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ACS-KC SECTION SPENCER AWARD BANQUET AND OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHAT: *Annual Spencer Award Dinner and Presentation*

WHEN: *Thursday, October 8, 2026; 5:30pm Social; 6:00pm Buffet Dinner*

WHERE: *Grand Street Café, 4740 Grand Ave, Kansas City MO*

AWARD WINNER: *Dr. Michael Appell, USDA-ARS National
Center for Agricultural Utilization Research*

MENU: *After an array of appetizers and a cash bar, we will be treated to a Buffet
Style Dinner featuring House Salad; Roasted Mushroom Risotto + Creamy Goat Cheese
Polenta; Brussel Sprouts + Grilled Broccoli; Marinated Grilled Sirloin, Chicken
Parmesan, and Shrimp & Chorizo Paella. Wine will be offered on each table.*

COST: *Free for students & post docs (if a reservation has been made,
otherwise, \$10); \$10 for teachers, professors, & retirees; \$20 for all other
attendees.*

RSVP: *Please RSVP to Sarah Leibowitz: sleibowitzacs@gmail.com by
October 1, 2026. Thank you!*

WHAT: *October Membership Meeting-Tues. Oct 13, 6pm*

WHERE: *Arthur Mag Conference Center, 425 Volker, KCMO*

SPEAKER: *Dr. Kelsey Miles, Chemistry Professor/Award
Winning Songwriter/Speaker*

PRESENTATION: *Life Experiments™*

*This isn't a lecture. It's live chemistry and original music, built
around one idea: Life isn't meant to be solved. It's meant to be
discovered.*

MENU: *Pizza from Minsky's, Veggies, Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks*

COST: *\$5*

RSVP: *Please see sidebar for RSVP info. Thank you!*

ABSTRACT for Spencer Award Presentation:

"Greener Solutions for Crop Security: Engineering Agro-based Materials to Mitigate Pathogen Threats and Support Commodity Quality"

Pathogens and other agricultural contaminants pose a persistent threat to global crop security and agricultural sustainability. To address these challenges, novel chemical strategies have been developed to mitigate pre- and post-harvest contamination, enhancing the resilience of agricultural commodities. Recent advancements in multidisciplinary approaches that integrate artificial intelligence, materials science, and analytical chemistry include the development of predictive quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) models. These computational tools are essential for identifying effective, safe agro-based antifungals for crop protection and for accurately predicting the phytotoxicity of natural toxins. Furthermore, engineered agro-based materials successfully detect and permanently sequester contaminants from complex agricultural matrices. By combining computational informatics with agro-materials development, these innovations provide robust, greener agrochemical methodologies to safeguard the agricultural supply chain, advance sustainable contaminant management, and preserve quality.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

***October's Spencer Award Presentation & Banquet:** This prestigious award will be presented to Dr. Michael Appell, USDA-ARS National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, on Thursday, October 8th at Grand Street Café, 4740 Grand Ave., KCMO. We hope you'll mark your calendar and plan to join us. See details on Page 1 of this publication.

***October Membership Meeting:** Dr. Kelsey Miles, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Avila University in KC & award-winning songwriter will entertain us with a little bit of both on October 13, 6:00 pm at the Arthur Mag Conference Center, 425 Volker Ave., KCMO! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

***November Membership Meeting:** Dr. Grant Shivers, Senior Scientist II, Chemical Development, Cambrex Charles City will give talk on Tuesday, November 10th at the Arthur Mag Conference Center, 425 Volker Ave., KCMO. Details to follow but mark your calendar to attend!

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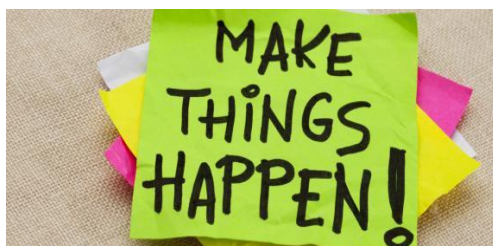
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