

# Newsletter

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**ACS** Local Section  
Permian Basin

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**NATIONAL  
CHEMISTRY  
WEEK**



American Chemical Society

Angelo State University | Midland College | Sul Ross State University | The University of Texas Permian Basin

## Note from the Chair



Dr. Kathryn Louie  
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September 05, 2022

Letter from the Chair:

Hope all of you had a good summer and were able to do some traveling. We are looking forward to some cooler temperatures this fall, especially after the last few months of scorching heat.

The Fall 2022 meeting in Chicago was held in a hybrid format. Let us know if you had presented at the meeting. In June, we were informed that the Permian Basin Local Section had been selected as a finalist for the ChemLuminary Award for Most Creative NCW Celebration Using the Yearly Theme. Although we did not win the award, it was great to make the finals.

Last year, our Section received a standing invitation from the California Local Section Women Chemist Committee to attend talks and discussions (i.e., networking) with their scheduled speakers. The group regularly notifies us of upcoming speakers. We will continue to send you announcements of these interesting talks. All talks are via Zoom and are free, although registration is required. In July, we received an invitation from the Greater Houston Local Section and their Young Chemists Committee to attend their scheduled seminars. These seminars are via Zoom with registration required to receive the meeting link.

The local section is working on possible seminar speakers. We will keep you informed as things develop. Feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions or ideas for programs. If you have news you would like to include in the Permian Basin News section of the newsletter, be sure to forward it to us.





## Councilor Corner

The Fall 2022 National Meeting in Chicago was conducted in a hybrid format. The Council Meeting was held in a hybrid manner on August 24, 2022.

Highlights from the 2022 Fall Council Meeting:

1. The fall 2022 meeting was held in a hybrid manner from August 21-25. As of August 24, there were 11,619 registrations (9,355 in-person and 2,264 virtual).
2. Council elected members to fill positions on several Committees of Council: Council Policy Committee (CPC), Committee on Committees (ConC), and Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E).
3. Council voted to approve several items listed in the agenda for Council Action.
4. President Wilson introduced and led a special discussion on “ACS for the Future.” She sought Councilor input on positive initiatives, programs or events that would greatly benefit ACS members or ACS at large. Councilors provided their ideas and thoughts, and relevant Society units will receive this input within the next several weeks.
5. CEO Search: CEO Thomas Connelly announced his retirement in May and the Board discussed the search for the next CEO. The search is now underway with the goal of identifying candidates, interviewing them and selecting our next CEO with a targeted start date of January 1, 2023.

Detailed reports may be found on the website <https://permianbasinacs.org/>

Kathryn Louie



# Upcoming National and Regional Meetings and Programs

## Southwestern Regional Meeting (SWRM) 2023

Oklahoma City, OK  
Omni Oklahoma City Hotel  
November 15-18  
Theme: Chemistry Energized

[Link](#)



## ACS SPRING 2023

Crossroads of Chemistry

Indianapolis, IN • Hybrid #ACSSpring2023

Spring Call For Abstract  
Is Now Open

## ACS National Meeting – Spring 2023

Hybrid  
Indianapolis, IN  
March 26-30  
Theme: Crossroads of Chemistry

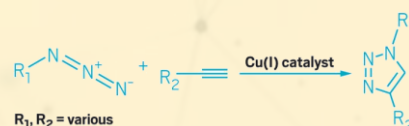
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## Click and bioorthogonal chemistry win 2022 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

Carolyn R. Bertozzi, Morten Meldal, and K. Barry Sharpless received Nobel prize for their work on reactions that quickly link molecules and the application of the reactions in living cells.

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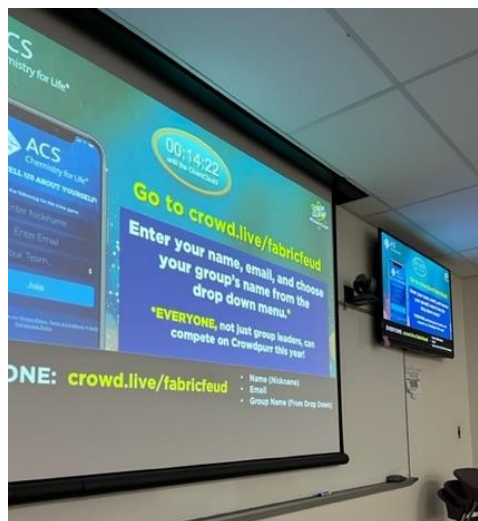
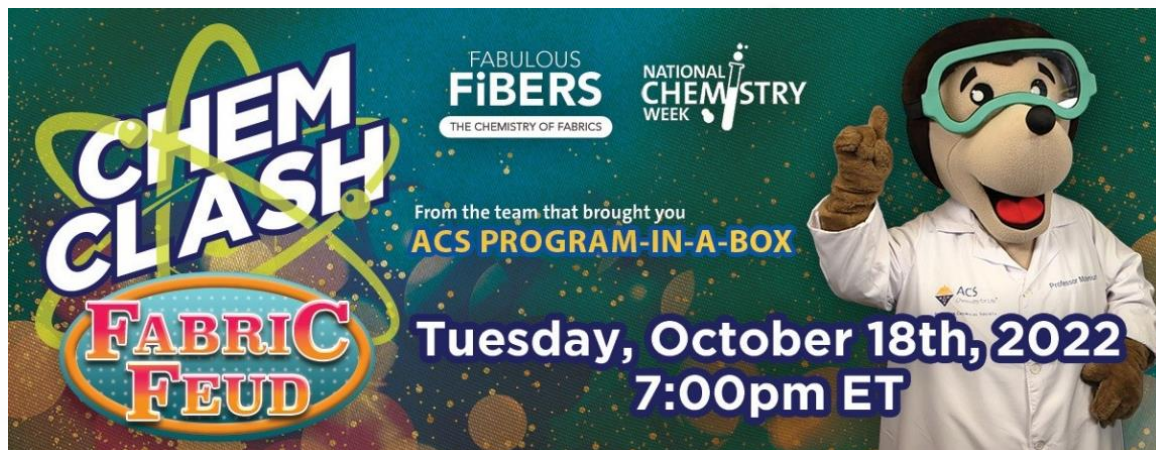
# ACS Student Chapter News

The UTPB ACS Student Chapter and the Midland College Chemistry Club participated in the STEAMFEST event at UTPB on October 30th, 2022. ([Video Link](#))



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The Midland College Chemistry Club participated in the [ChemClash](#) event on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022



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The ACS Student Chapter and the chemistry faculty at Angelo State University participated in the College of Science and Engineering (COSE) [lab night](#) on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Students from San Angelo ISD and surrounding areas took part in STEM activities.



# ACS Student Chapter News

The ACS Student Chapter and the chemistry faculty at Angelo State University organized the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering ([TAME](#)) event held on Nov-16<sup>th</sup> at ASU. The 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade school children interacted with the chemistry faculty and tried hands-on experiments.

Theme: [Diving Deep into Learning about Water](#): 2022-23 at TAME





# National Chemistry Week 2022

The ACS Student Chapters at the University of Texas Permian Basin, and Midland College celebrated the [National Chemistry Week](#) at the Midland Mall on October 22, 2022

## Fact Sheet – Flyer

Permian Basin ACS Local Section  
American Chemical Society

National Chemistry Week  
October 16-22, 2022



### Theme: Fabulous Fibers: The Chemistry of Fabrics

National Chemistry Week (NCW) is an annual community outreach program hosted by the American Chemical Society (ACS), the world's largest scientific society. It is designed to show how chemistry supports everyone and contributes to our quality of life and the nation's economy. NCW is celebrated throughout the country by all 185 local sections of the ACS. NCW began as National Chemistry Day in 1987 and was expanded to a week-long celebration in 1989.

This year's NCW theme is "Fabulous Fibers." With assistance from students, staff, volunteers from ACS local sections and chemistry clubs across the country will be involved in activities that highlight the important role that chemistry plays in our lives. More information about NCW is available at [www.acs.org/ncw](http://www.acs.org/ncw).

Varied activities are held during NCW, including many hands-on experiments designed for children. All experiments and other activities are conducted and supervised by chemists, with safety and learning as the top priorities. [Other activities include Element Contest, T-Shirt Design Contest, Lab Coat – Tie Dye Event from, J&L Laboratory Tour, UTPB's Dr. Montes Talk at Midland College, and Chemistry at the Midland Mall.](#)



Dr. Milka Montes and Dr. Pat Kesavan  
at the NCW event



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# ACS Permian Basin Officers Election 2022



The ACS Permian Basin Officers Election 2022 is going on from Nov-10 till Nov-22, 2022. Eligible voters may use the survey link sent in email to vote.

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