

## Report of the **fortieth KACS Awards Gathering**, May 20, 2013

What a pleasant evening we had hosting a gathering of approximately 100 enthusiastic attendees: students, parents, grandparents, high school teachers, and KACS members, for our Section's fortieth Awards presentation to High school students who have excelled in Chemistry either routinely in the classroom, as recommended by their teachers, and/or as a result of success on a two-stage chemistry exam administered by our Section. In the last couple of years we have also formally recognized past chairs of the Section with "Past-Chair" pins. Also recognized at this ceremony are KACS members who have been members of the Society for 50 years, outstanding College Students nominated by the two 4-year colleges in our Section, an outstanding high school teacher, and one (or more) Section member(s) or friend(s) who has consistently given of his/her time and energy for the successful execution of any of our Section's activities – it is always "fun" to see the surprise on the recipient's face.

### **Outstanding high school seniors** recognized this year were

Andrew Behrman – Comstock  
Zachary Carr – Gull Lake  
Samantha Ternes - Hackett Catholic Central  
Alex Lim – Kalamazoo Central  
Nolan Stoffer – Kalamazoo Christian  
Quinton Colwell – KAMSC/Portage Central  
Lucas Ryan – Lawton  
Nicholas Bertoldi – Mattawan  
Renee Schwartz – Otsego  
Samantha Pursley – Paw Paw  
Kelsey Ernst – Plainwell  
Scott Linder - Portage Central  
Sergio Rodriguez-Labra – Portage Northern  
Sarah Glass – Wayland Union

### **Examination winners** recognized were

James Gibson – Gull Lake  
Michael Melbow – Gull Lake  
Grey Braybrooks – KAMSC/Kalamazoo Central  
Tyler Leverton – KAMSC/Loy Norrix  
Daniel Woodworth – KAMSC/Kalamazoo Central  
Henry Spies – Gull Lake  
Callahan Katrak – Mattawan

Cooper Quartermaine – KAMSC/Gull Lake  
Quinton Colwell – KAMSC/Portage Central  
Sarah Glass – Wayland Union  
Nicholas Bertoldi – Mattawan  
Kylee Chaffin – Gull Lake  
Caelan Deater – Gull Lake  
Kelsey Ernst – Plainwell  
Morgan Freeby – Portage Central  
Katie K. Lee – KAMSC/Portage Central  
Alex Z. Lim – Kalamazoo Central  
Madelene McKenzie – KAMSC/ Portage Northern  
Joshua Mussche – KAMSC/Comstock  
Sergio Rodriguez-Labra – Portage Northern

**Outstanding college-student award** recipients were  
Joshua Abbott – Kalamazoo College; Brandon Barr - Western Michigan University

The **Outstanding high school teacher** Awardee was Theresa Schwartz, Plainwell

**50-year members** in attendance were Dr. Robert C. Kelly and Dr. Douglas L. Rector; each received a certificate supplied by the National ACS. Drs. Fred Antosz and Charles Hall did not attend.

**Past chairs** in attendance were Michael Kiella, Monica Whitmire and Elke Schoffers

Our startled **Section Awardee** was Robin Lenkart of the Chemistry Department at Western Michigan University.

**Thanks** are due once again to our Awards Committee, and to our KACS Education Committee – Drs. Donald Schreiber, James Kiddle, Sherine Obare, and Andre Venter - for another successful event.

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