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by Friday, May 2, 2025.  
Thank you!

## ACS-KC SECTION

### STUDENT AND TEACHER AWARDS BANQUET:

WHEN: *Thursday, May 8, 2025; 6:00pm*

WHERE: *Princess Garden Restaurant, 8906 Wornall Rd., KCMO*

SPEAKER: *Dr. Gary Clapp, Retired, MWSU and the Kit Bond Science and Technology Incubator*

MENU: *Family Style Dinner including Appetizers: Egg Rolls, Crab Rangoon, and Hot & Sour Soup; Entrees: Cashew Chicken, Beef & Broccoli, Shrimp & Veggies & Tofu & Veggies. Hot & Iced Tea included. Additional beverages available for purchase.*

COST: *Members: \$20; Students & Seniors: \$5; Awardees: FREE*

OUR SPEAKER: *Dr. Clapp retired after 30+ years in Environmental, Pharmaceutical, and Forensic Chemistry prior to finishing his career teaching Organic Chemistry at MWSU. At the May Awards Banquet, Gary will lead us in a 15 min. session where we will participate in solving 1 of 4 scenarios his group worked on and resolved in a variety of fields. We'll be asked to use our chemistry knowledge along with other skills we've acquired, to solve a technical problem they encountered. Table groups will be given an issue to resolve, to the best of their ability, and then a chosen member of the table will act as spokesperson to summarize the resolution reached! Dr. Clapp will then disclose how the issue was resolved during their initial investigation.*

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50- & 60- YEAR MEMBERS!**

*We celebrate your ACS membership and service! Please join us for our Awards Banquet to be recognized on May 8<sup>th</sup>! Those who joined in 1965: Dr. Jerry Dias, Dr. Tawfeek Elattar, Dr. Charles Greenlief, Dr. Larry Lambing, & Dr. Charles Radanovics; 1964: Dr. Ronald Blecke, Dr. Stanley Greenfield, Dr. Robert Hirschmann, Dr. Thomas Metz & Sr. Mary O'Rourke; 1975: Mr. Mark Algaier, Dr. Alan Colen, Ms. Nancy House, & Mr. Francis McNamara; 1974: Dr. William Brinkman, Mr. Donald Leming, Mr. Mark Litchman, Mr. Mark Northrup & Dr. John Pierce*



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## USNCO:

### National Exam participants and their sponsoring teachers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 11 STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD EXAM AT MISSOURI WESTERN UNIVERSITY ON WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025! The exam was administered by Alcinda Ruuskanen with invaluable help from MWSU students Matilda Soderlund and Emma Salker as they helped with preparing solutions and setting up the lab.

They are:

**Andrew Hodges**, Liberty North HS ~ Sponsoring teacher: Spencer Fish  
**Charlie Fisher**, Liberty North HS ~ Sponsoring teacher: Spencer Fish  
**Eddison Chen**, Blue Valley Northwest ~ Sponsoring teacher: Nanet Sula  
**Neil Agarwal**, Blue Valley West HS ~ Sponsoring teacher: Brad Banning  
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**Angel Samano**, Olathe North HS ~ Sponsoring teacher: Amy Clement

### *Upcoming Events:*

#### Chemists Celebrate Earth Week

##### **Glaciers: Hot Topic, Cool Chemistry!**

Celebrate the International Year of Glacier Preservation and glaciers' role in creating a more sustainable world during **April 21-27, 2025**, which is Chemists Celebrate Earth Week. Float into the world of glaciers and learn about this "Hot Topic, Cool chemistry!" in the latest edition of *Celebrating Chemistry*. Visit: <https://www.acs.org/education/celebrating-chemistry-editions/2025-ccew.html> for more information and resources.

#### Annual ACS-KC Section Networking Picnic

Mark your calendar! We have the River Shelter at English Landing Park in Parkville reserved from 11:00am-2:00pm on **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**! Join us for food, beverages, games, networking and good company! There is no cost to attend; our local section will provide food, drinks, and the grill master! Feel free to bring any yard games you'd like to play and maybe even your dog! There are walking trails as well. Questions? Contact Sarah Leibowitz at: [sleibowitzacs@gmail.com](mailto:sleibowitzacs@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you and enjoying the picnic food and having fun with you!

#### ACS MWRM: ACS Midwest Regional Meeting 2025

##### **October 12-14, 2025, Columbia MO**

Abstract Submission for ACS MWRM opens April 14, 2025! Visit [mwrms2025.org](http://mwrms2025.org) in the coming months for further information.

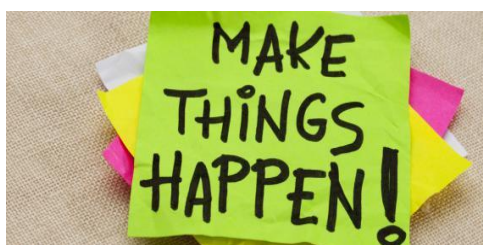
## ACS-KC SECTION CELEBRATES ITS QUASQUICENTENNIAL

This year, the KC Section is celebrating our Quasquicentennial, which is our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! That's right, the section was founded in 1900, and we are going to have a year-long celebration as a result. The section recently received a \$2,000 grant from the National ACS in support of our Quasquicentennial Celebration and we plan on organizing many interesting activities, including inviting some eminent speakers and having a membership meeting where we review the past 125 years of history of the section. If you have ideas for events or celebrations that you would like to see for our Quasquicentennial, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jwoodford@missouriwestern.edu](mailto:jwoodford@missouriwestern.edu). Thank you for celebrating this milestone!

### *ACS-KC Standing Committees & Chairs*

**Please consider volunteering on one (or more) of our committees!  
We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and contribution!**

\*Please contact Gary Clapp ([geclapp424@yahoo.com](mailto:geclapp424@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in one of the committees. Thank you! We would appreciate it, and we welcome your input and assistance!



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