

# KALCHEMIST NEWS

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## Message from the Chair

**Kent S. Alleman**

The section hosted its annual awards banquet on May 23 where our 50 year members, the Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher, Outstanding College Chemistry Students, Outstanding High School Chemistry Students, 2005 Competitive Scholarship Winners, and local section award winners were all honored. Congratulations to all of our award winners!

It is not too early to begin thinking about some of our fall activities. Mark your calendars on Wednesday, September 21, for our Fall Tour Speaker – Joseph A. Schwarcz from McGill University. Dr. Schwarcz will be speaking on “Science and the Paranormal” or “Things that Go Bump in the Night”. Time and location to be determined.

Consider running for an available local section office. This year we will be electing a Councilor, Secretary, and Chair-elect. Please contact Michael Kiella (833-9863) or me (833-5396) with your nominations.

If you are interested in becoming involved with local section activities, but are not ready to run for office, consider volunteering for one of the local section activities, like Chemistry Day at the Museum, Saturday afternoon October 15. It is a great way to help your section and reach out to the community. Assisting John Stodola with a chemistry demonstration at the museum was my first involvement with the Kalamazoo local section.

Kent

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<http://www.wmich.edu/acs/>

## 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL KACS AWARDS BANQUET

Eighty-six friends of the Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society enjoyed the Thirty Second Annual KACS Awards Banquet on May 23 in the WMU Bernhard Center. The Awards Banquet is held annually to honor outstanding individuals in our section including high school chemistry teachers and students, College Chemistry students. Those honored were,

- Brian Conway, the winner of the section's Service Award. He was honored for his years of participation in activities like Chemistry Day at the Museum and Boy Scout Chemistry Merit Badge.
- Thomas Houser and Richard Hsi (not in attendance), fifty year members of the American Chemical Society.
- Rachel Sherman, Kalamazoo College, and Michael Clift (not in attendance), Western Michigan University, Outstanding College Chemistry Students for 2005.
- Michael Huber, Portage Northern High School, Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher.



**50 Year ACS Member**  
Thomas Houser



**Outstanding College  
Chemistry Student**  
Rachel Sherman, K-College



**Outstanding High School  
Chemistry Teacher**  
Michael Huber  
Portage Northern HS

- 2005 Competitive High School Chemistry Examination winners:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>High School</u>
1	Ryan Stadt	Gull Lake
2	Srikanth Aravamuthan	Kalamazoo Central & KAMSC
3	Neil Gajare	Portage Central & KAMSC
4	Mark Griffin	Mattawan
5	Andrew Franks	Portage Central & KAMSC
5	Danielle Mai	Vicksburg & KAMSC
5	Jeffrey Osowski	Portage Central & KAMSC
8	Andrew Greene	Gull Lake
8	Corey Lager	Comstock & KAMSC
8	Brian Yagi	Kalamazoo Central & KAMSC

The following students received Honorable Mention

Calvin Boerigter	Portage Northern & KAMSC
Conner Field	Hackett Catholic Central
Matt Gumbleton	Loy Norrix & KAMSC
Elliott Manzon	Mattawan
Kevin Melotti	Portage Central & KAMSC
Vasilije Perovic	Hartford
Cody Reurink	Wayland
Seth Wolbert	Loy Norrix & KAMSC
David Yancey	Gull Lake & KAMSC
Hyden Zhang	Portage Central & KAMSC

- 2005 Outstanding High School Chemistry students from 17 area high schools:

<u>Student</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Nominating Teacher</u>
Kurt Kooy	Allegan	Jennifer Ward
Dylan Lawrence	Galesburg-Augusta	Mike Kupiecki
Dee Smith	Gobles	Steve Schmidt
Ryan Stadt	Gull Lake	Brad Portis
Aaron Lewandowski	Hackett Catholic Central	Amy Johnston
Stephanie Hallgren	Hartford	Amanda Moore
Greg Paulak	Hopkins	Geoff Crowe
Scott Beck	KAMSC	Joe Thorstenson
Caesy Buell	Kalamazoo Central	Mark Branch
Soo Yeon Kwon	Kalamazoo Christian	Al Neiboer and Kelly Joos
Collin Moerman	Lawton	Ernest Delemeester
Jaime Miller	Loy Norrix	Linda Stevens
Alexandra Haase	Mattawan	Joseph Morsfaw
Christopher Marks	Paw Paw	Doreen Odziana
Kamilya Amirova	Portage Central	John Taylor
Matthew Jacobs	Portage Northern	Mike Huber
Alex Wieck	Wayland	Karren Gabrielse



#### **Competitive Scholarship Winners**

**First Row (Lt to Rt):** Ryan Stadt, Elliot Manzon, Neil Gajare, Mark Griffin, Jeffery Osowski, Srikanth Aravamuthan, Danielle Mai.

**Second Row (Lt to Rt):** Calvin Boerigter, Cody Reurink, Kevin Melotti, Andrew Franks, David Yancey, Andrew Greene, Connor Field.



#### **Outstanding High School Chemistry Students**

**First Row (Lt to Rt):** Aaron Lewandowski – Hackett Catholic Central High School; Soo Yeon Kwon – Kalamazoo Christian High School; Caesy Buell – Kalamazoo Central High School; Ryan Stadt – Gull Lake High School.

**Second Row (Lt to Rt):** Collin Moerman – Lawton High School; Kurt Kooy – Allegan High School; Scott Beck – KAMSC; Matthew Jacobs – Portage Northern High School; Alex Wieck – Wayland High School; Christopher Marks – Paw Paw High School; Dylan Lawrence – Galesburg-Augusta High School.

The Awards banquet was organized by the KACS Education Committee (Dr. Brian Buffin, Dr. James Kiddle, Dr. Marc Perkovic, Dr. David Reinhold, and Dr. Donald Schreiber).

## **Update from the Social Coordinator**

Jennifer Larese (833-0637, [Nildran@gmail.com](mailto:Nildran@gmail.com))

As the Social Coordinator for the Kalamazoo Section, I am hoping to plan events to bring together current members and also encourage new members to get involved. If you have any suggestions, please email me: [Nildran@gmail.com](mailto:Nildran@gmail.com). I have set up a Yahoo group: [ACS\\_social@yahoo.com](http://ACS_social@yahoo.com). The group is open to anyone interested in knowing about the social activities or has suggestions – feel free to join and submit your ideas! I hope to use the group to announce upcoming activities, in addition to the newsletter.

### **July 1, 2005: Art Hop in downtown Kalamazoo**

If you haven't had a chance to check out the Art Hop, it is a good time to walk around downtown and see art, friends, and even the fire juggler! The Art Hop starts at 5 pm and the route is posted on [www.kalamazooarts.com](http://www.kalamazooarts.com) about a week in advance. Meet outside the Epic Center about 5 pm and we can go from there! Maybe have appetizers or dinner after the hop.

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### **Reading to Children**

Lydia Hines

It was a beautiful day on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, and Bronson Park in downtown Kalamazoo was teeming with almost 1,000 preschoolers. The event was the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Party in the Park, a read-to-children activity in honor of Stand for Children Day that is hosted by Ready to Read and the Kalamazoo Public Library (KPL). Patrick Irish and Lydia Hines, representing the Kalamazoo Section of the ACS, joined Kalamazoo dignitaries and volunteers, some dressed as story- book characters, as "readers". We chose several age-appropriate books (provided by the KPL) and then independently moved from one group of children to another as each group requested a "reader"; the groups varied in size from three to ten children each, and as a reader was done with a group that group would raise a "fan" signaling the need for a new reader. From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. we each read to about ten different groups of children in the park. The KPL was happy to have scientists as readers there. Both of us wore T- shirts saying "Chemistry is pHun", and Lydia also wore a tie-dyed lab coat. The children, and adults with them, were very appreciative.

This was the first time KACS has participated in this annual event. Maybe YOU can join the fun next year. Keep it in mind for late May/ early June 2006, and look in the KalChemist News for more details as they are announced!

## Call for Nominations for 2006

The KACS Executive Committee is requesting nominations for the following positions for terms starting in 2006:

**Chair Elect**

**Councilor**

**Secretary**

Please contact Michael Kiella (833-9863) or Kent Alleman (833-5396) with your nominations.

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## Project SEED Reception at WMU

The Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society will hold its annual Project SEED Reception on Monday, August 15, from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM at Western Michigan University in the Haenicke Hall third floor Atrium (maps of campus can be found at the following website, <http://maps.pp.wmich.edu/KaMai/index.html>). The current SEED Students will present posters on the work they have been doing this summer.

Project SEED is a **S**ummer **E**ducational **E**xperience for (economically) **D**isadvantaged High School chemistry students developed by the ACS. This program is aimed at creating a pool of highly motivated students from diverse backgrounds to lead our nation in chemical education, business and research. The students are paid to work side-by-side with an experienced chemical professional in a laboratory setting for eight weeks.

This program is sponsored by funds from National ACS, the local section, and donations from local companies including Pfizer Inc., Kalsec Inc., and A.M. Todd Company as well as donations from individual members.

In addition to the posters, certificates will be presented to the participants and refreshments will be served. To obtain more information about the Project SEED Program or to donate to the program please contact, Donald Schreiber at 387-2856 or by email at [donald.schreiber@wmich.edu](mailto:donald.schreiber@wmich.edu).



# 2005 KACS Calendar

Contact the person in parentheses to answer questions or to volunteer

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|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 1       | Social Event: Art Hop, Epic Center, 5:00pm (Jennifer Larese, 833-0637)                                                             |
| August 4     | Open to all Members, KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Pfizer B126 CR, 5:00pm (Kent Alleman, 833-5396)                             |
| August 15    | Project SEED Reception, WMU Haenicke Hall Atrium, 5:00pm (Don Schreiber, 387-2856)                                                 |
| September 1  | Open to all Members, KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Pfizer B126 CR, 5:00pm (Kent Alleman, 833-5396)                             |
| September 21 | Fall Tour Speaker: Dr. Schwarcz, "Science and the Paranormal" or "Things that Go Bump in the Night", TBD, (Kent Alleman, 833-5396) |
| October 15   | Chemistry Day at the Museum, Kalamazoo Valley Museum, Noon to 4:00pm (Sharon Barbour, 668.3336 ext.1498)                           |
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