



## American Chemical Society Western Michigan Section March, 2015 Newsletter

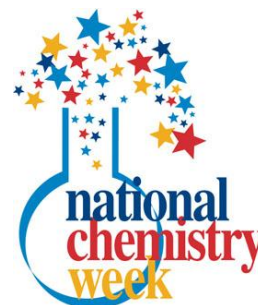
### Speakers for Spring will be announced later

The section is currently lining up speakers for spring meetings. Details will be sent via e-mail as more information becomes available.

### Chemistry at the Mall (Change of Venue and Leadership)

We want to thank Lou DuPont (Honeywell Burdick and Jackson) for all of his very hard work the past few years. He coordinated all of the details for National Chemistry Week and our Chemistry at the Mall event. Honestly He has done the finest job imaginable. Thanks Lou!

Dale Schipper (Amway) will be taking Lou's place and with some mentoring from Lou, we are sure he will also do a great job. The theme this year is "Chemistry Colors Our World", the chemistry of dyes, pigments and light. The event will be held at Woodland Mall in Grand Rapids for the first time ever and is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015 from approximately 12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM).



If anyone is interested in a great volunteer position, Dale is looking for individuals to help with some of the details for the event this fall. Please contact Dale at [dalejschipper@gmail.com](mailto:dalejschipper@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### Western Michigan ACS Chair- Elect Position Open

We are soliciting persons interested in running for Chair-Elect for 2016. Current Chair-Elect is Bertil Nshime (Amway). It's not that much work and is a great resume builder. We would really like to see someone from a University or College get involved. Contact current Chair Gregor Stasik (Amway) if interested [Gregor.stasik@Amway.com](mailto:Gregor.stasik@Amway.com).

### Offer for Students Attending ACS Meetings

The West Michigan Local ACS Section will help support students presenting at either of the 2015 ACS National Meetings (Denver, 3/22-26, or Boston, 8/16-20). The cost of undergraduate student member registration (\$110) will be reimbursed through the faculty mentor after each meeting. The reimbursement form can be found on the Local ACS Website <http://westernmichigan.sites.acs.org/>. Good luck to all our local section undergraduate students – enjoy the national meetings!

Items for the Newsletter may be submitted to James Krikke (GVSU) at [krikkeji@gvsu.edu](mailto:krikkeji@gvsu.edu)

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### Congratulations!

The American Chemical Society's magazine for student members, *In Chemistry*, has once again recognized some of our local student chapters for their 2013-2014 programs. The following schools were recognized in the November/December issue:

Commendable: **Aquinas College**, Grand Rapids, MI; Faculty Advisor - Elizabeth Jensen  
Chapter Presidents - *Marissa Saladin* and *Anastasia McRoberts*

Honorable Mention: **Ferris State University**, Big Rapids, MI; Faculty Advisor - Pasquale Di Raddo  
Chapter President - *David Birdsall*

**Grand Valley State University**, Allendale, MI,  
Faculty Advisors - Matthew Hart and Andrew Lantz  
Chapter Presidents - *Garett MacLean* and *Samantha Bidwell*

**Hope College**, Holland, MI; Faculty Advisor - Jeffrey Johnson  
Chapter Presidents – *Alexandra Benson* and *Nicholas Hubley*

### West Michigan Section to Co-host the 2015 Central Regional Meeting – May 27-30



Plans are finalized for the West Michigan Section to host the Central Regional Meeting with the Kalamazoo Section in 2015. On May 27-30 of 2015 the Great Lakes and Central Regions of the American Chemical Society have the privilege of hosting a Joint Regional Meeting at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and DeVos Place in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Capitalizing on the interests in our geographic area, the three **focus themes** chosen for the meeting are **Food, Health, and Environment**.

Encompassing primarily the full states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, North Dakota and Wisconsin this meeting offers affordable accessibility to faculty and students to present their research, hear lecturers of renown and to network with other science professionals. Our plenary speaker on Wednesday, May 27, will be **Dr. Scott Denmark**, an award-winning faculty member at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

**Registration is now open at our website <http://jglcrm2015.com>. Advanced registration deadline is April 19, 2015 so register soon!** Please check the website regularly for updates on the preliminary program, keynote speakers, and events that will make the Joint Great Lakes/Central Regional Meeting a Grand Enterprise.

Hotel registration information is also available on our website. Please make reservations at: <http://jglcrm2015.com/travel.html>.