

# Newsletter

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## ACS Local Section Permian Basin



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## Note from the Chair



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November 04, 2023

Letter from the Chair:

Welcome to the Thanksgiving month of 2023! So much to be thankful for. Our local section leaders participated in the outreach efforts of NCW despite their busy semester. Kudos to Rigel Rilling from ASU for being nominated for outstanding ACS volunteer for the year!

Congratulations! Christina McDowell has been selected to receive one of the 2023 SWRM student presenter travel grants! Two other students, Weston Wilber and Molly Oum have received a young chemist award to travel to Oklahoma City in Nov 2023 to present their research at SWRM conference.

This will be my last "letter from the Chair" news for this calendar year 2023.

Have a great holiday season,

Pat Kesavan





## Councilor Corner

Councilors have been presented a couple of items to address since the 2023 Fall Council Meeting in San Francisco.

1. The Council Policy Committee in partnership with the Board Committee on Strategic Planning held the ACS Strategy Café for Councilors and Committee Leaders on September 28, 2023. This year's theme focused on ACS Goal 2: Empowering Members and Member Communities.
2. Committee on Committees held a Town Hall on October 26 and 30, 2023, to update Councilors on their External Review of ACS Council-related Committees. The external consulting firm McKinley Advisors was engaged to ensure our committees are following general governance best practices, are inclusive, have the required decision-making efficiency (including avoiding overlapping committee jurisdictions) and, most importantly, continue to maximize the volunteer experience.

Results of the Fall 2023 ACS National Election

### 1. **President-Elect**

Dorothy J. Phillips, retired, director of strategic marketing, Waters, Milford, MA

### 2. **Directors-at-Large for 2024-2026 terms**

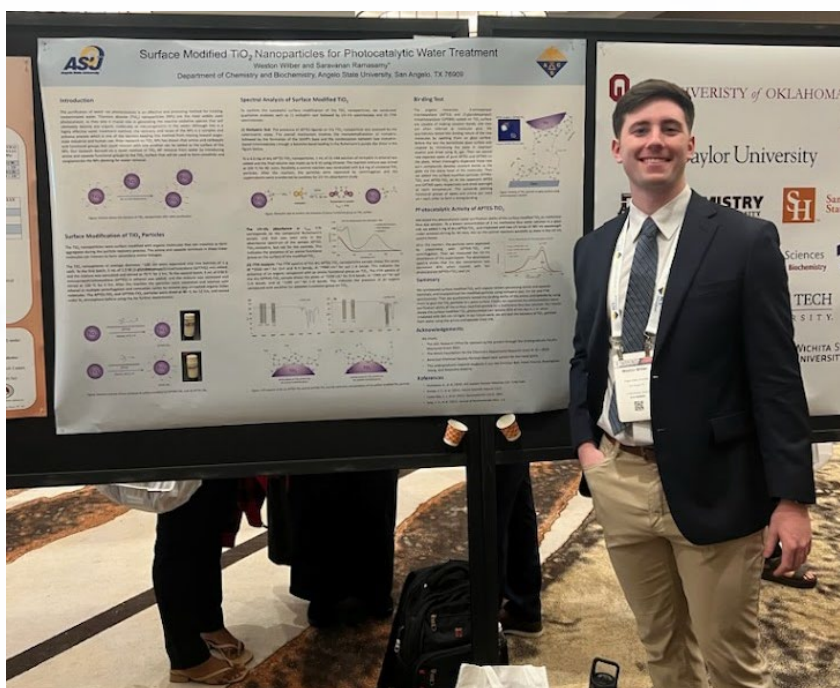
- a) Wayne E. Jones Jr. (reelected), provost and vice president of academic affairs, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
- b) Carolyn Ribes (reelected), business analytical leader, Dow Chemical, Terneuzen, Netherlands

Kathryn Louie  
Councilor, ACS Permian Basin



# Students' Presentations at SWRM

Undergraduate Students, Christina McDowell, Molly Oum, and Weston Wilber from ASU Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry presented their research poster at 2023 SWRM at Oklahoma City. They received Travel Grants from ACS Permian Basin.



Nov 15-18, 2023 Omni Hotel Oklahoma City, OK



# 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 the ACS Permian Basin website. The application and supporting documents should be sent to Dr. Milka Montes at [montes\\_m@utpb.edu](mailto:montes_m@utpb.edu) at least two months before the travel.

## [Future Meetings and Expositions](#)



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### ACS SPRING 2024 Many Flavors of Chemistry

New Orleans, LA & Hybrid  
March 17-21

Connect with peers. Get the latest insights in chemistry.

Registration & Hotels open in mid-December.

The banner features a wooden table with bowls of strawberries, blueberries, rice, and bread, overlaid with various chemical structures.



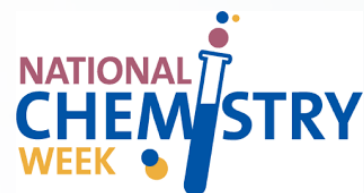
# ACS Student Chapters News

Midland College ACS Students Chapter led by Dr. Pat Kesavan participated in the Solar Eclipse Event on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. Shoutout to the enthusiastic participation of Natalya and John Anderson



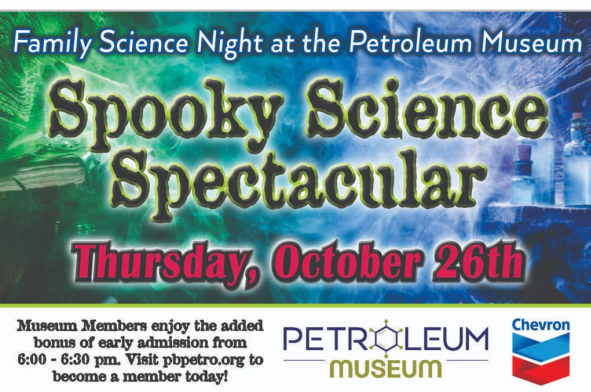
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**Midland College** ACS Students Chapter hosted a spectacular National Chemistry Week event at Midland Mall on Oct 21st! This marks one of thier biggest outreach events this year. Thanks to everyone who made it a success!



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Midland College ACS Students Chapter had a blast at the Spooky Science Spectacular Family Night on Oct 26th at the Petroleum Museum in Midland! With over 1000 attendees, it was a spooktacular success! Thanks to ACS, NWC booklets were shared to enhance the scientific fun.





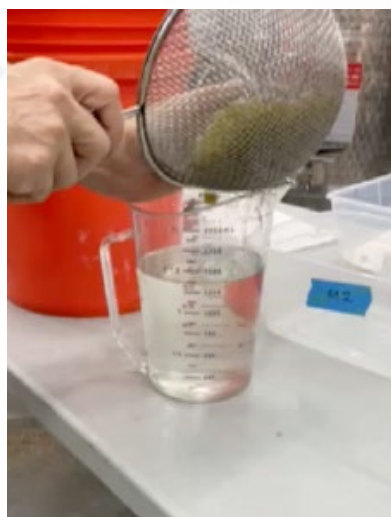
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**Angelo State University** ACS Students Chapter brought the magic of chemistry to life with a captivating Chemistry Magic Show on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, delighting the students of Lincoln Elementary School! Thanks to the incredible performances by Mr. Rigel Rilling and Amelia Broome.



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Angelo State University ACS Students Chapter hosted an inspiring guest lecture on October 17<sup>th</sup>, featuring Dr. Bart Neff, an ASU Alumni and Co-Owner of Christoval Vineyards and Winery. His talk was nothing short of motivational.



NATIONAL  
CHEMISTRY  
WEEK

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Angelo State University ACS Students Chapter, with Dr. Smith, Dr. Ramasamy, and student officers Amelia, Destiny, and Christina, showcased fascinating chemistry experiments and shared the wonders of science with the enthusiastic school children at Reagan Elementary Fall Festival STEM Fest. The children also took home the NWC booklets.



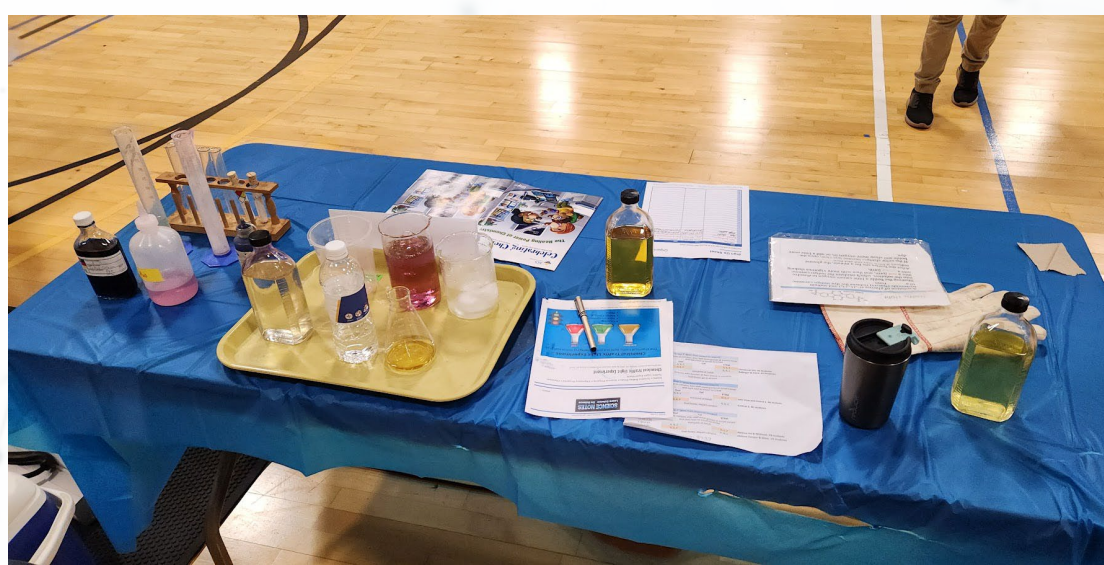
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Angelo State University ACS Student Chapter members along with Dr. Smith showcased the dye-sensitized solar cells in action during the Annular Solar Eclipse on October 14<sup>th</sup>.



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The ACS Student Chapter along with the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at **ASU** Participated in the Tuskegee Project STEM Fest on October 4<sup>th</sup> organized by the ASU College of Science and Engineering in conjunction with the U.S. Air Force.. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with students from ten high schools including Central HS, Lakeview HS, Abilene HS, Abilene Cooper, Midland HS, Winn HS, Medina Valley, San Angelo Christain Academy, Christoval MS and HS, and Ballinger HS.



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The ACS Permian Basin Officers Election for the year 2024 is going on from Nov-15 till Nov-25, 2023. Eligible voters may use the survey link sent in email to vote.

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