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One Well Brewing helps KACS Celebrate IYPT

About 30 members, family and friends joined us at One Well Brewing (4213 Portage St, Kalamazoo) on Monday, Oct 21 to celebrate IYPT and donate a portion of patron sales to our Project SEED fund. Participants took periodic table trivia quizzes and received commemorative pint glasses and wallet size periodic tables. A hearty thank you the team at One Well for hosting us and making our event successful. Check our [IYPT website](#) for more upcoming events.



Do you have what it takes to be a Project SEED mentor?

Are you a scientist who would like to inspire a high school student to pursue studies and a career in chemistry or a related discipline? Do you work in a facility that conducts scientific study and could offer such a student an 8 week research experience in Summer 2020? If you answered yes to these questions, then Project SEED can connect you with a promising high school student who has one or more years of chemistry and comes from a family with financial need. Stipends for the students are paid by funds from ACS and from our local section. This year, our local section is committed to funding for at least two students. Additional students will be accepted if adequate funding and projects are identified. If you are interested, please send a note to Doug Williams at dwilliams@kalsec.com for more information.

Speed Networking

In late September of this year (2019), we continued the collaborative effort between the KACS, and the Department of Chemistry and the Center for Career and Professional Development at Kalamazoo College, by offering our third annual networking program to our area college students interested in the field of chemistry. This “Speed-networking event” has received the ACS P3 Award on two occasions from the Great Lakes Region and has become one of the highlights of our section’s programming each year since its inception in 2017. The 32 students who chose to participate came from the chemistry departments of Kalamazoo College, Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo Valley Community College; they had the opportunity to engage in planned activities to increase their understanding of work in the field as well as to make connections with industry professionals who were willing to spend an evening sharing advice and expertise with them. Area industries like Pfizer, Zoetis, Forensic Fluids and Kalsec once again supplied a majority of the 21 mentors. We extend our thanks to Kalamazoo College for their enthusiasm in hosting this well-received opportunity to the Kalamazoo-area college community.



Asking ACS members to inform National about their preferred address for reading ACS mail

PLEASE remember to inform ACS of **your most up-to-date contact information (telephone number, mailing address and most-likely-to-open e-address)** so that important information, such as election ballots, will reach you; in this way you may vote and have your voice heard! Send the appropriate address to service@acs.org or call **800-333-9511**.

2019 Sci-Mix / Recycle-a-Poster Session at Bell's Eccentric Cafe

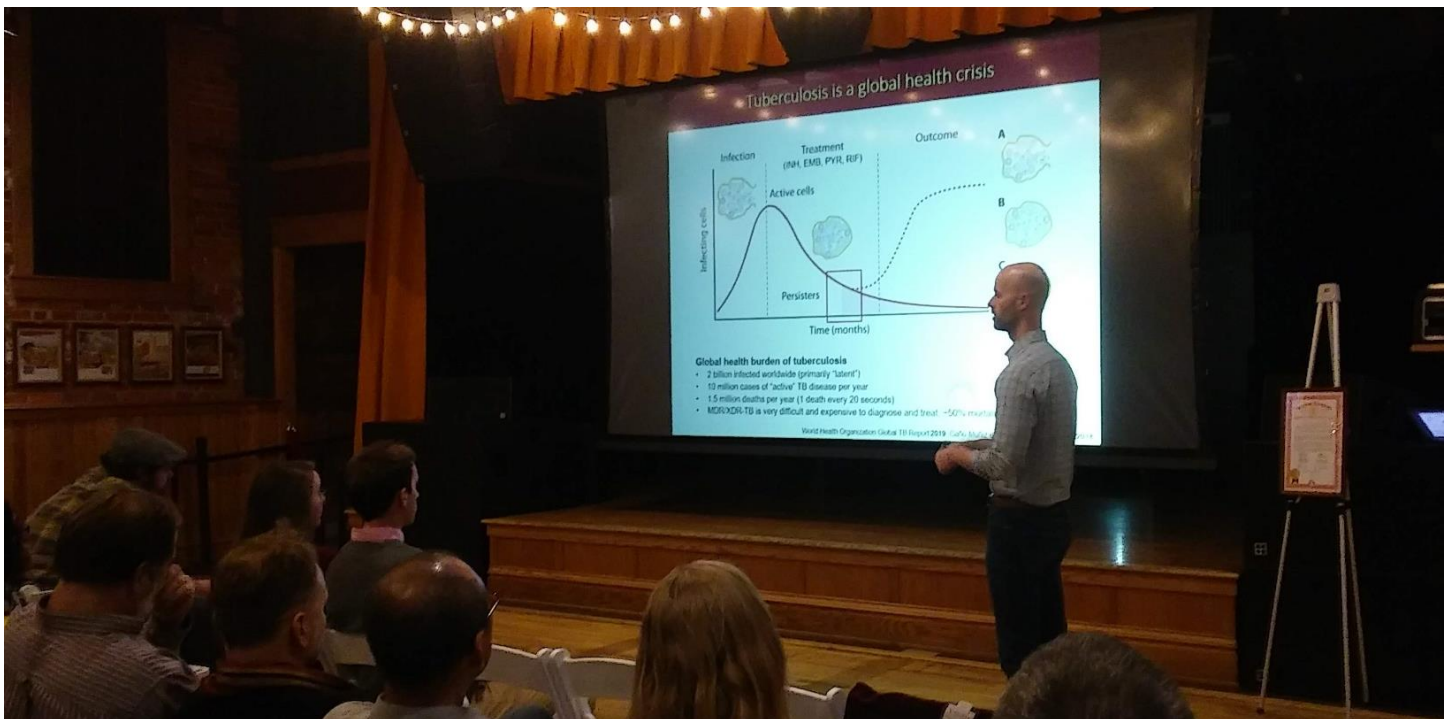
On November 12th the Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society (KACS) had another successful Recycle-A-Poster event sponsored by Zoetis at the Back room of Bell's Eccentric Café in downtown Kalamazoo. Despite the unusually snowy weather on that day this highly-anticipated award-winning event, which occurs every fall and provides an opportunity for local chemists to talk science in a relaxed atmosphere over drinks and hors d'oeuvres, attracted about 70 participants. The evening started with a surprise presentation of a Tribute to the KACS by Senator Sean McCann in recognition of the International Year of the Periodic Table. That was followed by our keynote speaker, Dr. Benjamin Swarts of Central Michigan University, who gave an incredible talk on his career and his use of chemical biology to explore novel approaches to diagnose and treat tuberculosis. The program concluded with the opportunity to review the 26 "recycled" posters displayed by undergraduate students, graduate students as well as local industrial chemists; of those posters submitted by a publicized deadline three were randomly-selected as winners and each presenter received a \$50 Visa gift card: Audrey Searing (WMU, NSF REU research at MSU), Christopher Vennard (Kalamazoo College, Chemistry), and Halle Nienhaus (WMU, Biological Sciences). KACS is greatly indebted to Zoetis, our long-term sponsor for this annual event, and would also like to offer our sincere thanks to our speaker, Dr. Swarts, and the event coordinators, Drs. Tomasz Respondek (Zoetis) and Kelly Teske (WMU), for their diligent efforts in providing us with an amazing night!



Senator Sean McCann reading a special tribute for IYPT at Bell's



Special Tribute Certificate to the Kalamazoo American Chemical Society, in recognition of celebrating IYPT



Ben Swartz, CMU speaker at the Bell's event

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