

ACS/CIC AWARDS BANQUET:

- Topic:** Scientific Societies: Bridging the Gap...
Transforming the Future!
- Speaker:** Catherine T. "Katie" Hunt, Ph.D.
Immediate Past President, American Chemical
Society and Leader, Technology Partnerships,
Rohm and Haas Company
- Place:** University of Windsor, Vanier Hall, Winclair A
Room on the 1st floor. (see page 11 for map and
directions)
- Date:** May 14, 2008
- Time:** Mixer: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Talk: 8:00 p.m.

Our annual dinner meeting with our colleagues of the Windsor CIC will be on May 14th at the University of Windsor. On that night we will recognize our 50 and 60 year members, Section Volunteers, the Section Distinguished Award Recipient, ACS Award winners from local colleges and universities.

Abstract: Chemistry is at a crossroads. It's time to re-ignite our commitment to science and technology. During my time in the ACS presidential succession, I have focused on education, collaboration and innovation -- Education to engage legislators, the media, the public and the next generation; Collaboration to build a vibrant and vocal technical community; and Innovation to recreate of our companies, our universities and ourselves.

But enough of the past, this year, as past president, I will be focusing on initiatives that are strategic for our society, our science and ourselves. These include: (a) championing leadership development, (b) promoting the sustainability of energy, food and water and (c) completing and concluding my Presidential Task Force on Enhancing Innovation and Competitiveness. All these activi-

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ties are designed to encourage collaboration across scientific societies across the US and around the world.

In closing, I am asking you, to join me, in re-igniting our commitment to science and technology. We have a lot to do...so let's get started!

The Speaker: Dr. Hunt is the immediate past-president of the American Chemical Society, the largest scientific society in the world. At Rohm and Haas, Katie is responsible for accelerating the pace of innovation in the company by fostering collaboration with industry, academia, national laboratories, government agencies and foundations. She holds an A.B. in chemistry from Smith College and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Davis. Katie was recently honored with the Smith College Medal which is presented by the Smith Board of Trustees to alumnae who "exemplify in their lives and work the true purpose of a liberal arts education." In 2007, Dr. Hunt was named one of the "Best 50 Women in Business" in Pennsylvania by Governor Ed Rendell. In her spare time, she enjoys yoga, judging science fairs, and volunteering on her local library board. Katie lives in Upper Dublin, PA with her husband, Wes, and son, James.

The evening schedule will include cash bar from 6:00 - 10:00, dinner at 7:00, with awards and lecture at 8:00. The dinner will cost \$25 US funds; \$28 CAN funds, payable by check at banquet. The menu will be Chicken Ballantine (for those preferring a vegetarian option, a 'Portobello Mushroom Tower' entrée will be available, but people with this interest should declare it when they make their reservation) followed by desert of either Turtle cheesecake or New York Cheesecake (there'll be 4 of each at each 8 person table).

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, the 7th!!! of May 2008. *For ACS Members:* To make reservations please contact Steve Scribner by email at: sscribner@marygrove.edu or by phone at: 313-927-3603. *For CIC Members:* To make reservations please contact Marlene Bezaire, mbezaire@uwindsor.ca, (519-253-300, x3520)

SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

Section Bylaws call for an Annual General Membership Meeting. The Section's 2008 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13th starting at 7:00 pm in room 108 of the Science Building on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. Section members are welcome to attend and to present business items before the Executive Committee. As usual the regular May Executive Committee Meeting will immediately follow the Annual Meeting. Non-Executive Committee Section members are welcome to stay for the regular meeting. A quorum of 15 members is necessary to conduct business at the Annual Meeting. For more information, email the Section Secretary, MaryKay Heidtke at MKHeidtke@AOL.com

CERMACS 2008

CERM HOSTS REGIONAL MEETING IN COLUMBUS, OH

CERMACS 2008 will convene at the Hyatt Regency, Downtown Columbus, next to the Columbus Convention Center, and will be hosted by the ACS Columbus Section. The venue is conveniently located in the restored section of Downtown Columbus, with easy access to the Arena District and the Short North areas, which feature a variety of unique restaurants and shops. The Hyatt Regency location also offers easy access to sites of interest, including The Ohio State University, The Columbus Museum of Art, and easy walking to The Ohio Theatre, parks, and weekend street festivals.

The ACS Central Region Local Sections are in for a real treat at this year's Central Regional Meeting. The meeting will open Tuesday evening, June 10, with a reception at COSI, the Science Center. It will be open for attendees only to tour. CERM has scheduled a poster session and a plenary talk on environmental issues as well. Tickets are only \$10.00.

The technical sessions begin Wednesday morning and continue into Saturday, June 14. Precollege educators and undergraduates will find programs of interest to them on Thursday and Friday.

Important Dates

- 05/19/2008: Hotel Room Block Closes
- 05/19/2008: Advance Registration Closes

Visit the website at <http://www.cermacs2008.org> for details on the technical and nontechnical programs, awards, and hotels.

Detroit ACS Section and ANACHEM on the Web

A Website for the Detroit ACS Section and ANACHEM, maintained by Ed Havlena can be found at:

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2008 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Detroit Local Section Competition

On Wednesday, March 19, 188 students representing 25 area high schools descended on the University of Michigan-Dearborn for the Local Section exam for the US National Chemistry Olympiad. The two-hour exam is the first step in the process of selecting the four-person US Olympiad team. While the students were completing the exam, their teachers attended a meeting sponsored by SEMCTO and the Section's Education Committee with presentations by last year's PTEG recipients.

The top twelve students on the local section exam were selected as Nominees of the Detroit Section; the next eight students were named as Runners-up. In an unprecedented achievement, nine students from Novi High School, where the chemistry teachers are Jim Hanson and Rand Helmkamp, finished in the top twenty. The complete list of Nominees and Runners-up appears below. Through the generosity of the General Motors Corporation the Nominees and Runners-up will receive cash prizes of \$250 and \$100 respectively in recognition of their accomplishments.

The Nominees will return to UM-Dearborn on April 17 to sit for the National Exam. The grueling National Exam, taken by some nine hundred students nationwide, includes a multiple-choice portion, free response questions, and two laboratory problems.

We're hoping that a representative of the Detroit Section will be among the top twenty chosen to attend the Olympiad Study Camp in Colorado Springs. The Chemistry Olympiad program is organized locally by Mark DeCamp, Detroit Section Olympiad Coordinator, assisted by the Section's Education Committee. Special thanks are due to Chris Diehl (Belleville High School) for organizing the training sessions and to Dave Bartley (UD-Mercy) for providing the solution to the free-response question on the Local Section exam.

Please see pages 5 and 6 for a list of nominees and runners-up and page 7 for a list of participating high schools.

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NOMINEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Jamie Ding	G P Shores	Grosse Pointe North H.S.	Steve Kosmas
Joe Duszynski	Troy	Athens High School	Jane Marie Moss
Jimmy Li	Northville	Northville High School	Thomas Silak
Tengbo Li %	Brighton	Brighton High School	Rick Des Jardins
Joshua Lumley	Novi	Novi High School	Hanson/Helmkamp
Michelle Mitchener	Troy	Athens High School	Jane Marie Moss
Justin Paupore	Belleville	Detroit Country Day	Julia Winter
Corey Rapala *	Grosse Pointe	Grosse Pointe North H.S.	Peter Moskaluk
David Sherman	Bloomfield Hills	Groves High School	Marla Falluca
Zhounan Xie	Novi	Northville High School	Thomas Silak
Allen Yuan	Northville	Detroit Country Day	Julia Winter
Ruixiao Zuo #	Novi	Novi High School	Hanson/Helmkamp

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RUNNERS-UP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Riki Akimoto	Novi	Novi High School	Hanson/Helmkamp
YongLu Che	Northville	Northville High School	Tom Silak
Srilakshmi Kadiyala	Novi	Novi High School	Hanson/Helmkamp
Danny Kiefer	Novi	Novi High School	Hanson/Helmkamp
Patrick Lee	Novi	Novi High School	Hanson/Helmkamp
Ryan Lumley	Novi	Novi High School	Hanson/Helmkamp
Sudharshan Mohanram %	Novi	Novi High School	Hanson/Helmkamp
Christine Zugaro	Novi	Novi High School	Hanson/Helmkamp

Nominee, 2006, 2007

* Nominee 2007

% Runner-up 2007

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PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS (25)

Adams High School (Rochester)	Hazel Park High School
Anchor Bay High School	International Academy
Andover High School	Lahser High School
Athens High School (Troy)	Lutheran High School North
Brighton High School	Marian High School
Chippewa Valley High School	Northville High School
De La Salle Collegiate	Novi High School
Detroit Country Day School	Roosevelt High School
Divine Child High School	South Lyon High School
Farmington High School	Southfield-Lathrup H.S.
Grand Blanc High School	Troy High School
Grosse Pointe North High School	Univ. of Detroit Jesuit H.S.
Groves High School (Birmingham)	

New Legislative Action Network Homepage

ACS Office of Legislative and Government Affairs (OLGA) is proud to announce the development of a new Legislative Action Network homepage called act4chemistry.org.

Act4chemistry.org offers American Chemical Society members:

- Current news and commentary through the Act 4 Chemistry blog,
- Daily links to news articles of interest to scientists, and
- Access to an improved legislative action center, where ACS members can send letters to policymakers.

Register: <http://www.act4chemistry.org/register>

Only registered participants will receive notices of key decisions being made affecting chemistry. ACS members are encouraged to register so that they can comment on blogs and send letters to their policymakers.

Act4chemistry.org is a **free** program of the OLGA designed to bridge the gap between policymakers and chemistry. If you have any questions please contact Brad Smith at b_smith@acs.org.

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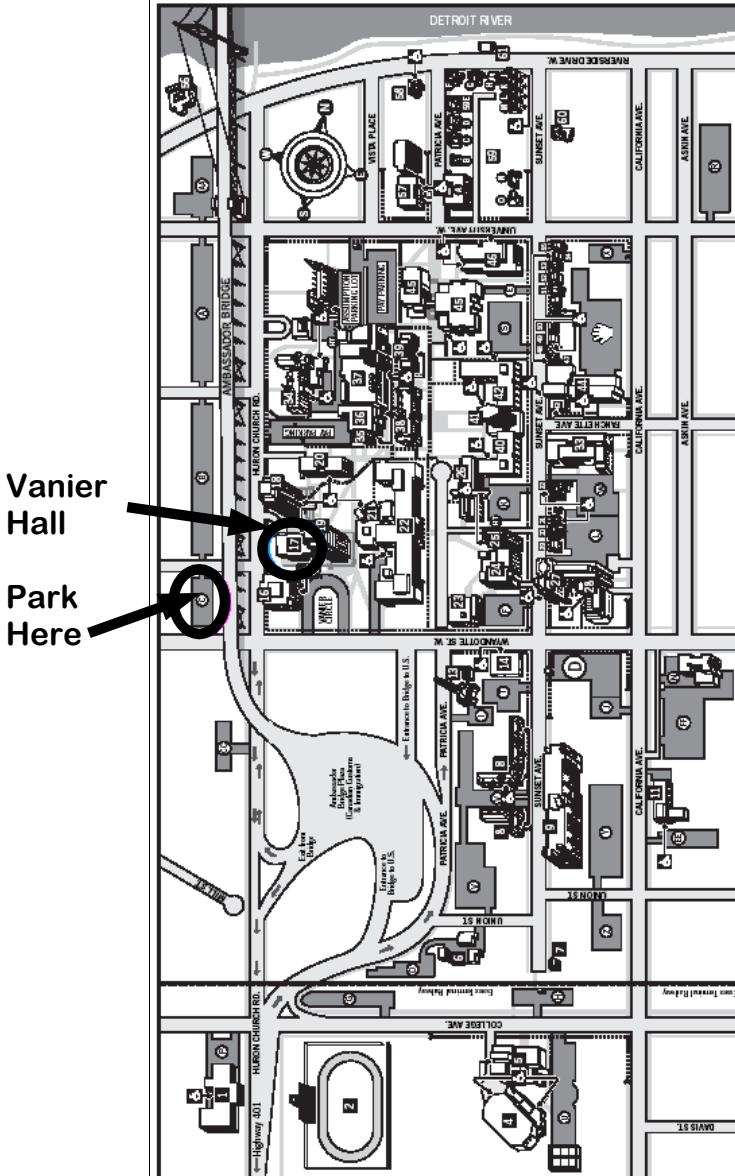
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Directions and Maps to the University of Windsor

UoW is right under the bridge. Free parking arranged for free parking in lot C, on the west side of Huron Church (also in places called Huron Line); it is circled on map. The parking lot entrance is on the little street, called Donnelly. If that lot is full, overflow parking is in lot B (right across Donnelly).

Vanier Hall is building 17, circled on map - Winclare A is on the 1st floor, up 1/2 floor from ground level. Entering from the 'river' /north side of the building. is recommended



Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 1 FOCUS 33, *please see page 8 for details.*

May 13 Annual Section General Meeting, *please see page 2 for details.*

May 14 ACS President Katie Hunt speaks at the Joint Awards Meeting with CIC, *please see pages 1, 2 and 11 for details.*

June 10-14 CERMACS 2008 in Columbus, OH, *see page 3 for details.*

August 17-21 ACS Fall National Meeting in Philadelphia

September Lisa Balbes speaks on Non-Traditional Careers for Chemists, *please see future issues of the Chemist for details.*



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