



ACS-KC SECTION ANNUAL NETWORKING PICNIC AT THE LANDING!

WHEN: Saturday, June 6th; 11:00am-2:30pm

WHERE: English Landing Park, Parkville MO; we have the River Shelter reserved

MENU: ACS-KC Section will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, chips, veggies, cookies and drinks. Please bring a side or dessert if you'd like to, however, it is not necessary. FYI: Alcohol is permitted in the park.

COST: FREE of charge

RSVP: Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 2, 2026 (See sidebar)

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at this fun networking picnic! We will also enjoy yard games and a new game: "Chemistry chronology" so come ready to play in the beautiful setting! Feel free to reach out to Sarah Leibowitz if you have any questions.

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Please RSVP to Sarah Leibowitz:
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by June 2, 2026.
Thank you!



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USNCO 2026: The United States National Chemistry Olympiad is a multi-tiered competition designed to stimulate and promote achievement in high school chemistry. It is sponsored by the American Chemical Society. Local Chemistry Olympiad competitions are open to all high school students in the U.S. **The Local Exam period was February 27-March 16. The National Exam took place April 10-19.**

Our top 12 Local Exam Students are: **1. Eddison Chen** (sophomore), Blue Valley NW, Theresa Kennedy (teacher); **2. Matthew Chen** (senior), Blue Valley North, Amy Schulte (teacher); **3. Bryce Harms**, Liberty North, Spencer Fish (teacher); **4. Ryan Seo**, Blue Valley West, Cheryl Myers (teacher); **5. Katherine Chang**, Olathe North, Amy Clement (teacher); **6. Mahi Kohli**, Olathe North, Amy Clement (teacher); **7. Katie Cole**, Liberty North, Spencer Fish (teacher); **8. Neil Joshi**, Blue Valley West, Brad Banning (teacher); **9. Gabriel Jenkins**, Liberty HS, Stu Jorgensen (teacher); **10. Adnan Rathore**, Liberty HS, Stu Jorgensen (teacher); **11. Mikel Law**, Olathe NW, Justin Slaven (teacher); **12. Aarav Sharma**, Blue Valley North, Amy Schulte (teacher).

***2026 Kenneth A Spencer Award Winner Announced!**

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Appell, USDA-ARS National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research. Our ACS-KC Section is already working on the Award Presentation and Banquet which will take place in the fall. Much more information to come in the Kansas City Chemist publications.

The Kenneth A Spencer Award for Outstanding Achievement in Agricultural and Food Chemistry was founded in 1955. It is recognized as one of the most prestigious awards presented to chemists working in many agricultural and food science areas. The award endorses meritorious contributions by scientists in academia and industry. For more than 60 years, the outstanding achievements of the Awardees have continued to establish the great reputation of the Spencer Award within the United States of America.

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@gmail.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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