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Chair Column

Reggie Bou Zerdan and Krishnaja Duvvuri, Midland Section ACS

Dear Readers,

This month we, Reggie Bou Zerdan (Chair-Elect) and Krishnaja Duvvuri (Past-Chair) have the pleasure of filling in for Judith and connecting with you through the Chair column.

As we continue this year's journey of celebrating ACS 150th anniversary, we would like to reflect on the ACS core value of **community**. Through our roles on the Board, we often have the opportunity to see our section through a unique 'behind the scenes' perspective. What makes the Midland Section ACS really stand out for us is how the Section is well woven into so many different segments of the Midland community. We would like to highlight one of the many underappreciated activities of our Section, the ACS garden. The ACS garden celebrates a successful first season at its new home. After 10 years in the Creative 360 gardens, the ACS Midland Section Garden found a new home at 309 Cambridge through a partnership with Midland Parks and Recreation. The site, a former community garden, offers 30 garden plots along with valuable resources including free water,

sprinklers, wood chips, a tiller, and other shared amenities. During the 2026 growing season, ACS volunteers contributed approximately **200 hours of service**, helping cultivate a thriving garden that produced more than **700 pounds** of donated fruits and vegetables. The harvest benefited several local organizations, including SAMS, Senior Services, the Salvation Army, Care Giving Network, and The Bridge. From early summer planting to abundant late-season harvests, the garden demonstrated the power of community engagement and volunteering while supporting local food assistance efforts.

On October 9, ACS Midland Section members and guests gathered at the Bay County Historical Museum for a special "Lunch at the Museum" event celebrating the exhibit *Chemistry: Legends, Locals, & Lasting Impacts*. The event provided an opportunity for attendees to enjoy lunch, reconnect with colleagues and friends, and explore the exhibit highlighting the rich history and enduring impact of chemistry in the Midland area. The luncheon also served as a celebration of the Midland Section's senior members, recognizing their many years of service, leadership, and contributions to both the Section and the chemical sciences. As the exhibit approaches its closing at the end of October, the gathering offered a meaningful chance to reflect on the Section's legacy while honoring the members who helped shape its success over the years.

The Midland Section has an exciting lineup of fall activities planned for members, families, students, and the broader community. Join us for Fall-O-WeeN Science Activities on October 24 at the Bay County Historical Museum, where participants can explore the chemistry behind leaves, apples, pumpkins, and other seasonal favorites. The Midland Section ACS Fall Scientific Meeting, on October 26, will bring together students, industry professionals, and academic leaders for networking opportunities and presentations, including discussions on science policy and RNA research. On October 27, families are invited to Pizza and Pumpkins, featuring made-to-order veggie pizzas, pumpkin decorating, hands-on chemistry activities, and National Chemistry Week-themed fun. Rounding out the month, Frankenstein Friday at Central Michigan University on October 30 will offer an evening of spooky science featuring arthropods, construction chemistry, electricity demonstrations, and other hands-on STEM activities. We encourage members to participate and help us continue our tradition of bringing chemistry to life.

As we look ahead to another busy season of programs and outreach, the ACS Midland Section continues to demonstrate how deeply chemistry is woven into our local community. From school and museum programs to community gardens, scientific meetings, and family-friendly events, ACS volunteers contribute their time, talent, and enthusiasm to make a meaningful impact across the region. The strength of our Section comes not from any single event or initiative, but from the dedicated individuals who step forward to share their passion for science and service.

A thriving community depends on the people who choose to be part of it. Whether you are a student, early or mid-career professional, retiree, educator, or simply someone with an interest in chemistry, we invite you to join us. Attend an event, volunteer for a program, share your ideas, or reconnect with fellow chemists. Together, we can continue building a strong ACS community that inspires learning, fosters connections, and brings the benefits of chemistry to people throughout the Midland area.

Midland Section ACS Board of Directors 2027 Election

Vickie Langer, Co-Editor, The Midland Chemist

Please see the article *Call for Nominations for 2027 Midland Section ACS Officer and Director Candidates* on pages 2 and 3 of the September edition of The Midland Chemist (Midland-Chemist-2026-63-09-September.pdf) for the list of open positions for 2027, and descriptions of the positions. Watch for the November edition of this newsletter for additional information regarding the 2027 election and candidates.

For questions, please contact Ericka Bruske at ebruske@dow.com or reach out to any current officer. Additional information about the Midland Section ACS is available at www.midlandacs.org.

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 and 17 in the February 2026 edition of the newsletter at The Midland Chemist – February 2026 (midlandacs.org).

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.

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.

Call for Abstracts for the Great Lakes Microscopy Society Annual Meeting, October 9

Daria Monaenkova on behalf of GLMS

The Great Lakes Microscopy Society (GLMS) invites you to submit an abstract for the upcoming Great Lakes Microscopy Society Fall Meeting at Michigan Technological University.

This meeting provides an excellent opportunity to showcase your research, share ideas with fellow scientists and students, and connect with members of the microscopy and microanalysis community from across the Great Lakes region. Students are especially encouraged to participate. In addition to presenting your work, you may be eligible for student travel awards to help support attendance at the meeting. Monetary awards will also be presented for outstanding student presentations for both platform and poster presentations.

We welcome abstracts covering all areas of microscopy, microanalysis, imaging, and related fields. Whether your work is in materials science, biological sciences, chemistry, engineering, or another discipline that utilizes microscopy techniques, we encourage you to submit your research.

We look forward to receiving your abstract and seeing you at Michigan Tech for an engaging and rewarding scientific meeting! For submission details, deadlines, and meeting information, please visit the meeting website at 2026 GLMS Meeting. Please also see the meeting poster below.



Midland Section ACS Luncheon at Bay County Historical Museum, October 9
Gina Malczewski, Outreach Committee, Midland Section ACS

Please join us for one of the last looks at the Midland Section ACS Historical Exhibit at the Bay County Historical Museum, located at 321 Washington Avenue, in Bay City, and enjoy a free lunch. (The Exhibit will be closing at the end of October 2026.) All ACS members and their guests are invited to explore the exhibit and then see a program retrospective during the lunch period.

Chemistry: Legends, Locals, & Lasting Impacts

Please sign up at Lunch at the Museum Event so that adequate food and drinks will be available. For any questions, please contact Gina Malczewski at reginamalczewski@gmail.com.



After-Work Pickleball Social Event, October 15

Clare Leahy, Younger Chemists Committee, Midland Section ACS

The Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) of the Midland Section ACS is hosting an after-work pickleball social, and we'd love for you to join us. This event will be held Thursday, October 15, 2026, 5:30 to 7:30 PM, at the Greater Midland Tennis Center, 900 East Wackerly Street, Midland.

The event is free for everyone, all skill levels are welcome, and paddles and balls will be provided. Just bring water, court shoes if you have them, and a willingness to play a few games and meet people.

This event is meant to be low-key – a chance to get some exercise after work, hit a few balls, and connect with other local professionals. No experience is required.

Please **RSVP by Sunday, October 12,** so we can plan court space by clicking on the ACS Pickleball Social sign-up form.

Feel free to forward this announcement to any colleagues who might want to come. Thank you and we hope to see you on the court. For any questions, please contact Clare Leahy at cleahy@dow.com.



2026 Fall Scientific Meeting, October 26

FSM Committee, Midland Section ACS

The annual Fall Scientific Meeting format is a bit different this year.

It has:

- 2 keynote talks (industry and academic)
- 2 hours of Networking, for professionals and students
- 2 choices on the dinner buffet

The Fall Scientific Meeting will be held on October 26 from 4:00-8:00 PM at Dow Diamond, featuring keynote talks by Dave Parrillo (Dow) at 4:00 PM and Ronald Breaker (Yale University) at 6:45 PM, plus networking and dinner.

Please see the meeting poster and a flyer on the two following pages.

The Midland Section of the American Chemical Society

Serving the Michigan counties of Midland, Gratiot, Bay, Saginaw and Isabella



The reimagined Fall Scientific Meeting of the Midland Local Section of the American Chemical Society will be held from 4-8 PM on Monday, October 26 at Dow Diamond. The event will include lectures, networking, a career expo and buffet dinner - all free.

Registration is encouraged since space is limited. Register and find more information at midlandfsm.org

Program

4 pm Opening Keynote Address:

Dr. David Parrillo
Vice President of Research & Development, Dow Inc.
"Some Assembly Required: Building an Ecosystem for Sustainable Materials"

4:30 – 6:30 pm – Career Expo and Networking

5:00 – 6:30 buffet dinner (flank steak and pasta primavera)

6:45 pm Closing Keynote Address:

Dr. Ronald Breaker
FAS Dean of Science
at Yale University
"Sustaining the University as an Engine of Scientific Discovery"

8:00 program concludes

ACS MIDLAND

CAREER EXPO AND SEMINAR

OCT 26

MIDLAND
DOW DIAMOND
4-8 PM

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"Sustaining the University as an Engine of Scientific Discovery"

SIGN UP FOR CAREER EXPO & DINNER HERE!

ACS Student Car Pool
email: acssa@cmich.edu

CAREER EXPO - PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTS TO NETWORK WITH COLLEAGUES ACROSS INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA, AND THE NEXT GENERATION OF STEM TALENT IN THE REGION.

The keynote speakers offer perspectives from both ends of the innovation pipeline: Dave Parrillo, who leads at Dow, and Ron Breaker, whose fundamental discoveries in RNA biology transformed an entire field.

ACS

Fall-o-Ween Science at Bay County Historical Museum, October 24

Gina Malczewski, Outreach Committee, Midland Section ACS

Please join us for a Fall-o-Ween Science outreach activity at the Bay County Historical Museum, located at 321 Washington Avenue, in Bay City. You will *Learn about Leaves*, *Test aPeeling Apples*, and get *Pumped up about Pumpkins*. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.

Activities related to *All Things Autumn* are being planned and are recommended for ages 5 and up. Please sign up at Fall-o-Ween Science as soon as possible since a maximum of only 36 attendees can be accommodated at this event.

For any questions, please contact Gina Malczewski at reginamalczewski@gmail.com.



Frankenstein Friday Outreach Event at CMU, October 30
Gina Malczewski, Outreach Committee, Midland Section ACS

The Midland Section ACS invites you to join the science outreach team for a number of spooky demonstrations and freaky sights at a *Frankenstein Friday* event on the campus of Central Michigan University on Friday evening, October 30, 2026. The event will be held at CMU's Rowe Hall 124, located at 600 East Bellows Street, Mount Pleasant, and runs from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Creepy, crawly things like spiders and other arthropods will be there. Construction chemistry will be demo'd as well as mentions of body reconstruction. Finally, elements of electricity (what brought Frankenstein to life) will be demo'd.

The event is free and has been very popular with kids for a number of years now. Sign-up is encouraged at Frankenstein Friday. We hope to see you there if you think you are brave enough to show up.

For any questions, please contact Gina Malczewski at reginamalczewski@gmail.com.



Career Mentoring Day at Delta College, November 11

David Baker, Chemistry Department, Delta College

Editor's note: Please note that the date, time block, and program format, in part, have been changed from an earlier announcement that appeared on pages 3 and 4 of the August 2026 issue of the *Midland Chemist*. The date has been moved back from September 23 to November 11; the time block has been shortened from 12:00-4:00 PM to 2:00-4:00 PM; and the scope has been narrowed to focus on career panel sessions.

Event co-organizers, Evan Waddell (e.waddell@dow.com) and Robin Stottlemyer (rstottlemyer@dow.com), are still looking for panel discussion volunteers, so please sign up at the Dow Volunteer Portal registration link below if interested. Please reach out to Evan or Robin at the email addresses above if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Career Mentoring Day at Delta College – *Where Can Science Take You?*

Main Campus Building, D-Wing, Wednesday, November 11, 2:00-4:00 PM

Calling all chemical technologists, scientists, & researchers. Panel discussion volunteers needed.

Do you love your job as a scientist? Share your mentorship and knowledge!

The Delta College Chemistry Department is currently seeking technical professional volunteers to share their expertise, skills, and industry experiences with Delta College students at a panel discussion event on Wednesday, November 11, at Delta College's main campus in the D-wing, from 2:00-4:00 PM. This event offers Delta undergraduate chemistry and chemical engineering students a valuable opportunity to connect with area science professionals, gain insight into workplace expectations, and explore how their technical skills translate into real-world careers.

2:00-4:00 PM – Panel Discussion Sessions

Provide students with insight into where chemistry can take them through small group conversations, sharing insights on your core skills and profession.

Registered panelists will be scheduled for a 30-minute period between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. If you have a specific time preference, please reach out directly to Dr. David Baker at dbaker@delta.edu.

To sign up, register in the Dow Volunteer Portal by Wednesday, November 4:

https://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/eg_signup_application.start_signup?x_gm_id=6334&x_organization_id=12758455&x_event_id=32686499&x_source_flag=EGD&x_style_id=

You Be the Solution: A National Competition that Uses Chemistry to Build Future Problem Solvers

Matt Masters, Senior TERC Specialist, Dow

The Chemical Education Foundation's (CEF's) **You Be The Solution (YBTS) Challenge** is a national STEM competition for students in grades 5 to 8 that combines chemistry, science, sustainability, and entrepreneurship. Teams of 3 to 4 students answer science-based challenge questions and develop innovative solutions to real-world community or environmental problems. Top teams advance through state and national competitions, competing for scholarships and national recognition. The Great Lakes Bay Region has hosted local YBTS events for several years, including recent competitions in Midland and Saginaw.

For Christine Brillhart, a science teacher at Jefferson Middle School and longtime YBTS advisor whose teams have earned top-five finishes at the national competition, the greatest benefit is the growth she sees in her students. "YBTS gives students opportunities to explore chemistry and real-world applications. Students act as employees of their own student-created company, solving community problems and presenting their solutions through professional business videos." She also values the leadership opportunities the program creates, noting, "My favorite part is stepping back into a mentorship role while watching them take complete control of their success."



Christine Brillhart

Brillhart emphasizes that the program is both accessible and easy for educators to implement. "The Chemical Education Foundation offers many resources, from practice challenge questions to activities that engage students in the study material. Organizers are quick to answer questions, and a teacher can enter many teams for free, making the program easy to run in a classroom."

The impact extends well beyond the competition itself. Brillhart recalls how one team's top-five finish at the National Competition inspired future participants to pursue the same goal. She also remembers watching students develop into confident communicators. "Their transformation was remarkable. They took the stage with bold confidence, clear delivery, and genuine excitement." Through experiences like these, students build leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills that last far beyond middle school.

Are you interested in participating? The Great Lakes Bay Region is seeking additional teams for this year's You Be The Solution (YTBS) Challenge. Teachers, science clubs, STEM coordinators, administrators, and parents are encouraged to get involved. Participation is free, resources are provided, and students gain valuable experience in chemistry, innovation, and teamwork. The Chemical Education Foundation (CEF) is an independent nonprofit organization that collaborates with the ACS and ACS local sections through regional volunteers and shared support of STEM education initiatives. The challenge helps students connect chemistry concepts with real-world challenges while developing the skills needed for future STEM careers.

For more information about the Great Lakes Bay Regional Challenge, contact challenge organizers **Matt Masters** (mvmaster@svsu.edu) or **Junying Liu** (Cloris_liu@yahoo.com) or visit www.CEFinSTEM.org.

Added note: Christine Brillhart has collaborated with the Midland Section ACS and science education-minded members of the Midland local section over many years for the betterment of her students. In 2004, she was recognized with the Midland Section ACS Outstanding Middle Level Science Teaching Award for her innovative approaches to teaching science to middle school students within the Midland Public Schools system.



ACS 2026 Midwest Regional Meeting (MWRM), October 25–27

Steve Keinath, Co-Editor, The Midland Chemist

Editor's note: The information in this article is reprinted, in part, from an email communication that was sent to all ACS members from the ACS Midwest Regional Meeting promotion team on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, and another email communication with updated information on July 27, 2026.



Midwest Regional Meeting

October 25 - 27, 2025 | Manhattan, KS

The **2026 Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society (MWRM)**, hosted at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, will take place October 25–27, 2026, beginning at 2:00 PM on Sunday and concluding at 5:00 PM on Tuesday.

Join researchers, educators, students, and industry professionals from across the Midwest to share discoveries, exchange ideas, and showcase the impact of chemistry across diverse fields. MWRM 2026 will feature an exciting scientific program, including plenary and public lectures from two distinguished chemists:

Plenary Lecturer: Professor Geri Richmond, Ph.D. University of Oregon • B.S. Kansas State University • Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley • Honorary Doctorate, Kansas State University • 2013 National Medal of Science • 2018 Priestley Medal of the American Chemical Society

Public Lecturer: Professor Tom Kuntzleman, Ph.D. Wayne State University • B.S. Ed. Bloomsburg University • M.S. University of North Carolina, Greensboro • Ph.D. University of Michigan • 2022 YouTube Silver Creator Award • 2024 Helen M. Free Award for Public Outreach, ACS

Special Symposia and Workshops:

Science Writing Workshop (Sunday afternoon):

From Data to Story: Making Your Writing Clear, Compelling, and Memorable

Great science advances when scientists communicate effectively. This interactive workshop helps participants uncover and communicate the story behind their research so that others can understand, use, and cite it. Participants will learn how to move beyond presenting results to crafting clear, compelling narratives in their writing and, through hands-on exercises, will distill their work into core story elements and revise them for clarity and impact.

Presenter: Theresa Merrick Cassidy, Writing Center Assistant Director, Presidential Engagement Fellow

Science Leadership Panel and Discussion

Leap into Leadership

Many science professionals, educators, and aspiring leaders find themselves in leadership roles at different stages of their careers. Whether you are a high school teacher, undergraduate or graduate student, postdoctoral scholar, or an early- or mid-career professional, developing leadership skills is essential for success. This interactive workshop will feature a panel discussion with professionals from academia and industry who will share their leadership experiences, insights, and practical advice on navigating and excelling in leadership roles.

Moderator: Dr. Radhika Reddy Nareddy, Graduate Teaching Professor, Kansas State University

Symposia:

- Advancement in Electrocatalytic Materials
- Recent Progress in Electrochemical Sensing, Energy Storage, and Synthesis
- Advances in Catalysis and Methods for Organic Synthesis
- Synthesis and Applications of Functional Polymeric Materials
- Advances in Molecular Probes for Therapeutics
- Machine Learning for Computational Chemistry
- Super-Resolved Spectroscopy
- Chemistry Under Nanoconfinement
- Theory, Modeling, and Simulation of Biomolecular Systems
- Midwest Awards Symposium
- Undergraduate Research

Additional oral and poster sessions will cover **Organic, Inorganic, Analytical, Biochemical, Physical, Theoretical Chemistry**, and more.

Abstract submissions closed on July 27, 2026. We encourage you to share your latest research and join us in Manhattan, KS, for an engaging and inspiring regional meeting.



ACS 2026 Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS), November 4–7

Steve Keinath, Co-Editor, The Midland Chemist

Editor's note: The information in this article is reprinted, in part, from an email communication that was sent to all ACS members from the ACS Southeastern Regional Meeting promotion team on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, and another email communication with updated information on July 17, 2026.





We are excited to invite you to participate in the **2026 Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society (SERMACS)**, taking place in Memphis, Tennessee. This special meeting coincides with the 150th anniversary of the American Chemical Society, and we are celebrating with an exceptional scientific program, focused symposia, and a historic presidential panel.

Key Program Highlights:

- **Opening Ceremony, and Plenary Address** by **Dr. Anang Shelat of St. Jude**
- **ACS Southern Chemist Award Plenary Double Header** featuring: • **Henry Fritz Schaefer III** (2019 Awardee) • **Sue Richardson** (2020 Awardee)
- **Super Plenary Presidential Panel**: "Change in ACS, Bridging Past to Present to Future" with: • 2006 ACS President **Ann Nalley** • 2008 ACS President **Bruce Bursten** • 2024 ACS President **Dorothy Phillips** • 2025 ACS President **Rigoberto Hernandez**
- **Symposia topics** include Polymer Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry, Artificial Intelligence in Drug Discovery, Environmental Chemistry, and Chemical Regulation. The full list of symposia is available on the SERMACS 2026 website.

Abstract submissions for all symposia closed on August 10, 2026.

We invite you to join us in Memphis, TN, for an inspiring and memorable scientific gathering.

2026 ACS Central Regional Meeting (CERM 2026), November 14–17

Steve Keinath, Co-Editor, The Midland Chemist

Editor's note: The information in this article is reprinted, in part, from an email communication that was sent to all ACS members from the 2026 ACS Central Regional Meeting promotion team on July 8, 2026.



Central Regional Meeting

November 15 - 17, 2026 | Cincinnati, Ohio

The **Central Regional Meeting 2026 (CERM 2026)** of the American Chemical Society will be held at the **Northern Kentucky Convention Center** in Covington, KY, from November 14–17, 2026, with technical sessions taking place November 15–17 and short courses on November 14. This year's theme, **"Chemistry Beyond Boundaries: Building Trust, Breaking Myths,"** highlights the critical role of chemistry in addressing global challenges while fostering transparency, collaboration, and trust across disciplines and communities. Join us for dynamic technical sessions, engaging poster presentations, and meaningful opportunities to connect with fellow chemists across academia, industry, and government.

CERM 2026 welcomes abstract submissions across a broad range of chemistry disciplines, with programming spanning more than 25 technical symposia and a dedicated poster session designed to promote collaboration and scientific exchange. The meeting will feature distinguished plenary and keynote speakers, including **Omar K. Farha** (Northwestern University), **Jie Xu** (University of Chicago), **Mickey Rogers** (U.S. Department of Energy), and **Paul S. Weiss** (UCLA), representing cutting-edge research in sustainability, AI-driven chemistry, science communication, and nanoscience. The awards banquet will feature a talk from **Sam Dinkins** (Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission).

Abstract submissions for all symposia closed on Monday, August 17, 2026.

We invite you to join us in Covington, KY, for an inspiring and memorable scientific meeting.

ACS Spring 2027, March 21–25, 2027

Steve Keinath, Co-Editor, The Midland Chemist

Editor's note: The information in this article is reprinted, in part, from an email communication that was sent to all ACS members from the ACS Spring 2027 Meeting & Exposition promotion team on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.



This meeting event will be held in New Orleans, LA, March 21–25, 2027. **The deadline for abstract submissions was Wednesday, September 28, 2026.** Presenting at ACS Spring 2027 connects you to thousands of scientific professionals and **ACS' 30+ program divisions.**

Consider submitting your abstract today to advance your career goals and position yourself as a leader in your area of specialization. We are now accepting abstracts for **#ACSSpring2027** under these and other ACS divisions:

- Agricultural and Food Chemistry
- Analytical Chemistry
- Biochemistry and Chemical Biology
- Biochemical Technology
- Business Development & Management
- Carbohydrate Chemistry & Chemical Glycobiology
- Catalysis Science & Technology
- Cellulose and Renewable Materials
- Chemistry & the Law
- Chemical Health & Safety
- Chemical Education
- Chemical Information
- Committee on Minority Affairs

See the Full Symposia List Here

Upcoming Dates, Events, and Other Updates

- 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.
- October 9 (Save the Date) – Great Lakes Microscopy Society Annual Meeting at Michigan Technological University. For details, please see the article and meeting poster on pages 3 and 4, and the website at 2026 GLMS Meeting.
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- 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.

- November 4–7, 2026 (Save the Date) – ACS 2026 Southeastern Regional Meeting, Memphis, TN, featuring an exceptional scientific program, focused symposia, a historic ACS presential panel, and oral and poster sessions. **Abstract submission closed on August 10.** For more information, please see the article on page 16 in this newsletter, or click on 2026 Southeastern Regional Meeting.
- November 11 (2:00 – 4:00 PM) – *Career Mentoring Day* at Delta College – *Where Can Science Take You?*, located on the main campus in the D-wing, University Center. This program is being organized as a series of 30-minute panel discussions between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. Event co-organizers, Evan Waddell (e.waddell@dow.com) and Robin Stottlemyer (rstottlemyer@dow.com), are still looking for panel discussion volunteers, so please sign up at the Dow Volunteer Portal if interested. **Please note that the date, time block, and program format, in part, have been changed from an earlier announcement that appeared on pages 3 and 4 of the August 2026 issue of the *Midland Chemist*.** Please see the article on page 11 of this newsletter for details or to volunteer. For more information or any questions, please reach out to Evan Waddell (e.waddell@dow.com) and Robin Stottlemyer (rstottlemyer@dow.com). **To sign up, please register in the Dow Volunteer Portal by Wednesday, November 4:** https://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/eg_signup_application.start_signup?x_gm_id=6334&x_organization_id=12758455&x_event_id=32686499&x_source_flag=EGD&x_style_id=
- November 14–17, 2026 (Save the Date) – ACS 2026 Central Regional Meting (CERM 2026), hosted by the Cincinnati Section of the ACS. The 2026 ACS CERM will be held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center, in Covington, KY, serving the Greater Cincinnati region and the broader Central United States. Meeting theme – *Chemistry Beyond Boundaries: Building Trust, Breaking Myths.* **Abstract submissions closed on August 17.** For more information, please see the article on page 17 in this newsletter, or click on Submit an Abstract for 2026 CERM.

- 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.

- January 4 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) (Tentative) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at January 2027 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link, Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jJ34ZJ.

- February 1 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) (Tentative) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at February 2027 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link, Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jJ34ZJ.

- March 1 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) (Tentative) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at March 2027 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link, Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jJ34ZJ.
- March 21–25, 2027 (Save the Date) – ACS Spring 2027 Meeting & Exposition, New Orleans, LA. This meeting will be a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting. For more information, please see the information on page 18 in this newsletter or click on ACS Spring 2027. **Please note: The deadline for abstract submissions was September 28, 2026.** Registration opens December 2026.

- April 5 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) (Tentative) – Hybrid Midland Section ACS Board meeting, Rotunda Room, MSU St. Andrews, Midland (in person), and via a Microsoft Teams videoconference call connection at April 2027 ACS Board Meeting Teams Link, Meeting ID: 938 247 692 044, Passcode: jJ34ZJ.

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