



BLUE NOTES

May 10, 2024 – Issue 2024-07

DATES AND DEADLINES:

- May 10 Spring Semester ends.
- May 10-11 Commencement Ceremonies take place.
- May 14 Spring final grades are due on My.IllinoisState.edu by noon.
- May 16 Spring grades available to students on My.IllinoisState.edu after 2 p.m. Begin final audit of May 2024 bachelor's degree candidates. Deficiency statements will be sent to the student and the department/school again, whether deficiencies are old or new.
- May 20 Summer Session begins. (Summer session has many variable length course; please consult the Registrar's website for dates regarding withdrawal from a course). Last day to register on My.IllinoisState.edu for Summer 2024. Future summer registration must be done in 107 Moulton Hall or by emailing Registrar@ilstu.edu.
- May 24 Deadline for August 2024 graduate degree candidates to submit a degree audit.
Deadline to file thesis/dissertation proposal approval form for August 2024 graduation.
Transfer day.
- May 27 Memorial Day. University closed.
- June 3 Course purge for all students not reinstated and academically dismissed for summer.
Course purge for all students not reinstated and academically dismissed for fall. Course
purge for all students whose appeal of the 75-hour policy was denied for summer.
Course purge for all students whose appeal of the 75-hour policy was denied for fall.
- June 7 Last day for undergraduate students planning on receiving a degree in August 2024 to
apply and pay the fee for graduation. Applications must be submitted online through
My.IllinoisState.edu. Deadline for submission of materials (late grades, grade changes,
transcripts, test scores, petitions for graduation exception, etc.) for May 2024 bachelor's
degree candidates.
- June 19 Juneteenth holiday. University closed.



May 10 Graduation Ceremonies

May 10 Department of Chemistry Graduation Reception at 6:30 p.m. in Room 220 in Horton Field House

STUDENT, FACULTY and STAFF ACTIVITIES

Presentations

^(UG)**Helmink, Katherine L.**, Hicks, Cory A. and **Szczepura, Lisa F.** “Syntheses of Rhenium Selenide Clusters Containing Para-substituted Phenylacetylide Ligands.” Poster presentation, ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA. March 17-21, **2024.**

^(UG)**Breausche, Faith E.**, ^(UG)**Somerlot, Annelise H.**, ^(UG)**Walder, Jason R.** and **Driskell, Jeremy D.** “Characterization of Protein Thiolation on Absorption and Activity Upon Immobilization of Gold Nanoparticles.” Poster presentation, ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA. March 17-21, **2024.**

^(G) **Arndt, Thomas**, Park, YeJun, Stewart, Sarah C. and **Nagorski, Richard W.** “The Effect of the Alkyl Group on the Hydroxide-Catalyzed Breakdown of O-Alkyl Carbinolamides.” Poster presentation, ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA. March 17-21, **2024.**

Publications

^(UG) **Terry, Katelyn***, Drinkwater, Joseph**, **Jones, Marjorie A.*** and Sullivan, Eirin**; “Evaluating the *Leishmania Tarentolae* Response to Inorganic Strontium-based Oxyfluorides.” *Heliyon* 10, e30634. **2024.** *Illinois State University Department of Chemistry, ** University of North Florida.

Awards & Honors

^(UG) **Katelyn Nagel** was one of five **2024 CTE Student Recognition of Excellence Award** winners from the Council for Teacher Education at Illinois State University.

Dr. Sarah Boesdorfer was awarded the Chizmar and Ostrosky Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award.

Dr. Jeremy Driskell was named a University Professor and the Outstanding College Researcher Award.

Dr. Lisa Szczepura was named a Distinguished Professor.

CONGRATULATIONS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT SPRING and SUMMER 2024 GRADUATES!!

BS in Chemistry or Biochemistry

Lily Bambalas	Kyle Malin
Faith Breausche	Trang Nguyen
Dana Coronado	Christopher Sams
Katie Helmink	Kevin Seberger
Lilly Homan	Timothee Staley
Aidan Jones	Brandon Stomp
Hayley Junkel	Tanner Tresler
Joshua Kellenberger	Caleb Vance
Sage Lauper-Cook	Jason Walder
Alex Linebrink	Zane Zamora

MS in Chemistry

Anthony Amissah
Tom Arndt
Jonathan Chilaka
Seth Corrie
Joy Odeh
Kwame Osei
Ifeanyichukwu Promise
Jarrold Sage

MCE or MSCE in Chemistry

Wilson Chim	Anna Stamer	Sarah Williams
Brandon Sanchez	Isaac Imig	



2023-2024 ACS AWARDS:

ACS Illinois Heartland Collegiate Scholar – Katherine Helmink & Faith Breausche

ACS Illinois Heartland Inglett Graduate Student Award – Thomas Arndt



2023-2024 ISU CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Robert Duty Service Award – Thomas Arndt

Antonini Research Fellowship – Sara Walis

Redbird Research Fellowship – Giavanna Alongi & Mia Sloan

Thomas J. Perun Scholarship – Kaitlyn Nagel

FIREBIRD Scholarship – Jack White

Quizon-Colquitt Family Scholarship – Katherine Helmink & Faith Breausche

Sol Shulman Award – Ellie Dedo & Quentin Ervin

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant – Thomas Arndt

General Chemistry Achievement Award – **John Nguyen**
ACS Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry – **Madelynn Anderson**
Outstanding Analytical Chemistry Student – **Faith Breausche**
ACS Division of Undergraduate Biochemistry Award – **Faith Breausche**
Outstanding Biochemistry Student – **Faith Breausche**
Outstanding Chemical Education Student – **Kaitlyn Nagel**
ACS Division of Inorganic Chemical Undergraduate Award – **Katherine Helmink**
Outstanding Inorganic Chemistry Student – **Sage Lauper-Cook**
Outstanding Organic Chemistry Student – **Trent Kobulnicky**
ACS Undergraduate Award in Physical Chemistry – **Joshua Kellenberger**
Outstanding Physical Chemistry Student – **Katherine Helmink**

2023-2024 STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

*Undergraduate Presenters are designated with **boldface italic type***

266th ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA August 13, 2023

Undergraduate Students **Graduate Students**

<i>Lillian Bambalas</i>	Anthony Amissah
<i>Faith Breausche</i>	Kwame Osei
<i>Anna Somerlot</i>	
<i>Jason Walder</i>	

East Central Illinois ACS Undergraduate Research Conference, November 14, 2023

<i>Faith Breausche</i>	<i>Jason Walder</i>
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267th ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA March 17-21, 2024

Undergraduate Students **Graduate Students**

<i>Faith Breausche</i>	Tom Arndt
<i>Jane Hostert</i>	Francis Awa
<i>Nicole Marinucci</i>	Brian Carpenter
<i>Anna Somerlot</i>	Seth Corrie
<i>Jason Walder</i>	Joy Odeh

Illinois State University Research Symposium Normal, IL April 12, 2024

Undergraduate Students **Graduate Students**

<i>Lillian Bambalas</i>	Kweku Amaning Affram
<i>Faith Breausche</i>	P. Joy Alende
<i>Gavin Christenson</i>	Tom Arndt
<i>Rex Eifert</i>	Francis Awa
<i>Quentin Ervin</i>	Brian Carpenter
<i>Grace Hohman</i>	Austin Carter
<i>Lilly Homan</i>	Seth Corrie

*Jane Hostert
Trent Kobulnicky
Nicole Marinucci
Anna Somerlot
Katelyn Terry
Jason Walder*

*Ifeanyichukwu Promise
Joy Odeh
Kwame Osei*

2024-2025 Chem Club Officers

New Chem Officers for 2024-2025 Academic Year:

Back row starting from the left: Sara Walis (Vice-President), Trent Kobulnicky (treasurer), Garret Milligan (Lead Bookstore Manager), Jane Hostert (Social media) & Nicole Marinucci (President)

Front row starting from the left: Bella Cullins (Diversity Chair), Michaela Kirchoff (Secretary), & Faith Breausche (second Bookstore Manager)



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