



Dear Fellow Chemists,

As the school year is already in full swing, let me update you on what the local ACS section has been doing—and what opportunities are available soon.

1. We had a great Summer activity, despite the intense heat. On Friday, August 30 nearly three dozen members and LSAMP students toured the historic Louisville Water Tower and Museum. We got not only a history of the building, but how Louisville area water is purified and why it continually wins awards. Then we walked next door to the River Road BBQ for excellent Kentucky-style food. Everyone enjoyed the event and represented our section well.
2. For our regular celebration of National Chemistry Week, the Kentucky Science Center will host us on Friday, October 25th, from 10 to 2 to demonstrate activities for groups of grade school children. Many times in the past Chemical companies have sent groups to represent them and get good community recognition, and we invite any to come do this. Anyone wishing to participate needs to authorize the ACS National to do a personal background check (free) because we will be working with children. Please use this link [ACS Background Check Link](#) for the process conducted by Sterling Volunteers; but please also let Veronica Greenwell at the Kentucky Science Center know you are coming so she can give you the parking code to park free: Direct line: 502-560-7151 or [veronica.greenwell@kysciencecenter.org](mailto:veronica.greenwell@kysciencecenter.org). Please visit [Louisville Section - ACS](#) for any updates.
3. The 44th Annual Derby Lecture Series event slated at U of L last spring was cancelled because the speaker couldn't make it at the last minute. As a replacement, we have been asked to help live stream a "Halloween" lecture on Oct 31 (technical) and Nov 1 (family oriented) by Prof Joseph Haupp from Northwestern University. His research on the interaction of organo-metallic chemistry and organic polymers has been helpful in many ways. There are also a couple of seats available at a dinner at the Olmstead on Halloween Evening at 6:30 pm for \$20 each should someone be interested. Please contact Bhavi Shah of the U of L Chemistry Graduate Student Association at [bhavi.shah@louisville.edu](mailto:bhavi.shah@louisville.edu) if you are interested in attending that Thursday (Halloween) evening meal. Please visit [Louisville Section - ACS](#) for any event updates.
4. As in the past few years, the Gold Mass, a way that the Catholic Church officially shows its appreciation for those working in all sciences, will take place at 6 pm on Monday, November 18 in Holy Family Church, 3938 Poplar Level Rd., with a (free) pizza and salad reception afterwards with Notre Dame scholar, Dr. Chris Baglow giving a talk on science. One can simply attend the meal and talk, or attend the Mass as well, regardless of one's own denominational background, and be thanked for what we do and who we are. Open to all, no RSVP needed.

May God watch over you through all the wonderful and dangerous things you do in the lab each day!

Blessings,

Fr. Pat

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