising assigned staff. This role requires on-site presence five days per week and occasional on-call support for facility-related emergencies.

Why this Position Matters

MSU St. Andrews supports scientific staff, K–12 outreach programs, and multiple community partners. The Facilities Coordinator plays a key role in maintaining a safe and compliant facility, supporting domestic and international research shipments, coordinating infrastructure improvements, and creating a positive experience for students, staff, and visitors. This one-year, end-dated position reports to the MSU Associate Vice President for Innovation and Economic Development, with potential for extension.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- Administration
- New Business Development
- Facility Operations & Maintenance
- Finance & Procurement
- Supervision

Qualifications and Competencies

Candidates should have 5 to 8 years of progressively responsible experience in facility or business management and education typically gained through 2 to 3 years of college, technical training, or vocational study. Proficiency with computers, Microsoft Office, and the ability to learn university systems are essential. The role requires the ability to diagnose facility and infrastructure issues, lift up to 50 pounds, and move throughout the facility regularly. Preferred experience includes working with tools or scientific equipment and familiarity with Environmental Health & Safety practices. Strong communication, organization, customer-service skills, problem-solving abilities, and sound judgment are critical to success.

About MSU St. Andrews

MSU St. Andrews in Midland is a center for STEM research, education, and community partnership, supporting research teams, visiting scholars, and student programs such as the MSU St. Andrews Summer Research Internship. Team members contribute to a mission-driven environment rooted in innovation, learning, and public impact.

How to Apply

To be considered for this position, apply through the Careers@MSU website by searching for posting #1116744. Applications will be accepted from March 18, 2026, at 1:00 PM, through March 31, 2026, at 11:55 PM. This position offers a meaningful opportunity to support a thriving research facility dedicated to advancing knowledge and serving the community.

2026 CCEW Illustrated Poem Contest, Submission Deadline April 10

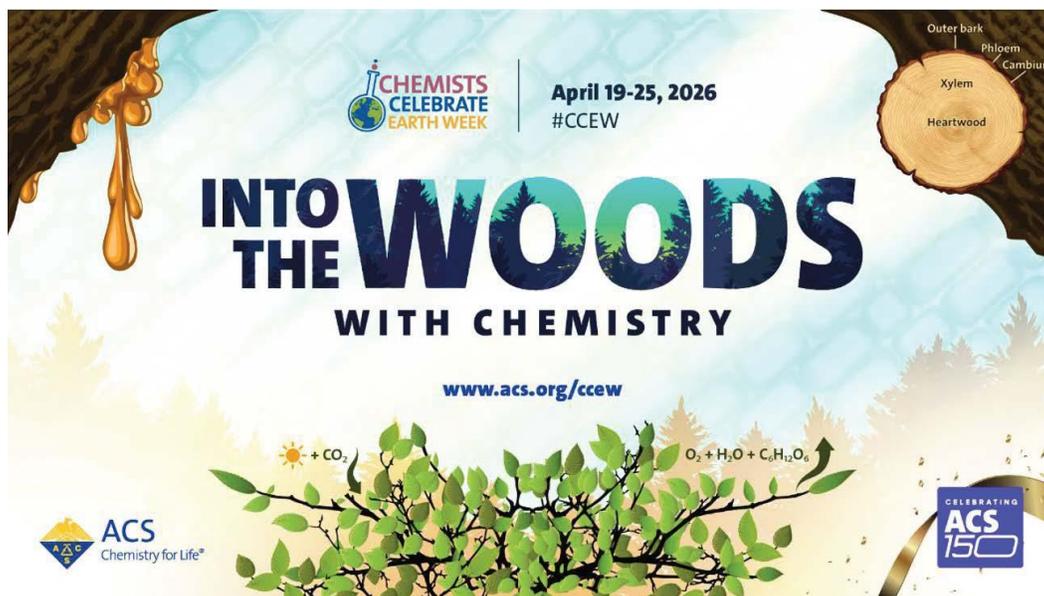
Hannah Bailey, Outreach Committee, Midland Section ACS

The Midland Local Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Write and illustrate a poem using the Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) theme – **Into the Woods with Chemistry**.

Contest Deadline: Friday April 10, 2026

Gift Card and prizes for all 1st and 2nd place winners in each grade category!

Contact: HannahBailey@dow.com



This illustrated poem contest is open to anyone in the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond. Winners of the Midland Local Section's Illustrated Poem Contest will advance to the ACS National Illustrated Poem Contest for a chance to be featured on the ACS website and to win prizes!

Please visit [Illustrated Poem Contest – Chemists Celebrate Earth Week – American Chemical Society \(acs.org\)](https://www.acs.org/ccew) for complete rules.

Please submit your poems and illustrations to Hannah Bailey at HannahBailey@dow.com. Thank you.

Looking for Siebert Elementary School Science Fair Judges, April 16

Gina Malczewski, Outreach Committee, Midland Section ACS

Attention to all those who want to help inspire the next generation of scientists! Siebert Elementary School in Midland is looking for volunteer judges for their annual science fair on **Thursday, April 16**. Last year there were 61 projects (some of them were group projects). There are age categories and rubrics – the science project’s owners are interviewed.

The Midland Section ACS has provided some judges in the past, and I always do an “activity” table to involve families and those waiting to be judged. This event is well attended and runs from about **5:30 to 8:30 PM**, which includes food for the volunteers at 5:30 PM.

If you have any questions, please let me know (reginamalczewski@gmail.com). I will put you in touch with the school after we get a list of volunteer judges (**10 judges in total are needed**). Please respond by Thursday, March 12, if you can. Thank you in advance!



2026 Earth Action Expo, April 25

Gina Malczewski, Outreach Committee, Midland Section ACS

The Earth Action Expo in Midland, the largest Earth Day event in our area, has been taking place at Dow High School on Saginaw Road in Midland every year since 2021, following a tradition of annual Earth Day programs (mostly at the Midland Center for the Arts) since 2006 (except for 2020).

The primary organizers of the event are the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society and the Dow High School Go Green Club. Exhibit tables are free. Commercial vendors are limited and by invitation only. Sponsorships are also available. Attendance is free.

Our objectives are to educate all ages relative to environmental stewardship and the benefits and bounty of nature. We encourage engagement in earth-friendly activities and offer options for re-purposing and recycling of materials from cloth to electronics. We aim for a Zero Waste event and have speakers each year. The yearly theme (from the National American Chemical Society) supplies a suggestion for exhibit and speaker topics. The Earth Action Expo is always held on the last Saturday of April, and the 2026 event is slated for Saturday, April 25.



Food trucks, EVs, invited speakers, and over 70 exhibitors are anticipated to be part of this year’s community outreach event. For more information, please see <https://earthactionexpo.org/>. For any questions or to volunteer, please contact Gina Malczewski at reginamalczewski@gmail.com.

2026 Turner J. Alfrey Visiting Professor Lecture Series, June 9

Robert A. Bubeck, Research Professor, MSU St. Andrews, Midland

MSU St. Andrews is pleased to announce the 2026 Turner J. Alfrey Visiting Professor Lecture Series. This year's guest lecturer is Professor John Torkelson, Walter P. Murphy Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering at Northwestern University.

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: MSU St. Andrews, 1910 West St. Andrews Road, Midland

Guest Lecturer: Prof. John Torkelson

About Prof. John Torkelson

John Torkelson is a Walter P. Murphy Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering and the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at Northwestern University. John received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1978 and his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1983. He has been on the faculty at Northwestern since 1983, where he also served as Assistant Department Chair in Chemical Engineering from 1992 to 1995 and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research in the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science from 1997 to 2002. During 2003–2006, John was the Director of the Materials Research Center at Northwestern University, which receives its main funding from the NSF Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC) Program.



Prof. John Torkelson

Additional information about Prof. Torkelson can be found on his faculty profile page at the Northwestern University McCormick School of Engineering website: <https://www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/research-faculty/directory/profiles/torkelson-john.html>. A link to his extensive professional CV may also be found at that website.

Research Interests

Professor Torkelson's current and recent research interests are in the following areas:

- Glass-forming polymer systems and their nanoscale, heterogeneous relaxation processes
- Green polymer processing and manufacture, especially solid-state shear pulverization and controlled radical polymerization
- Ultrathin films, coatings, and membranes
- Polymer nanocomposites, especially related to issues of nanofiller (e.g., clay, carbon nanotube, ceramic nanoparticle) dispersion by solid-state shear pulverization and impact of dispersion on properties
- Gradient copolymers, including synthesis, property-structure relationships, and use as compatibilizers of immiscible blends
- Phase behavior of blends and copolymer-solvent systems
- Polymerization reaction engineering, especially free radical polymerization (conventional and controlled), and sensors
- Diffusion and diffusion-limited processes in polymers
- Associative polymers forming physical gels

- Optical characterization and sensors: fluorescence, nonlinear optics, photochromism, single-molecule microscopy

Professor Torkelson's research program integrates polymer physics, chemistry, and engineering to address fundamental questions in soft materials while advancing sustainable manufacturing technologies. He has authored more than 470 peer-reviewed publications, and his work has been cited over 23,000 times. His h-index of 82 reflects the sustained impact and influence of his scholarship across polymer science, materials engineering, and soft condensed matter physics.

Agenda and Lecture Topics

- 9:00 AM Introduction and Housekeeping Items
- 9:15 AM Seminar 1 – Upcycling Virgin and Waste Thermoplastic Polyethylene, Polypropylene, and Related Copolymers into Covalent Adaptable Networks that Recover Crosslink Density upon Recycling – John M. Torkelson
- 10:00 AM Discussion
- 10:15 AM Seminar 2 – Sustainable, Recyclable Alternatives to Polyurethane Networks: Biobased and Biowaste-based Non-isocyanate Polyurethane (NIPU) and Non-isocyanate Polythiourethane (NIPTU) Covalent Adaptable Networks (CANs) as Bulk Materials and Foams – John M. Torkelson
- 11:00 AM Discussion
- 11:15 AM Break
- 11:30 AM Professor Torkelson Guest Speaker Presentation
- 12:15 PM Discussion
- 12:30 PM Lunch Break
- 2:00 PM Seminar 3 – Dissociative vs. Associative Dynamics in Covalent Adaptable Networks (CANs): Fundamental Differences in What Controls the Relaxation Times and Activation Energies as Well as the Reprocessability and Self-Healing Natures of CANs – John M. Torkelson
- 2:45 PM Discussion
- 3:00 PM Seminar 4 – Fragility is a Key Controlling Factor in the T_g -Confinement Effects of Polymers: How Do We Know This and How May We Exploit This Knowledge to Eliminate the Effect? – John M. Torkelson
- 3:45 PM Discussion
- 4:00 PM Closing Remarks

Pre-registration

This is a free event, but pre-registration is required to help plan the networking luncheon. Please register no later than Sunday, June 7, 2026, by going to [2026 Tuner J. Alfrey Visiting Professorship Lecture Registration](#).

Please share the information about this event with others that may be interested in attending. For more information, please contact Bob Bubeck at bubeck@msu.edu.

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Founding Day- April 6 | Founding Week April 6-10

ACS.org/150

Middle School Summer Camp, June 15-19

Gina Malczewski, Outreach Committee, Midland Section ACS

A free Middle School Summer Camp experience is being planned for Monday-Friday, June 15-19, 2026. This science-based summer camp will run each day from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at MSU St. Andrews, 1910 West St. Andrews Road, in Midland.

This year's summer camp theme is "Clean and Green: Chemistry and the Environment." For more information, any questions, or to volunteer, please contact Gina Malczewski at reginamalczewski@gmail.com. Also, please watch this newsletter for more information to follow.

Jake Remacle Named 2026 ACS National Chemical Technician Award Recipient ***Michelle Rivard, ACS and MMTG Member and ACS Fellow, Midland Section ACS***

Jake Remacle is the recipient of the 2026 American Chemical Society (ACS) National Chemical Technician Award (NCTA). Jake is an R&D technologist in Dow Consumer Solutions Process R&D located in Midland. The NCTA is a prestigious annual award honoring excellence and professionalism among technicians, operators, analysts, and other applied chemical technology professionals. One winner is selected from nominations captured from around the nation based on technical achievement, leadership, community activities, and contributions to quality, safety, and other initiatives.

Jake's expertise enables his project teams to consistently develop robust process understanding. As a lab coordinator for three labs, Jake maintains various reactors and analytical equipment for use by Dow researchers. He consistently identified and deployed new equipment and methodologies. Jake led various technical activities including scale up and troubleshooting both internally and at contract manufacturers and documented his research in more than 80 internal technical reports. Jake also frequently provides rapid plant support – including off-hours analyses – to keep 24/7 operations on track. His efforts enabled stable production, avoided scrap, and supported significant sales. Beyond project work, Jake demonstrated safety leadership by chairing and participating in multiple safety committees.



**Jake Remacle, 2026 ACS
NCTA Award Recipient**

Jake joined Dow in 2010 following previous experience in the pharmaceutical industry. He received an Associate of Arts and Sciences in Industrial Chemical Technology from Ferris State University and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). In his free time, Jake enjoys working on home projects with his wife Jodi and traveling the Midwest to watch his three daughters play sports. He is also very active in the ACS through the Mid-Michigan Technicians Group (MMTG), where he currently serves as secretary, volunteers in local STEM outreach, and previously organized a “Technologists in Industry” symposium at an ACS Central Regional Meeting (CERM).

The National Chemical Technician Award was initiated in 1989. Jake is the most recent in a long line of awardees from Midland, Dow, and Dow Corning. These include Tanya Fry, Nita Xu, Michelle Rivard, Jay Allen, Jeff Seifferly, Diana Deese, Bill Dellinger, Janet Smith, Margo McIvor, Bob Krystosek, Eddy Garcia-Meiten, Susan Youngs and Dave Stickles. The award will be formally presented at the Committee on Chemical Technical Professional Open Meeting and Luncheon on March 22 at the ACS Spring 2026 National Meeting in Atlanta. Jake will receive a commemorative plaque, have an award symposium in his honor, and receive travel expenses to attend the meeting.

Well done, Jake! Congratulations!



ACS Fall 2026, August 23-27 – Abstract Deadline March 30

Steve Keinath, Co-Editor, The Midland Chemist

Editor's note: The information contained in this article is reprinted, in part, from a pair of National ACS email communications to all members, dated Wednesday, January 14, 2026, and Friday, February 27, 2026.



Call for Abstracts for ACS Fall 2026 Is Now Open Deadline for Abstract Submissions is Monday, March 30, 2016

Abstracts are now being accepted for [ACS Fall 2026](#). This in-person and digital meeting will be held in Chicago, IL, and online globally from August 23-27, 2026. Submissions for virtual, in-person, and poster presentations for open symposia in over 30 program divisions are being accepted.

[ACS Fall 2026](#) offers the chance to share your research with the chemistry community. It brings together chemistry professionals, educators, and students worldwide to discover and share research, network, and advance careers. These meetings are an excellent opportunity for professionals and students to showcase their work and connect with colleagues in all areas of chemistry.

With thousands of scientific presentations, ACS Fall 2026 is a premier forum for showcasing new discoveries, building collaborations, and expanding your professional network. Please visit the website to learn more about the symposia that are open for abstract submissions.

The deadline to submit abstracts is Monday, March 30, 2026.

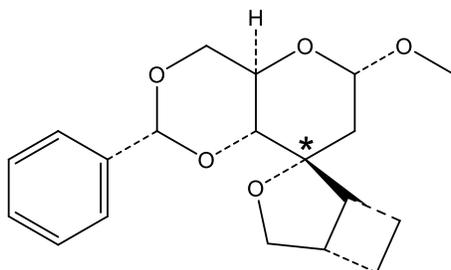
Answer for Sixth R,S-Puzzle

Wendell L. Dilling, Past Historian, Midland Section ACS

The winner of the sixth R,S-Puzzle is Andrew Chubb from SVSU, again, but not by very much. The correct answer, R, was also given by Anja Mueller from CMU. Andrew's answer was sent at 8:01 AM on Friday, February 13, and Anja's answer was sent at 1:44 PM the same day.

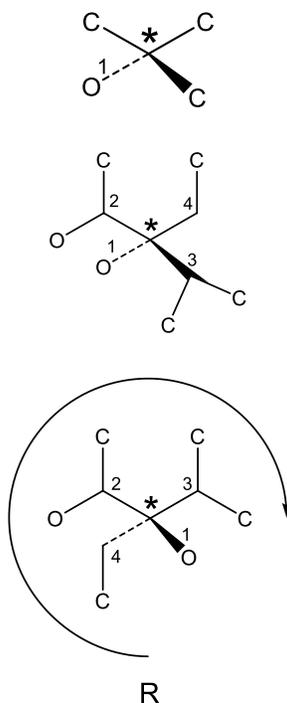
Because we have been over the answers for the first five **R,S**-Puzzles [*The Midland Chemist*, **2025**, 62, No. 12 (December), p 11-14], we will simplify the way the answers are presented. Only the structures of the molecules or the portions of interest will be shown (usually).

The sixth **R,S**-Puzzle:



The same rules as before. The first correct answer, **R** or **S**, wins. Send your answer to w.dilling@att.net, only one answer per person.

Solution to the sixth **R,S**-Puzzle:



Overall, since the start of these **R,S**-Puzzles [*The Midland Chemist*, **2025**, 62, No. 6 (June), p 12] if we score this like a track meet (5 points for first place, 3 points for second place, and one point for third place), the score after 6 rounds is: SVSU, 20; CMU, 8. Or 4 to 1, if we simply only count winners.

Again, these **R,S**-Puzzles are for all ACS members, not just those currently in academic institutions.

MMTG Hosts Bill Carroll for *Skydiving Into Retirement* Seminar Mark Jones, Director and Co-Historian, Midland Section ACS

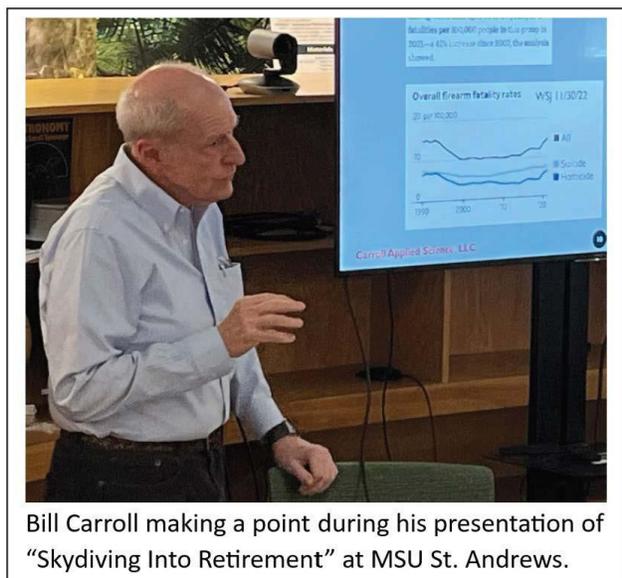
The Mid-Michigan Technician Group (MMTG) of the American Chemical Society (ACS) hosted a free and open to the public workshop on Thursday, February 12, featuring William F. “Bill” Carroll. Bill presented his widely acclaimed “Skydiving Into Retirement: Enjoy the Ride and Land Softly” program. This engaging and humorous presentation covered career arcs, transitions, personal reinvention, and finding joy in the next chapter of one’s life. Bill began by describing his experience with skydiving and throughout the two hours offered personal anecdotes, thought provoking excerpts from literature on transitions, and a number of exercises intended to focus one’s thinking and planning for retirement.



Bill pointed out that “filling the 2,000 hours previously filled with a job” can be challenging, but it is far from the only challenge. Bill described how his sense of identity was lost as he left both his job and his position as Chairman of the ACS Board. He quipped that “he experienced going from Who’s Who to who’s he.” Bill offered tips for making the transition from work to retirement, to manage the mental and physical transition, providing tools to assist. His talk focused on being emotionally ready for retirement, not financial planning other than a small mention of social security and Medicare rules.

Bill remains committed to professional development, working with the ACS and as an adjunct professor at Indiana University. Bill made several mentions of his work through ACS Careers (<https://www.acs.org/careers.html>). He continues to actively coach and mentor. He will be offering a longer version of his *Skydiving Into Retirement* material at the upcoming Atlanta ACS National Meeting. He also

continues to develop new material for the ACS Division of Professional Relations and ACS Careers.



Bill Carroll making a point during his presentation of “Skydiving Into Retirement” at MSU St. Andrews.

Bill is a polymath with near boundless energy. He retired from Occidental Chemical Corporation in 2015 after 37 years and now heads his own company, Carroll Applied Science, LLC. He is an engaging and enlightening speaker. He shares his chemical industry knowledge on the ACS Webinars’ Chemistry and the Economy series.

Bill is a past President of the National ACS, past Chair of the Board of Directors of the ACS, an ACS Fellow, and a certified ACS career consultant. He is also a Certified Retirement Counselor. He is also a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

In addition, Bill’s passion for music led to the application of data science to popular music. Bill is the author of several books, including *Ranking the Albums of the Stereo LP Era* and *Ranking 90s Country*.

The well-attended, in-person talk was held on Thursday, February 12, from 2:30-4:30 PM in the MSU St. Andrews rotunda. Bill's seminar is an example of the programming provided by MMTG and ACS. Active volunteers and members make such programming possible. ACS dues support a wide range of member benefits including ACS Careers.



2026 ACS CERM – Save the Date, November 14-17

Peter Koenig, Co-Chair, 2026 ACS CERM

The Cincinnati Section of the ACS is pleased to announce the 2026 ACS Central Regional Meeting (CERM) (www.acscerm2026.org), November 14-17, 2026. We look forward to welcoming chemists from across the region and beyond to Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky.

The 2026 ACS Central Regional Meeting will be held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, KY, serving the Greater Cincinnati region and the broader Central United States. Under the theme **“Chemistry Beyond Boundaries: Building Trust, Breaking Myths,”** the meeting will bring together academic and industrial chemists, educators, and students for:

- Plenary and keynote lectures
- Technical symposia
- Student research poster sessions
- Professional development programming
- An Exposition and Graduate & Career Fair

CERM provides the scientific rigor of the ACS with the accessibility and energy of a regional professional community. Aside from the standard general chemistry topics, technical and non-technical programming will emphasize the meeting theme by exploring innovative research and practical applications that highlight transparency, reproducibility, and communication.

We plan to include sessions on the following topics:

- Advanced Polymer Characterization
- Sustainability & Renewable Energy
- AI & Automation
- Chemical Biology & Therapeutics
- Environmental Chemistry & Sensing
- Advanced Catalysis
- Additive Manufacturing of Advanced Materials
- Region specific topic (Soft Matter, Adhesives)



Advanced polymer characterization will showcase emerging analytical techniques that reveal crucial structure-property relationships in next-generation polymers, ensuring claims are grounded in rigorous science. In sustainability and renewable energy, breakthroughs in green syntheses and circular-economy designs will be explored, supported by transparent life cycle assessments that counter greenwashing claims and drive a low-carbon future.

We will delve into AI and automation, where integrating machine learning and automated platforms accelerate discovery. These sessions will emphasize best practices for ensuring data quality and transparency, dispelling myths around AI as a "black box." Local industry applications will be highlighted through region-specific case studies, addressing local anti-science narratives and showcasing innovations from soft-matter consumer products to advanced adhesives.

Further discussions will cover advances in chemical biology and therapeutics, reinforcing chemistry's role in health and biotech with reproducible and open protocols. Environmental chemistry and sensing sessions will focus on developing next-generation sensors and community-driven monitoring programs, enhancing public trust through effective communication. The program will also include innovations in advanced catalysis, unlocking new bond-forming strategies with minimal waste, and additive manufacturing of advanced materials, where multi-material and nanoscale printing accelerates innovation in tailored catalysts and sensors.

How you can help:

We are asking for your help by enrolling your community and the chemical enterprise to make our conference even more successful.

1. Please announce the conference to your members via newsletters, social media, and at local section meetings.
2. We aim to promote the diverse professional interests in our region and would appreciate your contribution! We are still looking for leaders who are willing to organize and host sessions. A glimpse at the [conference program](#) is available on our website: www.acscerm2026.org.
3. We are looking for nominations for awards, too. Nomination forms and [detailed descriptions are available on our website](#).
 - ACS Division of Chemical Education Central Region Award for Excellence in High School Teaching
 - E. Ann Nalley Regional Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society
 - Stanley C. Israel Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences
 - Regional Industrial Innovation Award
4. We are looking for sponsors and organizations interested in taking part in the exhibition. Here is a link to our [sponsor/exhibitor prospectus](#). We need introductions to contacts for companies and organizations in your area who are willing to contribute. As you reach out to your industrial contacts, please also mention the [Regional Industrial Innovation Award](#). Thank you.



In Memoriam – Francis “Frank” Scheidt
Steve Keinath, Co-Editor, *The Midland Chemist*

Editor’s note: Frank Scheidt’s obituary notice as it appears here is reprinted, in part, from the Wednesday, February 4, 2026, issue of the *Midland Daily News*. Frank Scheidt moved to Midland in 1956 and worked for Dow Chemical for 30 years. Frank was active in matters related to the ACS in his early career years. Locally, he moderated an ACS-sponsored program named “Chem Quiz” in the mid- to late-1950s. He also served as a section editor for Chemical Abstracts Service (Section 23, Inorganics) for over 10 years. Frank joined the American Chemical Society in 1953, and at the time of his passing he was a 73-year member of the ACS.



Dr. Francis "Frank" M. Scheidt, a man of profound intelligence, boundless creativity, and captivating interests, left this world on February 2, 2026, at the age of 103. Born on March 2, 1922, in Streator, Illinois, Frank was a beacon of innovation and a cherished member of the Midland community where he ultimately resided.

Frank's journey through life was marked by his dedication to education and scientific inquiry. After earning his Bachelor of Science, he furthered his passion for chemistry by obtaining a Master's degree followed by a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Illinois. His scholarly pursuits laid the foundation for a distinguished career that would leave a lasting impact on the field.

During World War II, Frank served his country as an airplane mechanic and Hydraulics Specialist with the Army Air Corps. His technical acumen was only the beginning of what would become a remarkable career. For over three decades, Frank was a vital part of Dow Chemical, where his innovative work led to several patents. His contributions to science were recognized by his peers, as evidenced by his more than 70 years of membership with the American Chemical Society, and MENSA.

Frank's life was not solely defined by his professional accomplishments. He was also a man who cherished his family deeply. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Frances (Humenick) Scheidt, whom he married on September 2, 1952, at St. Steven's Catholic Church in Streator, Illinois. Together, they created a lifetime of memories until her passing. Frank was also predeceased by his parents, Christian Peter and Mary (Pent) Scheidt, his brother and best friend, John 'Lou' Scheidt, and his sister, Lucille Scheidt.

A man of varied interests, Frank's curiosity knew no bounds. From his childhood days of making root beer to his later years of playing solitaire on his computer and creating an adventure game for his co-workers, he was always engaged in the joy of discovery. His astute investments in the stock market reflected his knack for problem-solving. Frank's love for cats, his talent for woodworking, and his impressive collection of over 5,000 CDs spoke volumes about his diverse passions.

Frank was a devout member of St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church, where he found solace and community. His intellect, creativity, and intriguing personality left an indelible mark on all who knew him. Dr. Francis "Frank" M. Scheidt will be remembered as a man who embraced the wonders of the world with open arms and an open heart. His legacy will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of crossing paths with him throughout his remarkable, long journey.

Frank leaves behind a dear friend and devoted companion, Laura Hintz, whose unwavering care and support ensured his goals and dreams were fulfilled and that he enjoyed a safe, happy, and meaningful quality of life in the comfort of his own home.

A very special “thank you” goes out to Right at Home, especially to Jackie and Kelly, and to Heartland Hospice and nurse Holly.

Frank’s Funeral Liturgy took place at 11:00 AM, on Friday, February 6, 2026, at St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church, 207 Ashman Street, in Midland. Fr. Steven Blaxton celebrated with rite of committal following in New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Visitation took place at the church on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 10:00 AM until time of the Liturgy. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Heartland Hospice.

All of us at Ware Smith Woolever Funeral Home (1200 West Wheeler Street, Midland, MI 48640-2891, Phone: 877-631-2292, www.wswfh.com) are honored that the Scheidt family has entrusted us with the care of their loved one.

Marcia Dilling Reminiscence:

Editor’s note: Marcia and Wendell Dilling are both long-time members of the ACS, not quite as long as Frank Scheidt, though. They were also long-time, across-the-road neighbors of Fran and Frank Scheidt. When asked to share some reminiscences about Frank, Marcia graciously agreed to do so.

My interactions with Frank Scheidt were of a personal nature. I didn’t interact with him while working at Dow Chemical nor when volunteering with the ACS. The following may perhaps be of some interest to the *Midland Chemist* readership.

Wendell and I became neighbors of Fran and Frank Scheidt in 1966. I developed a friendship with Fran that lasted until her death in 1997. The Scheidt’s, who were childless, were very kind to our daughter, Robin, when she was a child. Fran invited her to their house for tea and cookies, crafted needlework pictures for Robin, and sewed a beautiful blue velvet dress for her. Frank invited Robin to their house to play a computer game he was developing and patiently guided her through learning how to use a computer.

Fran and I often exchanged dishes we’d cooked, and I learned about all the vegetables or “strange” foods Frank didn’t eat. After Fran died, I occasionally invited Frank to join us for dinner. Woe unto me if I served cooked carrots or beets in any form, or neglected to have coffee at the ready, preferably a full pot solely for him. Frank, Wendell, and I ate together in restaurants occasionally, too. Unfortunately, I once chose a restaurant (Indian) that didn’t serve coffee. Frank made rather a scene and continued complaining loudly about the lack of coffee even as we left.

While Frank continued to develop his gaming program in the 1970s to early 1990s, a small group met regularly at his house to play the game. They also met for lunch at area restaurants until Frank’s hearing deteriorated to the point that group conversations were difficult.

For his daily walk to pick up his mail curbside, Frank always wore a hat. An activity not mentioned in his obituary was his taking on the role of being a Big Brother for several years. He exercised by walking at the Midland Mall into his early 90s, and when he turned 100, he was surprised by neighbors and caregivers with gifts and birthday treats to honor the occasion.

References to Frank Scheidt in the 2000-2026 *Midland Chemist* Digital Archives:

June 2022, Vol. 59, No. 6, pp 7-13

This Is the Way – ACS Midland Section Celebrates Achievements in Chemistry and the Related Sciences – Reference to Frank's 70-year membership in the ACS.

March 2022, Vol. 59, No. 3, pp 13-14

Midland Section ACS Member Frank Scheidt Celebrates 100th Birthday – Reference to Norwood Drive (Midland) neighbors who recognized and celebrated Frank's 100th birthday.

May 2020, Vol. 57, No. 5, pp 10-12

Reminiscences of a Couple of Senior Chemists – Back-and-forth dialogue between Frank Scheidt (a 66-year member of the ACS at that time) and Wendell Dilling (a 60-year member of the ACS at that time).

June 2012, Vol. 49, No. 3, pp 3-5

Spring Awards Banquet Honors Teachers, Students, Others – Reference to Frank's 60-year membership in the ACS.

December 2002, Vol. 39, No. 8, pp 8-9

Section Honors 50-Year Members – Reference to Frank's 50-year membership in the ACS.

Upcoming Dates, Events, and Other Updates

- March 2 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at [March 2026 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link](#), Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jJ34ZJ.
- March 22-26, 2026 (Save the Date) – ACS Spring 2026 National Meeting & Exposition, Atlanta, GA. This meeting will be a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting. For more information, please see the information on page 3 or click on [ACS Spring 2026](#).
- March 28 (1:00 – 2:00 PM) – *Get Egg-Cited About Chemistry!*, Midland Section ACS Outreach Committee event, Bay County Historical Society, 321 Washington Avenue, Bay City. Pre-registration is required and attendance will be limited to 30 people. For more information about this event and how to pre-register, please see the flyer on page 6 in this newsletter. For additional information or any questions, please contact Gina Malczewski at reginamalczewski@gmail.com.
- March 29 – **Deadline for Midland Section ACS Spring Awards nominations** to honor outstanding educators, volunteers, and colleagues. For more information or any questions, please contact Midland Section ACS Awards Committee Co-Chairs Allison Abdilla or Kajari Bera at awards@midlandacs.org.
- March 30 – **Deadline for abstract submissions for ACS Fall 2026 National Meeting & Exposition**, August 23-27, 2026, Chicago, IL. This meeting will be a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting. For more information, please see the information on page 16 or click on [ACS Fall 2026](#).
- March 31 (4:00 – 7:30 PM) – *Cosmetic Chemistry Networking and Seminar* event, co-sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists, Central Michigan University, and Midland Section ACS. Happy hour, 4:00-6:00 PM, Biosciences Atrium; Career Networking, 5:00-6:00 PM, Biosciences 1010; and Dinner & Seminar, 6:00-7:30 PM, Biosciences 1010; Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant. Cost: \$40 per person for professionals and \$20 per person for students. Pre-registration is requested by March

20. For more information, please see the event flyer on page 8 in this newsletter. For additional information or any questions, please contact Dale LeCaptain at lecap1dj@cmich.edu.
- March 31 – **Application deadline for MSU St. Andrews (Midland) next Site Manager position.** For more information, please see the announcement and job description for this position on pages 9 to 10 in this newsletter. To be considered for this position, apply through the [Careers@MSU](https://careers.msu.edu) website by searching for posting #1116744.
 - April 6 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at [April 2026 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link](#), Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jJ34ZJ.
 - April 10 – **RSVP deadline to attend the April 22 Midland Section ACS Spring Awards Recognition Banquet.** Information about the Spring Awards Banquet event and how you can register to attend is provided on pages 7 to 8 in this newsletter. For more information or any questions, please contact Midland Section ACS Awards Committee Co-Chairs Allison Abdilla or Kajari Bera at awards@midlandacs.org.
 - April 10 – **Submission deadline for the 2026 Midland Section ACS-sponsored Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) Illustrated Poem Contest** using the CCEW theme, *Into the Woods with Chemistry*. Open to students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. For more information, please see the article on page 10 in this newsletter. For addition information or any questions, and to submit your poems and illustrations, please reach out to Hannah Bailey, Midland Section ACS Outreach Committee, at HannahBailey@dow.com.
 - April 16 (5:30 – 8:30 PM) – Siebert Elementary School (Midland) Science Fair volunteer judge opportunity. There are age categories and rubrics, and the science project's owners are interviewed. For more information, please see the article on page 11 in this newsletter. And if this opportunity interests you, please reach out to Gina Malczewski, Midland Section ACS Outreach Committee, at reginamalczewski@gmail.com, to volunteer.
 - April 22 (5:30 – 8:00 PM) – Midland Section ACS Spring Awards Recognition Banquet, Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center, 5121 Bay City Road, Midland. Cost: \$20 per person, payable online ahead of time or payable at the door (cash only) the evening of the event. **Spring Awards Banquet RSVP deadline: April 10.** Information about the Spring Awards Banquet event and how you can register to attend is provided on pages 7 to 8 in this newsletter. For more information or any questions, please contact Midland Section ACS Awards Committee Co-Chairs Allison Abdilla or Kajari Bera at awards@midlandacs.org.
 - April 25 (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM) – Midland Section ACS co-sponsored outreach event, *Earth Action Expo*, Dow High School, Midland. Food trucks, EVs, invited speakers, and over 70 exhibitors are anticipated to be part of this community outreach event. For more information, please see the article on page 11 in this newsletter, and for additional information, please see <https://earthactionexpo.org/>. For any questions or to volunteer, please contact Gina Malczewski at reginamalczewski@gmail.com.
 - May 4 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at [May 2026 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link](#), Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jJ34ZJ.
 - June 1 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at [June 2026 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link](#), Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jJ34ZJ.
 - June 9 (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) – 2026 Turner J. Alfrey Visting Professor program, featuring Prof. John Torkelson of Northwestern University. This event is free, but pre-registration is required no later than June 7 to help plan the networking luncheon. For more information, please see the article on pages 12 to 14 in this

newsletter. For any questions, please contact Dr. Robert Bubeck, Research Professor, MSU St. Andrews, at 989-374-9912 or bubeck@msu.edu.

- June 15-19 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM) – Free Middle School Summer Camp experience sponsored by the Midland Section ACS. The summer camp will be held at MSU St. Andrews, 1910 West St. Andrews Road, in Midland. The theme of this year's science-based summer camp is "*Clean and Green: Chemistry and the Environment.*" For more information, any questions, or to volunteer, please contact Gina Malczewski at reginamalczewski@gmail.com. Also, please watch this newsletter for more information to follow.
- August 3 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at [August 2026 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link](#), Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jj34ZJ.
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- September 14 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at [September 2026 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link](#), Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jj34ZJ.
- October 5 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at [October 2026 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link](#), Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jj34ZJ.
- November 2 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at [November 2026 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link](#), Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jj34ZJ.
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- December 7 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at [December 2026 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link](#), Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jj34ZJ.



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