

## **Report of the 40th High School Chemistry Symposium, April 30, 2013**

It was a wet morning when sixty High School students from 6 high schools in a 9-county area along with their teachers arrived at the Chemistry Building on the WMU campus for the fortieth KACS-sponsored High School Science Symposium. No morning event would be complete without donuts and Kool-Aid. The local section is always indebted to Western Michigan University for hosting the event and to members and friends who take the time to hold interactive sessions with the students or give tours of their facilities.

This year's keynote address was given by Bridget Lorenz Lemberg of Forensic Fluids who gave a talk entitled "Oral Fluid Drug Testing: The Story of Forensic Fluids". The other presenters and their topics were Manuel Bautista, "Our Place in the Universe"; Frank Meints & M. Morris, "Glass Blowing" Demonstration; Sherine Obare, "Nanotechnology" Demonstration; Stephanie Morley, "Veterinary Medicine"; Torrey Wenger, "Tales of a Field Biologist"; Asghar Kayani, "Linear Accelerator"; Mark Wolf, "Food Chemistry – the Spices of Life"; Kathryn Docherty, "Microbial Biodiversity"; and Robert Eversole, "Electron Microscope" Demonstration.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Education Committee - Donald Schreiber, James Kiddle, Sherine Obare, and Andre Venter - for organizing and publicizing the Symposium, and to Robin Lenkart for her able organizational assistance once again.

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