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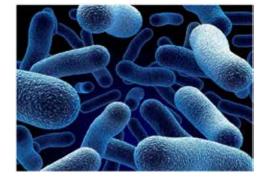
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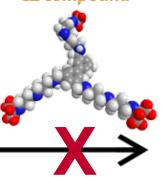
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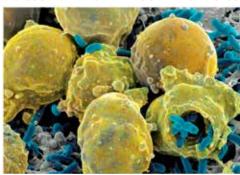
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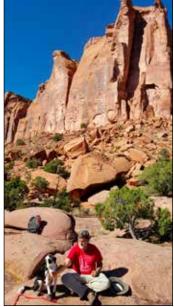
Letter from the Chair



Dear Colleagues, Alumni and Friends of Chemistry,

At this time of the year, those of you who have moved out of state are seriously wondering why. Salt Lake City and its surroundings present arguably the best cross-product of excellent science and geographical attractions of any university setting in America. Autumn in Utah brings spectacularly clear skies, crisp mornings, and the anticipation of snowcaps on the Wasatch. Only a few hours away, the southern desert beckons.

On a recent weekend, husband Scott (physical chemist), Tillie (rabbitherding canine) and I explored new territory in Day Canyon just west of Moab. Sketchy literature told us where to park and begin. After crossing the railroad tracks and diving into the tamarisk jungle at the mouth of the canyon, we needed some considerable route-finding skills to find a suitable pathway through overgrown sagebrush, around waterholes and boulders, and over quicksand and logjams. Occasionally we found ourselves in a side box canyon with unscalable rock walls and had to backtrack to find a completely new route. Finally, after a decidedly endothermic climb, we emerged at the



top of the canyon to 360° views of vertical cliffs and the canyon floor. We had reached our goal!

Perhaps it is obvious to you why I'm recounting this story—it mirrors the challenges we face at a Research I university in pushing the frontiers of research and education. Each day in the classroom and in the lab, we explore new methods to make or break chemical bonds, to create new molecules, tools, and assemblies and to understand properties and pathways in materials and biomolecules. Each project

problem, the pathway to our goal.

To explore Day Canyon, we needed only water, sunscreen and a comfortable pair of boots. To solve chemistry problems in drug discovery and alternative energy, we need talented students working with exceptional faculty and staff in modern research facilities. We are grateful to have the support of the University of Utah administration along with federal grants for research and education to supplement the State budget for higher education. Many of you know that those funds are not enough; our wonderful donors have risen to the challenge of providing additional funds to recruit students and faculty, to support our research and education programs, and to build an outstanding chemistry department at the U.

progresses by fits and starts, requiring a combination of curiosity and tenacity to find the solution to the

In this issue of *The Catalyst*, you will read about some of the incredible accomplishments of our students, faculty and alumni, and see how donors like yourself are making a difference as we reach new heights. **THANK U** for your support!

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Cynthia J. Burrows
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New Lectureship Honors Bob Parry

Distinguished Professor Robert W. Parry was a giant in our profession. In his 60-year career, Bob taught thousands of undergrads and mentored over 60 Ph.D. students and postdocs. Together with Henry Eyring and Cheves Walling, Bob played a key role in the growth and development of chemistry at Utah.

To celebrate Bob's life and career, the Department has endowed the Robert W. Parry Lectureship in Chemistry. The Parry Lectureship will invite eminent inorganic chemists to present their cutting edge research to our students and faculty at an annual event that honors Bob's memory. Professor **Harry Gray** of Caltech will give the inaugural Robert W. Parry Lecture on April 12, 2016. Thank you to those who made the Parry Lectureship possible:

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A New Antibiotic to Fight Superbugs



The antibiotic team in Ryan Looper's lab: Dustin Williams, Travis Haussener, Ryan Looper, Hari Kanna Reddy, Chad Testa, Jack Mohr, & Paul Sebahar

Development of new antibiotics has been developed a drug specifically for biofilms. dwindling at a time when we need them most. Antimicrobial resistant infections are estimated to a drug for planktonic bacteria." cause 10 million annual deaths around the globe (more than cancer), at an economic cost of \$100 trillion, by 2050.

this looming crisis. Research in the Looper lab has led to two promising compounds for antibiotic development – a new compound that hits a new site in the ribosome, and an antibiofilm antibiotic called feed, and then hunker back down into a biofilm. CZ-99.

"These are two concepts that are fundamentally interesting in terms of understanding how the molecules work and what they do," Looper said. "That alone is something that the antibiotic a complete lack of new directions in this field."

Biofilms, one focus of Looper's research, are with elements of known antibiotics. a leading cause of antibiotic resistance. First, the drug can't break through the protective biofilm to interact with the protective layer of the biofilm, but kill bacteria. Then, the surviving bacteria, closely confined in the biofilm, much more efficiently transfer the developed resistance from bacterium between the compositions of those two," Looper to bacterium. In fact, bacteria in biofilms are up to explained. "The idea was to design a molecule 1,000 times more resistant to antibiotics.

on how biofilms are formed. Only recently have walls, killing them. Essentially these become very scientists started thinking about how to disperse specific, very selective detergents for bacterial cell biofilms. According to Looper, nobody has ever membranes and bacterial biofilms."

"It turns out that is very different than developing

Looper began tackling this challenge in collaboration with Dustin Williams, co-director of the Bone and Joint Research Lab in the VA Medical Professor Ryan Looper is working to address
Center and Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics.

> Over time, bacteria in biofilms become resource limited. Eventually they disperse themselves to go The literature suggested that as biofilms matured, polyamines become increasingly expressed, and once their concentration gets to a certain point, the biofilm will disperse.

The Looper group identified some specific development community needs, because we've seen attributes of the polyamines that help biofilms disperse, and then focused on merging that dispersal

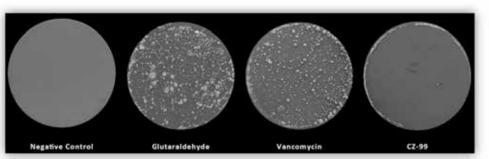
"We were looking for compounds that can also interact with the cell membrane of the bacteria, because there are some chemical correlations that can interact with both, so that you disperse Research in the past ten years has concentrated the biofilm and you disperse the bacteria cell

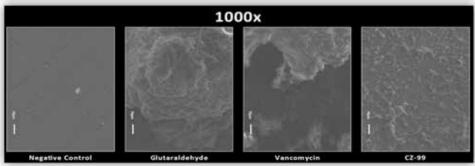
They're also effective. CZ compounds disperse and kill MRSA biofilms better than Vancomycin, our "last line of defense" in antibiotics.

The synthesis of this molecule, CZ-99, is a huge accomplishment in and of itself. Now it faces the road to FDA approval commercialization. and That's where partner pharmaceutical company Curza Global steps in. Curza will head preclinical development and safety studies, leading to an

Investigational New Drug (IND) Application and time. CZ-99 may accelerate the dispersal of those getting CZ-99 into big pharma's hands. They are a bridge over what Looper calls "the valley of death of academic drug discovery."

Part of that process is also identifying where Looper said. CZ-99 also has the most profound use. Biofilms are a problem in paint, in oil pipelines, in chronically currently exist, CZ-99 will first have to be approved infected knee implants, cystic fibrosis infections, as a traditional antibiotic. Ideally, this compound's diabetic foot ulcers, and tuberculosis. A very form biofilms, allowing Lyme disease to persist in have synergy with traditional antibiotics, like CZlow chronic levels of infection over long periods of 99, may have specific FDA guidelines for approval.





Samples show CZ-99's efficacy against MRSA biofilms compared to Glutaraldehyde and Vancomycin.

spirochete biofilms.

"The ultimate hope is that these sorts of chronic infections can be helped by this new class of drugs,"

Because no other antibiofilm antibiotics approval will help understand biofilm-related promising aspect is its efficacy against Borrelia, the infections and how to prove clinical success of bacterium behind Lyme disease. These spirochetes treating them. In the future, antibiofilm drugs that

Recent Faculty Awards

Peter Stang, 2015 China's Friendship Award - Read more on page 8

Ryan Looper, Teva Pharmaceuticals Scholar

This award (administered by ACS and funded by Teva Pharmaceuticals) supports academic scientists at Ph.D.-granting institutions in the U.S. Awardees receive \$100,000/year for three years to support research with potential or direct connections to medicinal chemistry.

Amy Barrios, chemistry alumna (BS '95) and U of U Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, is also a 2015 Teva Pharmaceuticals Scholar. Two out of the three Teva awards went to the U this year!

Ryan Looper, U of U Presidential Scholar

The Presidential Scholar award supports the work of exceptionally promising mid-career faculty across campus, providing funding for three years for research, teaching, and outreach.

Luisa Whittaker-Brooks, Marion Milligan Mason Award

Prof. Whittaker-Brooks is one of four outstanding women chemists recognized with the inaugural Marion Milligan Mason Awards from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The award provides early-career faculty with \$50,000 for research.

Crazy for Chemistry

ACS Student Chapter Committed to Science Education and Outreach

The University of Utah's American Chemical Society Student Chapter (ACS-SC) is a robust organization that prides itself on its mission to engage K-12 students in the sciences through hands-on science activities and demonstrations.

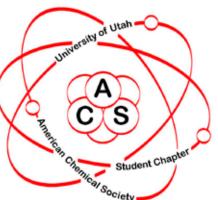
For example, ACS-SC hosts the U's Chemistry Festival each year. The Chemistry Festival is one of ACS-SC's largest

forensic investigations, DNA extractions and attended the annual Chemistry Festivals over the past few years.

member for three years and currently serves as copresident, said leadership in ACS-SC has benefited him tremendously by improving his public during their fall Chemistry Festival. You can see the speaking skills.







"Now I can jump in front of crowds of hundreds of kids and only have my heart beat increase ever so slightly. ACS-SC has helped me connect with professors who seemed impossibly intimidating to approach but are now my mentors, and I speak with them as I would a friend," said Kiley.

The group also hosts a weekly science show at Primary Children's Hospital to provide a fun and

events and gives members the opportunity to educational experience for kids receiving ongoing engage children and adults of all ages in hands- medical treatment. Children can participate in the on activities and experiments such as CSI-style demonstrations in person, and the show is broadcast to each room for patients who are unable to attend. rocket building. Hundreds of local students have The show is the most-attended event at the hospital.

Currently, there are nearly 200 members and the chapter is always eager to welcome more. Find out Michael Kiley, who has been an ACS-SC about upcoming events via the chapter's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/uofuacssc.

> ACS-SC was recently featured on KUTV 2 News clip on the Department's homepage under "News."









Meet 2015 Kronstadt Scholar Scott Khu

The Reuben and Eunice Kronstadt Scholarship How has the Kronstadt award affected your life? supports undergraduate students in the Department of Chemistry, and requires scholars to participate in outreach and research. Many thanks to the Kronstadt family for sponsoring this generous award!



What do you love about chemistry?

world. It is the knowledge of how life works at the molecular level and beyond. From quantum to inorganic to biochemistry, the fields are almost endless, and chemistry significantly contributes to areas like drug development, renewable energy, agriculture, and more.

What are your potential career plans?

As a physician scientist, I will contribute to the scientific field, while also helping people with their health. I envision drawing on the strengths of a scientist to become a better physician and vice versa. Creating science as a researcher and applying it directly to patients as a doctor is the best of both worlds.

The Kronstadt award frees me to pursue opportunities without the worry of financial constraints. I am able to learn and study without working a second job, giving me more time contributing in a research lab. I am also able to spend more time with my family who I love dearly. I am grateful for this scholarship and in the future I intend to contribute to students like me, so they can experience what I have from the Kronstadt award.

What are your favorite activities with ACS-SC? My favorite activity is the chemistry demonstrations we perform. At Primary Children's hospital every Friday, we do science shows for the patients. I enjoy the look of excitement on the children's faces when they see "Elephant Toothpaste" or "Ghost Chemistry inspires a greater understanding of the Bubbles"—enthusiasm, curiosity, and the realization that science is fun. It makes me happy that I pursed chemistry and get to help teach it.

What are your hobbies?

I like to river raft, rock climb, and run. I once got my raft stuck on a rapid on the San Juan River for three hours. I love teaching.

Reuben and Eunice Kronstadt Scholars

Sarah Clair and Scott Khu, 2015 Sabrina Aderibigbe and Julianne Hatt, 2014 Natascha Knowlton, 2013 Miles Roberts, 2012 Mark Burgess, Chelsie Conrad, Royce Davidson, and Kylee Tokita, 2011

Curie Club Hosts Rhodes Scholar Alumna

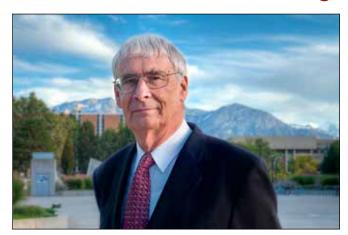
On Oct. 30, the Curie Club hosted Dr. Gretchen Domek for a talk about her road from the U to Rhodes Scholar to Harvard Medical School to her current medical practice and research.

Domek is the U's most recent Rhodes Scholar (HBS '03, MPhil Oxford, MD Harvard). Now she splits her time evenly between clincal hours as a pediatrician at Children's Hospital Colorado and research with the Center for Global Health, University of Colorado. Her project, Creciendo Sanos or "Growing Healthy," focuses on child and maternal health in the Trifinio region of Guatemala. Domek travels there several times a year to train local nurses who conduct neonatal home visits and group health visits for children, and lead care groups with mothers and children (birth-36 months) focused on health, nutrition, and development. There are currently over 700 children enrolled in this life-saving program.



News from the Department

China Honors Peter Stang with 2015 Friendship Award



By Lee Siegel

As if it wasn't enough to make a trip to the White China." House and collect a National Medal of Science from the president, U organic chemist Peter Stang and his chemistry, which involves the spontaneous wife just spent four all-expense-paid days in Beijing attending a celebration in his honor.

Stang won the 2015 China's Friendship Award, which the Chinese Academy of Sciences says is "the People's Republic of China's highest award for foreign experts who have made outstanding contributions to the country's economic and social progress."

distinguished professor of chemistry and former dean of science. In 2011, President Barack Obama hung a National Medal of Science around Stang's neck during a White House ceremony, and a year University and Zhejiang University in Hanghou.

later Stang won the highest honor from the world's largest scientific group: the 2013 Priestly Medal from the American Chemical Society.

Stang has for years maintained collaborations with Chinese chemists, and he believes that is a key factor in winning China's Friendship Award, which he accepted during the Sept. 28-Oct. 1 celebration in Beijing.

"I am deeply honored, humbled and delighted to receive this most prestigious award," he says. "As I understand it, this is not just for my chemistry but also – and perhaps even more so – for facilitating scientific collaborations between the U.S. and

Stang is a pioneer in the field of supramolecular formation of large, complex molecules from predesigned, simple molecules that Stang compares with building blocks. Many compounds he built this way have antitumor activity, he says.

Stang's numerous ties to China include working closely with Chinese chemists in his role as editor of the Journal of the American Chemical Society; serving as a foreign member of the Chinese Academy The award is the latest in a string for Stang, a of Sciences; leading a 2005 American Chemical Society delegation to China to boost collaboration; and maintaining collaborations with chemists at the Chinese academy's Institute of Chemistry, Hunan

New Faculty Member Vahe Bandarian Brings Group to the U



Vahe Bandarian received his PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1998, working under the direction of George Reed. He was a NIH postdoctoral fellow in the lab of Rowena Matthews at the University of Michigan prior to joining the faculty at the University of Arizona in 2003. Bandarian moved his research program to Utah in July.

Bandarian's research interests are centered in developing molecular level understanding of biosynthesis of complex natural products. Specifically, his lab has reconstituted the key steps in the biosynthesis of the modified transfer RNA base, queuosine, which is found in all kingdoms of life. Future directions in this area will include probing the biological role of this and other ubiquitous RNA modification. Additional new areas of research being initiated will focus on mechanistic studies of enzymes involved in complex radical-mediated transformations.

Undergraduate Academic **Advisor Joins Department**

This semester, the Department of Chemistry welcomed a new undergraduate academic advisor. Natascha Knowlton is a graduate of the department. Now she has returned to advise our current students.

"I'm honored to be able to work with such a great faculty and high-quality students in the Department of Chemistry," Knowlton said. "It will be a rewarding experience to help guide our young chemists toward their bright futures."

While a student at the U, Knowlton worked as an undergraduate teaching assistant, winning BS in Chemistry and a BS in Physics. Following the "Chemistry TA of the Semester" award in Summer 2012. She also worked as a lab assistant in at Bingham High School in South Jordan, UT before Joel Harris's lab for three years. She won numerous awards as a student, including the inaugural Thatcher Company Scholarship, an Undergraduate support Tascha will lend to our students.



Research Scholarship, and the Reuben and Eunice Kronstadt Scholarship.

Knowlton graduated in 2014 with an Honors graduation, Knowlton taught chemistry and physics joining the Department as the Academic Advisor this fall. The Department looks forward to the great

ACS on Campus Program Visits the Department of Chemistry

On Sep. 18, ACS on Campus visited the and our faculty, students and campus librarians. and Accounts of Chemical Research. Led by Editors- The event drew over 120 students and faculty. in-Chief and faculty members Peter Stang, Dale Poulter, and Cindy Burrows respectively, the helps students, post-doctoral scholars, and faculty journals and their presence on campus set the tone advance their careers by bringing leaders in for a full day of interesting discussions and dynamic chemistry, publishing, and science communications engagement between ACS staff, journal editors, to university campuses worldwide.

Department—home to the Journal of the American Sessions focused on how to maximize research, get *Chemical Society*, the *Journal of Organic Chemistry*, published, and build skills for careers in the sciences.

ACS on Campus is an outreach program that

Grad Student Jay Kitt Recognized for Spectroscopy Research



Jay Kitt, a PhD student in the Harris Group, won the Society for Applied Spectroscopy Barbara Stull Graduate Student Award, which recognizes a graduate student for outstanding research in spectroscopy and is presented in honor of longtime SAS colleague Barbara L. Stull.

Kitt is pursuing a Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry in the Harris Lab using confocal Raman microscopy to probe interfacial environments within nanoporous materials and optical-trapping confocal Raman microscopy to investigate phospholipid vesicle phase-transitions. In 2012, he was awarded an NSF-IGERT research fellowship, and, as a teaching assistant in analytical chemistry, he was honored with the 2012 W.W. Epstein Outstanding Educator award. The Coblentz Society recognized Kitt's research in Raman spectroscopy with a Coblentz Student Award.

News from Chemistry Alumni

Alan Eastman (BS '71, PhD '75)

Alan Eastman is the co-founder and chief scientist of a startup geothermal energy company, GreenFire Energy, that uses supercritical CO₂ instead of water to bring geothermal heat to the surface where it can be turned into electrical energy. This endeavor is still in the early stages but has working partnerships with national laboratories, as well as the interest of the Geothermal Technologies Program of the DOE. This fall, Eastman is also teaching a class on alternative energies through the U Department of Continuing Education's Osher program.

David Wilson (BA '74/PhD '84)

Dr. David Wilson received the prestigious "Hero of Chemistry" Award from the American Chemical Society. Wilson and his colleagues led the development of INSITE™ catalyst, a revolutionary technology for highly-tailored materials bridging the properties of plastic and rubber. These polymers are used in consumer markets including automotive, building and construction, and consumer packaging. Wilson graduated magna cum laude with his bachelor's in '79, and earned his PhD with Prof. Richard Ernst in '84.

Dixon Woodbury (BA '80)

Dixon Woodbury graduated with a BA in Chemistry from the U in '80, then a PhD in Physiology & Biophysics from UC-Irvine in '86. After a postdoc in the Boston area, Woodbury became an assistant professor at the Medical School at Wayne State University (Detroit). In '01, he joined the Department of Physiology and Developmental Biology at BYU, and was appointed chair in '13.

Zlatko Bačić (PhD '81)

Zlatko Bačić, together with colleagues at NYU and NYU Shanghai, organized the inaugural 2015 Shanghai Symposium on Frontiers in Computational Chemistry, held in August in Shanghai, China. The symposium provided a platform for promoting international collaboration and exchange, and presenting novel research directions and methodologies. Speakers included leading theoretical chemists Todd Martinez, Weitao Yang, Martin Head-Gordon, Keiji Morokuma, David Tannor, Michael Collins, and Donghui Zhang. The next symposium is scheduled for summer 2017.

Ellen Fisher (PhD '91)

The ACS named Ellen Fisher to its 2015 Class of Fellows. Fisher is professor of chemistry at Colorado State University. She received her doctoral degreee in '91, working with Prof. Peter Armentrout. Her research focuses on understanding the fundamental chemical processes that take place during plasma processing and chemical vapor deposition. She works to improve solar cell efficiency, develops composite nanomaterials, and explores environmental applications for plasma chemistry.

Andrew Leavitt (PhD '94)

Dr. Andrew J. Leavitt has been named the 11th chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. He received his PhD in '94, working with Prof. Thomas Beebe, Jr. While a chemistry professor at the University of West Georgia, Leavitt was twice named Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year ('99, '05) by the Student Government. Most recently he served as VP for University Advancement at the University of North Georgia and CEO of the University of North Georgia Foundation, Inc.

Amy Barrios (BS'95)

Amy Barrios is an Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry in the College of Pharmacy. She was recently named co-Director of the Women in Medicine and Sciences group at the U's Health Sciences Center, which promotes faculty development, mentoring and advocacy of women faculty in all stages of their careers. Barrios, along with Prof. Ryan Looper, is a 2015 Teva Pharmaceuticals Scholar. She and Alex Clark (BA '95) recently welcomed their third child, David, in September '14.

Robyn Seely (BS '04)

Robyn Seely graduated in '04 with a B.S. in Chemical Physics, then received a Doctorate of Pharmacy from Northeastern in '09. She is currently the Director of Pharmacy Drug Utilization for the UT Department of Health, where she writes policies for the Pharmacy benefit portion of Utah Medicaid and contributes to and interprets state and federal rules, statutes, and legislation. She has a 16-month-old son who is the happiest, easiest baby ever and a 4-year-old daughter who is the smartest, most beautiful girl in the world.

Barron Reves (BS '05)

Barron Reyes graduated with a degree in biochemistry and attended the University of Vermont School of Medicine. He graduated as chief resident of the emergency medicine residency program at the Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ. Reyes now works as an attending emergency medicine physician in Wyoming.

Bo Zhang (PhD '06)

Bo Zhang, who received his PhD with Prof. Henry White in '06, was recently promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure in the chemistry department at the University of Washington, Seattle. He has a research group of 10 working in the areas of nanoscale electrochemistry, fluorescence-enabled electrochemical microscopy (FEEM) for imaging, and neuronal communication. Zhang and his wife Wei Zhao love living in Seattle but miss Salt Lake City and the U! Their son Andy just started kindergarten.

Trent Ohman (BS '07)

Trent Ohman graduated in '07 with a BS in biochemistry and began working in the mass spec lab at ARUP laboratories. For 8 years, he worked in various roles in mass spec and earned an ASCP medical technologist certification along the way. This August, Ohman started as the senior scientist at the Highland Springs Clinical Toxicology lab in Salt Lake City where his team uses mass spec to confirm presence or absence of drugs in urine.

Jared Frandsen (BS '08)

Jared Frandsen received his BS in chemistry in 2008 after nearly ten years doing nuclear engineering on submarines for the US Navy. He received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from the U in 2015 and currently works as a Nuclear Pharmacist for the Department of Radiology at the U of U Hospital.

Jonathan Penfield (BS '09)

Jonathan Penfield graduated in '09 and went on to a master's degree in Biochemistry at UBC Vancouver in Canada. He worked on structure and kinetics of bacterial steroid metabolism. Penfield returned to the states this summer to work at Codexis in California as a Research Associate in enzyme engineering for its use in green chemistry.

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K-12 students at the annual Chemistry Festival reach out to feel a cloud made from liquid nitrogen.

The ACS Student Chapter organized and hosted the "Chemistry Colors Our World" outreach event on Oct. 24th. It featured over an hour of science demonstrations, several hands-on activities and experiments, and liquid nitrogen ice cream.

