

A frightfully late post about Fright Fest 2022

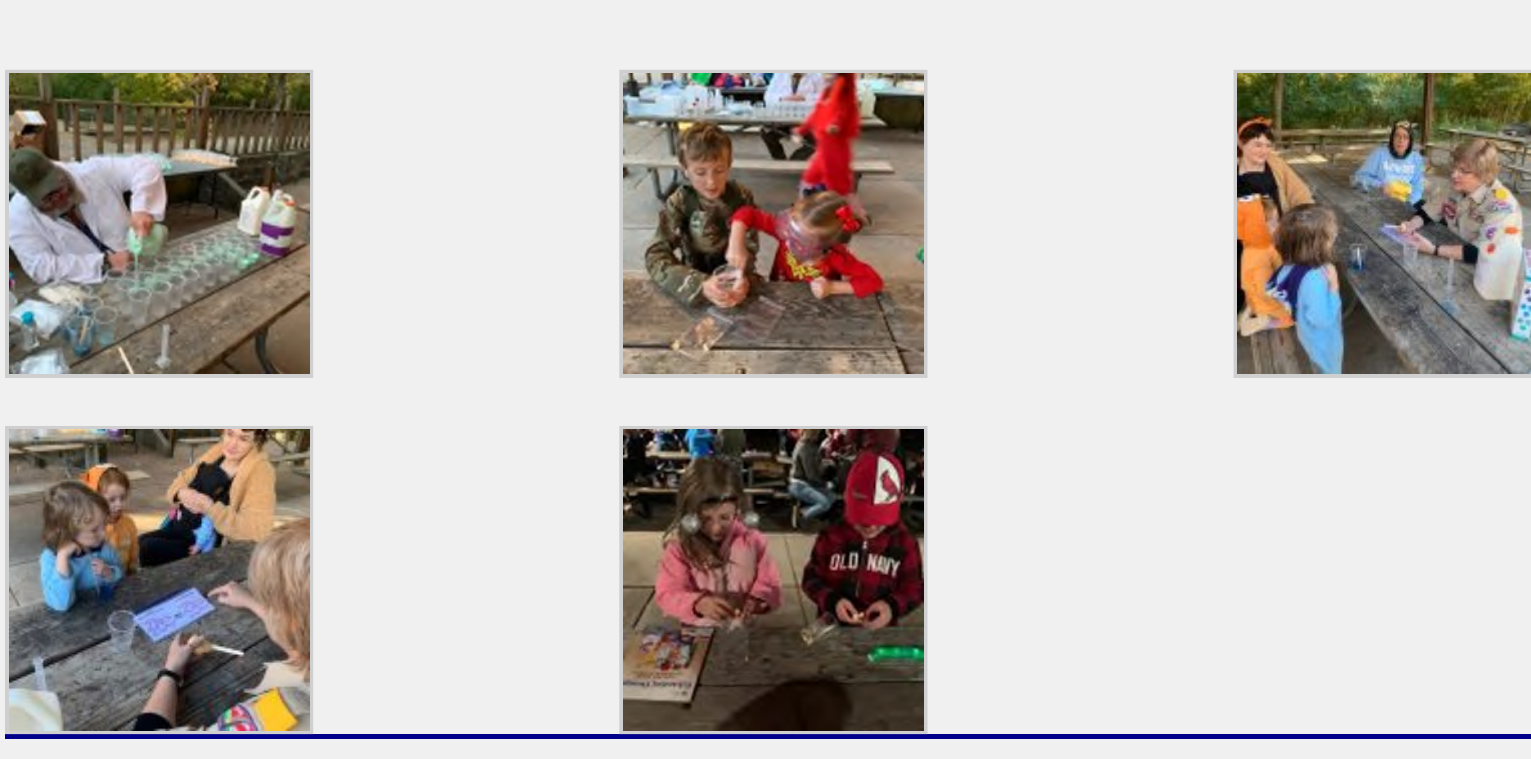
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On Saturday, October 15th, almost 500 scouts and their leaders made slime as the grand finale activity of their participation in the Fright Fest experience at Beaumont Scout Reservation. The overall event was organized by the Greater St Louis Area Council, and Lisa Balbes organized the St Louis Section's participation. Scouts worked in pairs, learned about non-newtonian fluids, polymer chemistry, safe storage of chemicals and PPE, and then made their own slime. Scouts took their own slime home. NCW materials were passed out to many of the parents and leaders. The event ran from 3pm to 9pm, with a new group of scouts approximately every 15 minutes throughout the evening.

Probably half of the scouts (elementary school age) had made slime before, but approximately 20% never had. Many scouts described their Slime product as feeling "slimy".

All materials and supplies were provided by Lisa Balbes.

Many thanks to our volunteers: Lisa Balbes, Mark Balbes, Teresa Colletti, Mat Rogers, Kristin Bales, and Ron Colletti



An end of year greeting from our Chair

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Greetings all,

I am so delighted to have the opportunity to serve as the 2022 Chair of the St. Louis Section of The American Chemical Society. This has been a wonderful year and I am honored to be a member and leader of such a wonderful organization. I send this greeting not to say goodbye but to say thank and farewell. Also, to welcome our new incoming Chair Tabbetha Bohac.

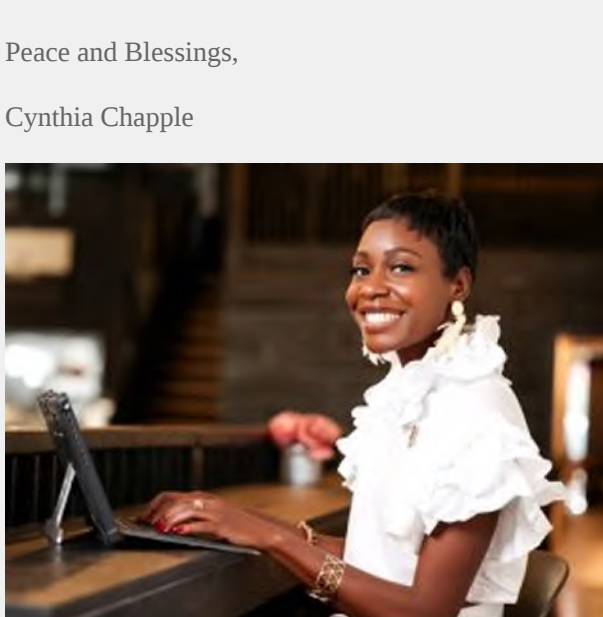
I want to take this time to thank the officers of the 2022 year, for a job well done during my tenure as chair. It has been both an exciting and busy year for STL-ACS as we progressed throughout this term. Having a supportive and dedicated team makes all the hard work well worth it. Thank you tremendously to Jeff and Henry!

Thank you to the National American Chemical Society Executive Board, National office staff, national members and other local chapters who have had an opportunity to partner with our chapter to impact members and chemists across the society. To the incoming 2023 chair and executive committee members, I challenge you to continue the success of STL-ACS in all of its efforts brought forth in 2022 and prior. The efforts of bridging the gap between academia and industry, bringing the work of the 2022 strategic plan into reality, and championing inclusion within our leadership ranks and local section.

To STL-ACS incoming chair, Tabbetha Bohac, I wish you well as you lead the society to its next level of success. I look forward to supporting you in any and all endeavors.

Peace and Blessings,

Cynthia Chapple



And a New Year's greeting from the Chair-Elect!

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Happy New Year, St. Louis ACS Colleagues –

As we begin 2023, and my year as Section Chair, I am excited to continue to work with such an active and involved section.

I would also like to thank Cynthia Chapple, Immediate Past Chair, for her dedication and service this past year. Under her leadership, our section was able to reflect, grow, and define actionable plans for continued growth. In 2022, leadership from our section participated in both a 2-day Inclusion Training as well as a Strategic Planning Retreat. I look forward to building upon these efforts into 2023 and beyond.

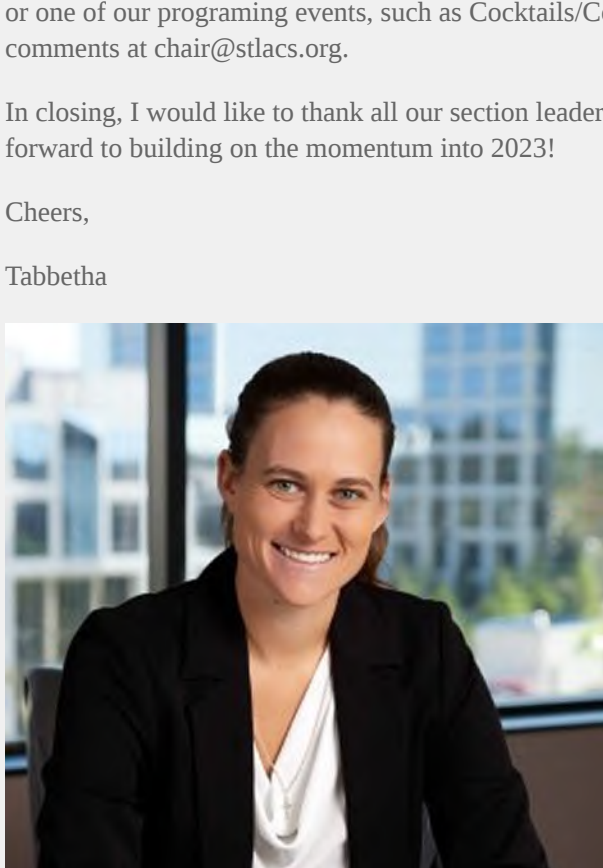
I'm looking forward to seeing our section continue to offer a vast range of programming this year – from professional development to networking to education to outreach activities. I also look forward to our section co-hosting the Midwest/Great Lakes Regional Meeting this October with the East Central Illinois Section.

It is an exciting time and there for sure are ample opportunities to become involved – in both small and large roles! No matter what stage of your career you are in, what your career path is, we would be thrilled to have you as part of our team! Please visit our website (stlacs.org) or consider attending our monthly board meetings or one of our programming events, such as Cocktails/Coffee with Chemists, to learn more ways to get involved. Feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or comments at chair@stlacs.org.

In closing, I would like to thank all our section leadership, the 2022 steering committee, and all our section members who made 2022 an outstanding year! I look forward to building on the momentum into 2023!

Cheers,

Tabbetha



Meeting & Seminars

Board of Directors

St Louis Section–ACS Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month. We hope to move back to in-person meetings in 2023, please check the meeting announcements.

Date: January 12th (via Zoom, and location TBD)

Join internet meeting at 6:00 pm for social/chit-chat
Business meeting begins at 6:30 pm

Future meetings: February 9th, March 9th

Maryville University

Seminars are approximately once a month on Thursdays, 4-5 pm. Details are available on the university's [seminar page](#). All seminars are free and open to the public. Contact [Jason Telford](#) for more information.

Saint Louis University

Seminars are generally on Fridays at 12 noon in Carlo Auditorium, Tegeler Hall, unless noted otherwise. Refreshments follow. For the most up-to-date information, refer to the department's [home page](#) and follow the link to the Seminar Schedule.

University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy in St. Louis

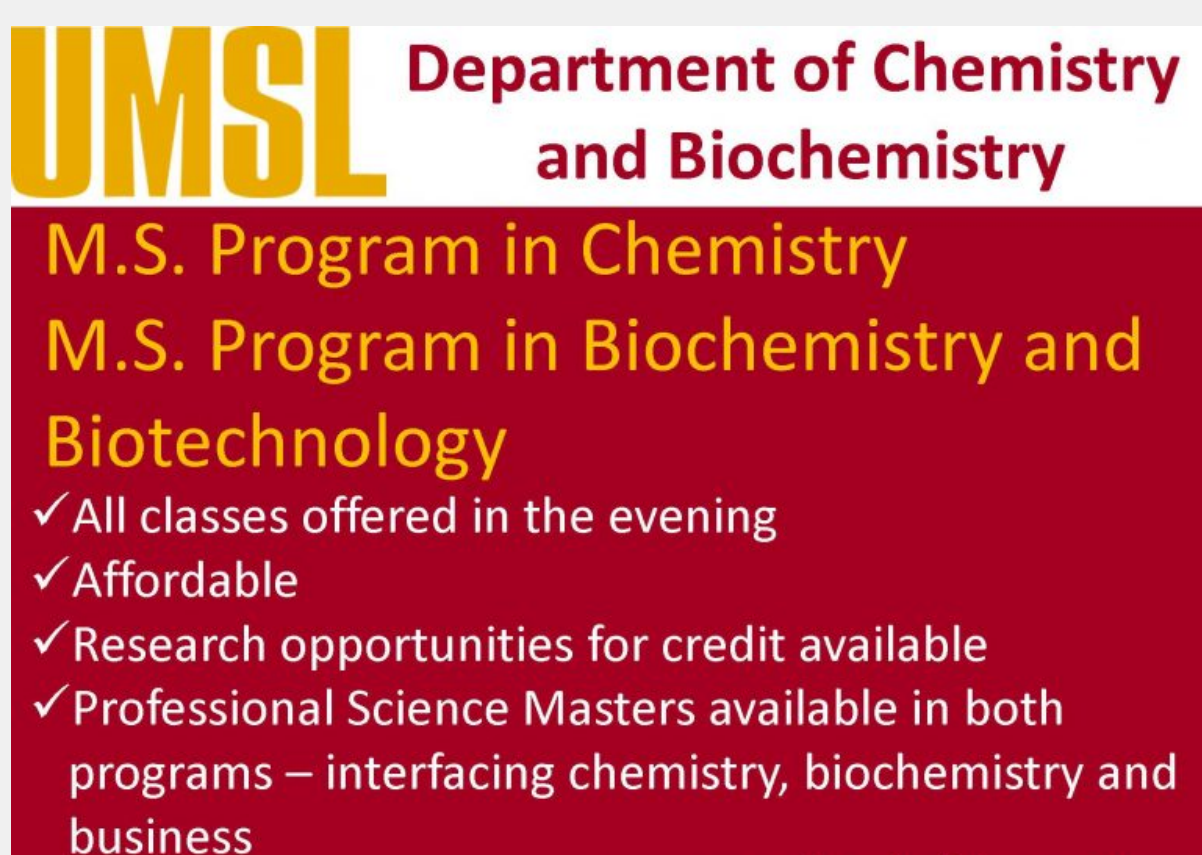
The Center for Clinical Pharmacology hosts a monthly seminar series in ARB 212 unless otherwise noted. For the most up to date information refer to the center's [seminar page](#) or contact [Jodi Maslin](#).

University of Missouri–St Louis

Mondays at 4 pm in 451 Benton Hall, unless otherwise specified. Refreshments 15 minutes prior to seminar time. For timely information on visiting seminar speakers, contact the Chemistry Department, 314.516.5311, or visit the [seminar schedule](#). The department has additional seminar series which are also accessible from this page.

Washington University

Seminars are in McMillen 311 at 4 pm unless otherwise noted. For information, consult the departmental [events page](#). Related seminars, including endowed seminar series and the WU med school biochemistry series, are linked here as well.



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