



Dear Fellow Chemists:

Your Louisville Section (#229) of the American Chemical Society has continued to serve you in small ways over the holidays these past few months. Much of the efforts have been simply in preparation for events to come.

### Completed:

1. **2025 National Chemistry Week:** Activities on Spice Chemistry at the Kentucky Science Center on Friday morning October 24<sup>th</sup> during National Chemistry Week went well, involving chemistry demonstrations for many school children on field trips.
2. The **2025 Gold Mass** took place on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Albert the Great (Albertus Magnus of Medieval fame) at 10 am, with a special blessing for all scientists by the Louisville Archbishop, Most Rev. Shelton Fabre, followed by a science talk over lunch (food provided by your local ACS section) that was enthusiastic.
3. Our **2025 Annual Meeting** and elections continued the same folks in office you have selected (much of it by default because no one else was interested in serving in local arrangements). We certainly understand how busy most folks are at this time of the year, and all year, but ask you to consider leadership help—for the burdens are minimal and combine well with our “day jobs. For anyone interested, we have openings for a Councilor, Chair-Elect, Liaisons from IU-SE and U of L, and Member(s) at Large. These positions look nice on a job resume. Our Section Secretary, Kaya Muller ([kaya.muller@kctcs.edu](mailto:kaya.muller@kctcs.edu)) can take applications or offer descriptions.
4. Our **2025 Annual Report** to ACS National was submitted and accepted, which means that we get access to local dues you have paid. We will continue to use these to make good things (but not too many) happen for you.

### Upcoming:

1. The **U.S. Chemistry Olympiad** and **Science Fairs** are beginning, and we thank our Section Secretary Kaya Muller, for coordinating the Olympiad, and for helping recruit science fair judges. If you are interested in helping judge the science fairs, please contact Kaya as above.
2. Our **Councilor**, Jim Francis, will still represent us at the ACS National Meeting in Atlanta in April, but has moved out of the Louisville Section Territory and our Alternate Councilor, Jim Tatera, will fill out his remaining months.
3. Our **2026 Awards Banquet** will take place at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Impellizzeri's Pizza, 4933 Brownsboro Rd at the Watterson Expressway. The move there was because many families brought numbers of young students and that kind of food choice is more popular with them. Various pastas, salads, and their legendary pizzas will all be available and paid for by the Louisville Section. More details and sign-up info will be in our next message.

**4. Upcoming Employment News:** If any company has employment opportunities and wants them listed in our newsletter for free, we are happy to do that as a service to our members-especially to any graduating students who love the area and want to stay and work locally. Please email me (below) to pass on the information to our webmaster.

May God's blessings be with you all,

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