Section Meeting
Thursday, 10 May, 7:00 PM
Reimer Business Center, Room 1134
Central Christian College
McPherson, Kansas

Meeting: 7:00 p.m

As a belated celebration of Earth Day the section will be hosting a Science Café in the spirit of the ACS’s “Chemist’s Celebrate Earth Day” theme. The Café will include a panel discussion and open forum moderated by Dr. Robin Jackson and will focus on environmentalism, climate change and responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

A campus map and other information can be found at www.centralchristian.edu.

Chair’s Message
Greetings!

We had great Award Celebration on April 25 with 56 attendees, including excellent High School Students from US Chemistry Olympiad competition, Outstanding First-Year Students and Seniors in Chemistry, Dr. Robert Schmidt as 60 years ACS member, Dr. Luque as our speaker and many family members, students, and teachers. For those who are interested in, I share Dr. Rafael Luque's web (www.uco.es/~q62alsor/).

As this Spring semester come to close, I wish everyone in our section celebrate for what you do ordinarily related to chemistry with gratitude for our Chemistry teachers!

See you at May 10th meeting! Best wishes!,
Jung Oh, Chair, ACS Wichita Section

2012 Student Honorees

The following students from schools within the section were honored for outstanding achievement in chemistry at the meeting at Wichita State University on April 25th. The students were chosen by the respective chemistry department faculty for high academic achievement over the past school year. The awards include a cash prize and a one year membership in the ACS.

Wichita State University
Outstanding senior: Adon Iram Harris
Outstanding freshmen: Julia A. Risley

Newman University
Outstanding senior: Cole Gillenwater

Bethany College
Outstanding senior: Jeffrey Donald Aspegren

Bethel College
Outstanding senior: Trent Baalman
Outstanding freshmen: Dylan Jantz

Tabor College
Outstanding senior: Benjamin Heyen
Outstanding freshmen: Diane Krehbiel

Emporia State University
Outstanding senior: Bin Zhang
Outstanding freshmen: Tyler Boulware

Friends University
Outstanding freshmen: Calvin D. Eastwood

Fort Hays State University
Outstanding senior: Jenna Maresch
Outstanding freshmen: Sara Doyle

Molecule of the Week

What molecule am I?
**Molecule of the Week**

Oleuropein, found mainly in olive leaves, gives extra-virgin olive oil its pungent taste. Its powerful antioxidant activity makes olive oil among the healthiest plant-derived oils. Recently, oleuropein has also shown anti-inflammatory properties. In one study, R. M. Giner and co-workers used it to alleviate acute ulcerative colitis in mice.

**Oleuropein Ameliorates Acute Colitis in Mice**
Elisa Giner, Isabel Andújar, M. Carmen Recio, José Luis Ríos, José Miguel Cerdá-Nicolás, and Rosa M. Giner, Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry 2011 59 (24), 12882-12892

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