

# Newsletter

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# Note from the Chair



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Letter from the Chair:

Welcome to the new year, 2023! Let's plan on having more local section meetings, not just executive committee meetings. Here are a few ideas to diversify the local section meetings:

- Partner with museums, science centers, libraries
- Plan social events such as wine tasting
- Conduct industry tours
- Hold holiday programs in conjunction with family activities
- Invite general interest speakers: history, environment, future of chemistry, chemistry education, homeland security
- Ask a speaker to give a talk at two meetings within your section – many are willing to do this
- Hold separate, simultaneous meetings in two locations

We are all planning many of the above activities through student chapters in various universities in our local section region. I would like to bring collaborative events between the student chapters and local sections. As a faculty advisor for the Midland College ACS student chapter, I greatly appreciate the support from Permian Basin Local Section for community outreach activities. Let us expand our efforts and include all the local section members participating in the events organized by the student chapters! It will improve our membership and member retention within our local section!



# ACS Leadership Institute Summary



This year's in-person [ACS Leadership Institute](#) was held on January 20-22, in Atlanta, GA, where ACS leaders came together to learn both management and leadership skills to enable them to be successful leaders within the American Chemical Society. ACS Leadership Institute [virtually](#) promotes ongoing learning, development, and training for ACS volunteer leaders throughout the year.

I participated in the following sessions and courses offered at the Leadership Institute.

1. "What U Need to Know as a Local Section Leader".
  - As a newly elected ACS PB local section officer I got the opportunity to understand the ACS structure and operations, learn my new volunteer role responsibilities, develop leadership and management skills, identify key support contacts, share best practices, and network with peers.
2. A four-hour leadership course, "Plan Effective Interactive Chemistry Experiences for the Public" to learn how to conduct interactive outreach activities for various age groups.
3. Welcome from ACS President
4. Share your story presentations
5. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Respect (DEIR) - Resources
6. Ideas Gallery
7. ACS Resources Fair and Reception
8. A Team Project: Pulling it Together
9. Local section leaders' collaborative project
10. Several other focused group sessions such as;
  - Funding Workshop
  - Using Social Media for Your Local Section
  - Communicating with Your Members Workshop
  - Outreach Resources for Your Members
11. Town Hall Meeting and Wrap-Up


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# Upcoming ACS National and Regional Meetings

## ACS – Permian Basin Section Young Chemist Travel Grant

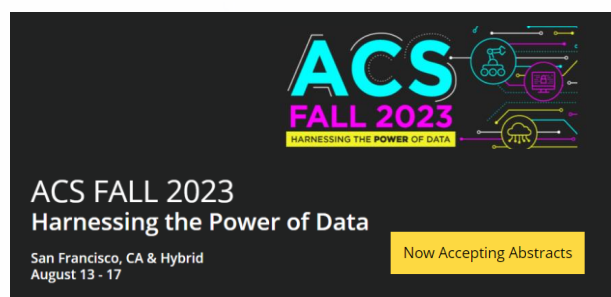
Students Travel grants are available to subsidize travel to an ACS meeting to present a paper or poster. Students can get a copy of the grant application from an ACS PB officer. The application and supporting documents should be sent to Dr. Milka Montes at [montes\\_m@utpb.edu](mailto:montes_m@utpb.edu) at least a month before the travel.



**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  
[Link](#)



**ACS FALL 2023**  
 HARNESSING THE POWER OF DATA  
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 San Francisco, CA & Hybrid  
 August 13 - 17  
 Now Accepting Abstracts

### ACS National Meeting – Fall 2023

Hybrid  
 San Francisco, CA  
 August 13 – 17  
 Theme: Harnessing the Power of Data  
[Link](#)

### Southwestern Regional Meeting (SWRM) 2023

Oklahoma City, OK  
 Omni Oklahoma City Hotel  
 November 15-18  
 Theme: Chemistry Energized  
[Link](#)



## Other Upcoming Meetings and Events



Promoting STEM Excellence in Texas

Texas Academy of Science 126th Annual Meeting will be held March 3-4, 2023, at Angelo State University in San Angelo, TX. Registration and hotel information has been posted. Students, faculty, TAS members, or presenters must register. Guest registration is for the banquet only.

More information may be found on the meeting website at <https://www.texasacademyofscience.org/2023-meeting>

A featured symposium is noted in the following flyer:

**ASU** Texas Academy of Science **2023**  
126th Annual Meeting

# SYMPOSIUM

Approaching 15 years with Invasive Zebra Mussels:  
**Current Status and Research Updates  
on the Zebra Mussel Invasion in Texas**

Angelo State University | 3.3.2023 | 3:00 - 5:30 pm

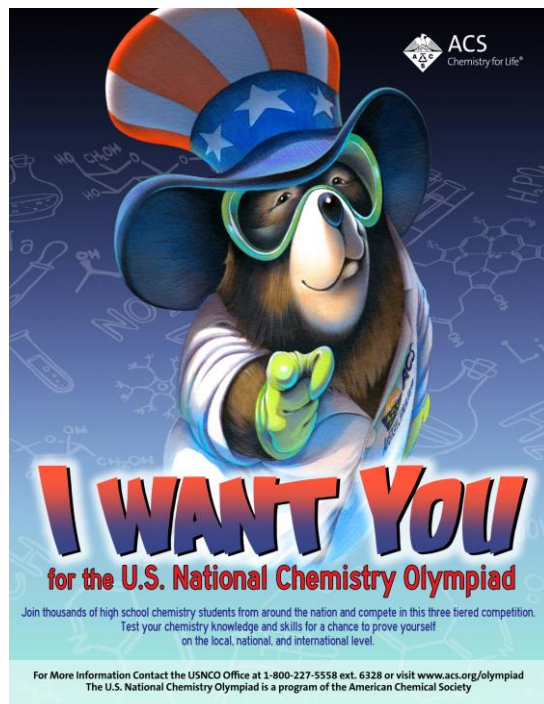
[www.texasacademyofscience.org/2023-meeting](http://www.texasacademyofscience.org/2023-meeting)

		
<b>Robert McMahon</b> Univ. of Texas at Arlington	<b>Monica McGarrity</b> Texas Parks & Wildlife	
		
<b>Jason Locklin</b> Temple College	<b>Matthew Barnes</b> Texas Tech Univ.	<b>Debi DeShon</b> Mussel Dogs
		
<b>CeJay Petersen</b> U.S. Geological Survey	<b>Michael Misamore</b> Texas Christian Univ.	



# U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (Sponsored by ACS)

The [U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad \(USNCO\)](#) program is a multi-tiered chemistry competition for high school students. ACS has sponsored the program since 1984.



## 2023 Important Dates

Schedule is subject to change. All changes will be communicated to USNCO Coordinators and posted on the USNCO website.

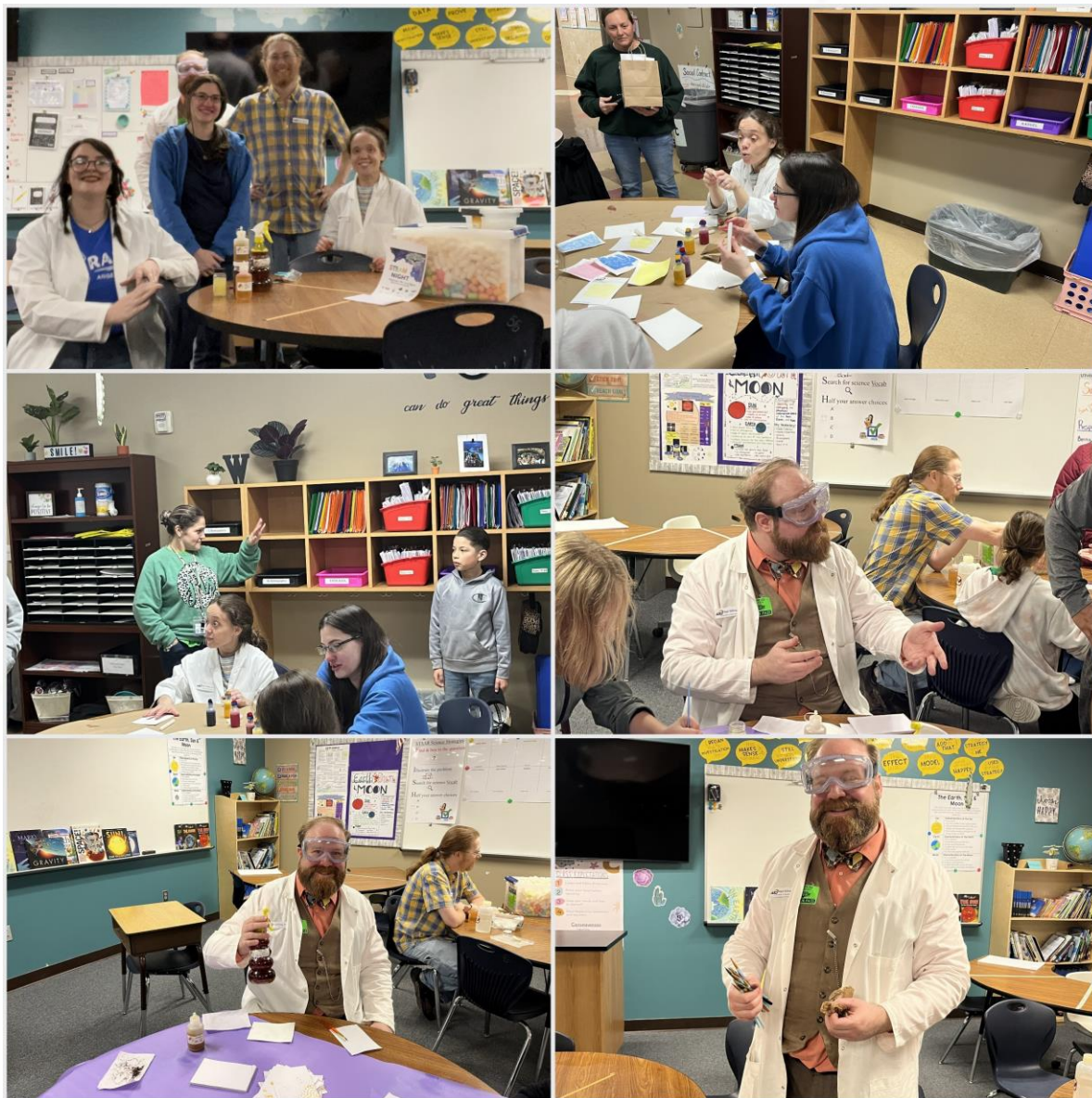
March 1-April 2	Local Exam
April 15-23	National Exam
June 4-17	Study Camp
July 16-25	International Chemistry Olympiad





# ACS Student Chapter News

The ACS Student Chapter and the Chemistry Faculty at Angelo State University participated in the STEAM night at Glenmore Elementary School, San Angelo on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## ACS Student Chapter News

The Society Committee on Education (SOCED) selects ACS Student Chapters to receive special recognition on the basis of their programs and activities, as described in their chapter reports. Our ACS student chapters received awards from SOCED for the chapters' activities during the 2021-22 academic year. The Angelo State University ACS student chapter will receive a Commendable Award and a Green Chemistry Award for outreach activities.

The ACS Student Chapter Awards Ceremony will take place on Sunday, March 26th at the ACS Spring 2023 Meeting in Indianapolis.





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