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2025 Project SEED

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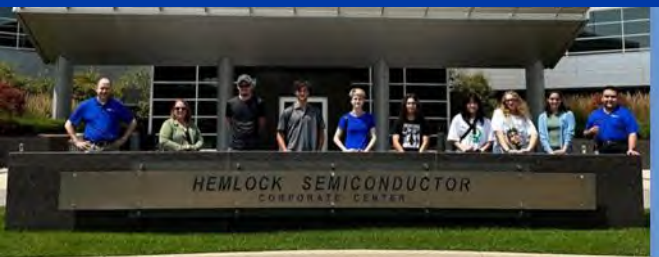

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Project SEED

Project SEED successfully engaged a diverse group of students across multiple counties and schools, offering both in-person and virtual research opportunities through CMU, SVSU, and MSU St. Andrews.

4 Counties- Bay, Saginaw, Isabella, & Mecosta

8 different High Schools
Chippewa Hills, Heritage, Mt Pleasant, Valley Lutheran, Merrill, Freeland, Shepherd, and Swan Valley

12 In-person students
- CMU -2 in-person
- SVSU -2 in-person
- MSU St. Andrews -8 in-person

2 Virtual students
- Both students returning to CMU (from GA & CO)

Project SEED Alumni- 2025 Graduates

Amarri –Caltech for Chemical/Bio Engineering (2024-2025)

Edward – Massachusetts Institute of Technology for Chemistry (2024-2025)

Sophie – Michigan Tech for Biotechnology (2025)

Jonathan – University of Kentucky for Chemistry (2024-2025)

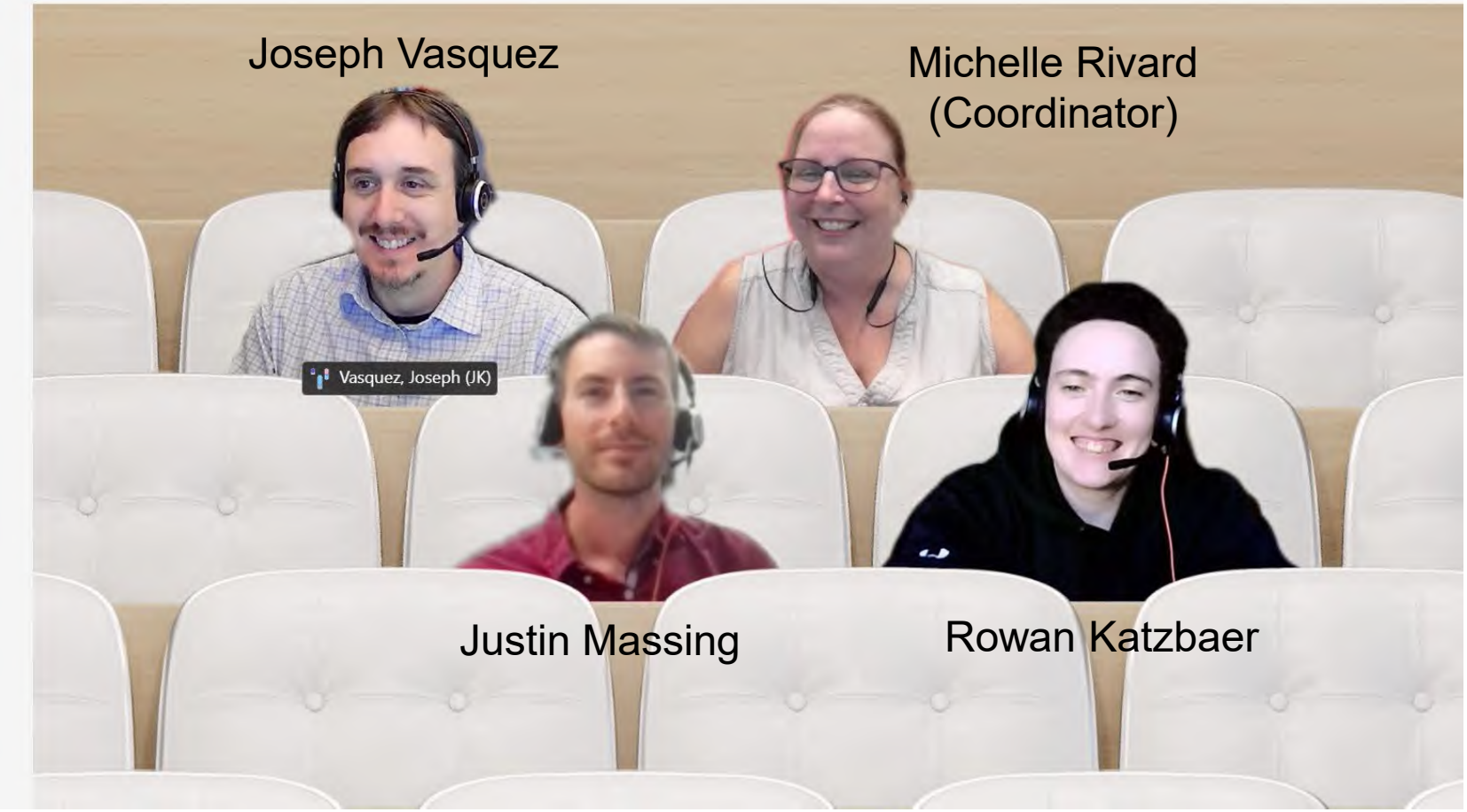
Camden – Delta College for Chemistry (2025)

Joe- Kettering University for Chemical Engineering (2023-2024)

Jorden- Michigan State University for Biomedical (2024)

(Year(s) in Project SEED)

Midland ACS Project SEED Committee Members



Mentors

Project Mentors:

Dr. Anna Mueller & Dr. Leela Rakesh of CMU

Dr. Tami Sivy of SVSU

**Dr. Dan Henton, Dr. Jack Kruper,
Dr. David Proctor, Dr. Edmund Stark, &
Dr. Bahar Aliakbarian of MSU St. Andrews**

2024 Project SEED Outstanding Mentor Award

The Midland Section of the American Chemical Society proudly recognizes Dr. Anja Mueller of Central Michigan University as a 2024 Project SEED Outstanding Mentor Award recipient. Dr. Mueller was formally congratulated by the ACS Education Division for her exceptional mentorship and impactful contributions to the 2024 SEED program.

A long-standing supporter of Project SEED, Dr. Mueller consistently opens her lab to students and collaborates with fellow faculty to create enriching research experiences. Her communication throughout each program cycle reflects her ongoing commitment to hosting students and designing interdisciplinary projects that help young scientists grow.

Her reliability, enthusiasm, and dedication to student success make her an essential contributor to the Midland ACS SEED community. The Outstanding Mentor Award highlights what many already know—Dr. Mueller's mentorship leaves a lasting, positive impact on students and strengthens the SEED program year after year.

Honoring Dr. Anja Mueller at the Spring Award Banquet

At the 2024 Midland ACS Spring Award Banquet, past SEED student Derek proudly presented the National ACS Outstanding Mentor Award to Dr. Anja Mueller. The photos capture a heartfelt moment as Derek shared a moving tribute, reflecting on how Dr. Mueller's guidance shaped his academic path, influenced his college decisions, and inspired his career aspirations. His words highlighted the powerful impact of mentorship, while Dr. Mueller's genuine gratitude and joy made the celebration truly memorable.

2025 Project SEED Outstanding Mentor Award

The American Chemical Society has named Dr. Tami Sivy one of the two recipients of the 2025 Project SEED Outstanding Mentor Award, recognizing her exceptional dedication, leadership, and long-standing commitment to empowering SEED students. Her nomination rose to the top because of her unwavering support for the Midland ACS Project SEED site and her remarkable impact on the students she mentors.

For years, Tami Sivy has played a pivotal role in the success of the Project SEED program, consistently opening her laboratory at Saginaw Valley State University to host multiple students each summer. Her mentorship extends far beyond day-to-day research guidance—she fully integrates students into her projects, ensures they gain real scientific skills, and helps them build the confidence they need to grow as emerging scholars.

Tami describes her approach best in her own words: "By hosting and mentoring Project SEED participants, my undergraduate students and I guide them in hands-on field and lab experiences that they otherwise wouldn't have. It's thrilling to watch them grow in confidence and knowledge."

Her willingness to "host two students again this summer" reflects a long-standing pattern of generosity, reliability, and deep commitment. Her continued involvement strengthens our entire site and exemplifies the spirit of mentorship recognized through this award. Students trained under her guidance routinely finish the program with a deepened love for chemistry, meaningful research experience, and a clearer understanding of their future academic paths. Many go on to present their work at conferences, embark on college STEM programs, or continue research after their SEED summer—outcomes made possible through the thoughtful, hands-on mentoring Dr. Sivy provides.

Her colleagues echo this sentiment. Upon receiving the award notification, she was met with congratulations from across the Midland community—clear evidence of how respected she is within the SEED network. This award highlights what we, in the Midland local section, already know: Tami Sivy is an extraordinary mentor whose dedication transforms student lives, strengthens the Project SEED mission, and exemplifies the very best of what this program strives to achieve.

Spring National Meeting San Diego

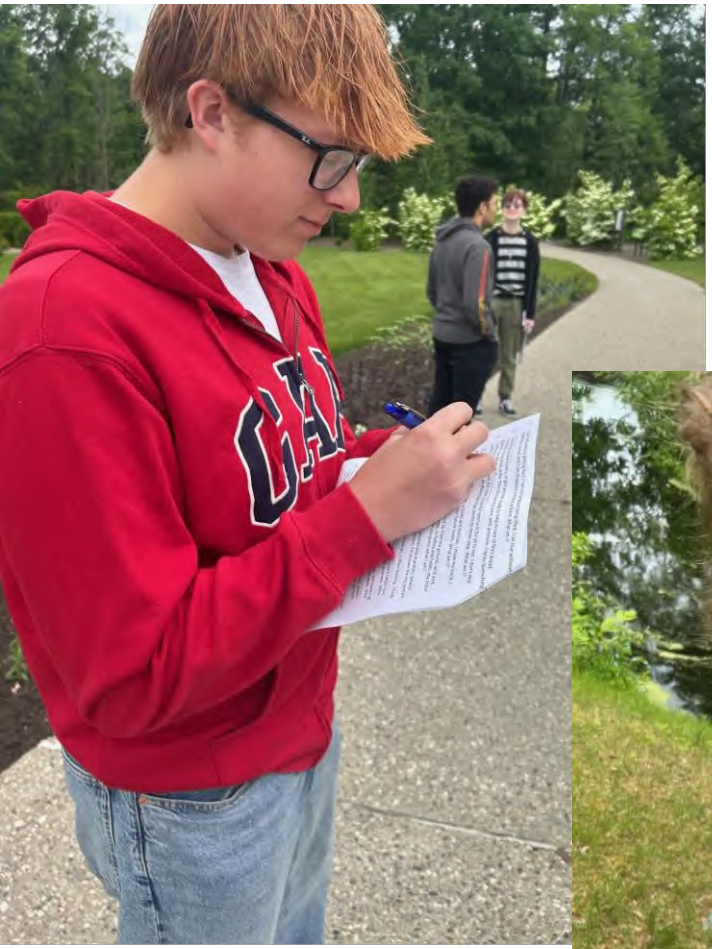
We were proud to take one of our SEED students, Kennedy, to the ACS Spring National Meeting in San Diego, California. During the conference, she participated in the SEED & Scholars Donor Appreciation Breakfast, where she had the opportunity to network directly with donors, mentors, program coordinators, and ACS committee members. Although the Spring Meeting did not include a student poster session, Kennedy made the most of the experience by attending technical talks, engaging in networking events, and participating in several social and professional development activities throughout the conference.

Friday Activities

- Industry Tours- HSC and Dow's Central Campus
- Campus Tours- Student lead tours
- Lunch & Learns- LinkenIn Profiles, Scholarship Essay writing, Presentation skills
- Photo Scavenger Hunt at Dow Garden
- Bi-monthly Virtual Lectures- Value of Education, Ethics, SEED Alumni, & Student presentations
- Outreach- Dow Championship in the STEM tent and River Days

Team Building Activity: Scavenger Hunt at Dow Gardens

Students engaged in solving riddles at Dow Garden, where they had to work in teams to find the answers and capture them in photographs.



Luke, Jonathan, and Kennedy

Reid

Katelyn

Team Building Activity: Scavenger Hunt at Dow Gardens Cont.

Jonathan pausing to enjoy the flowers during the photo scavenger hunt

Reid solving riddles

Reid & Camden

Project SEED participants touring HSC and discovering real-world science in action

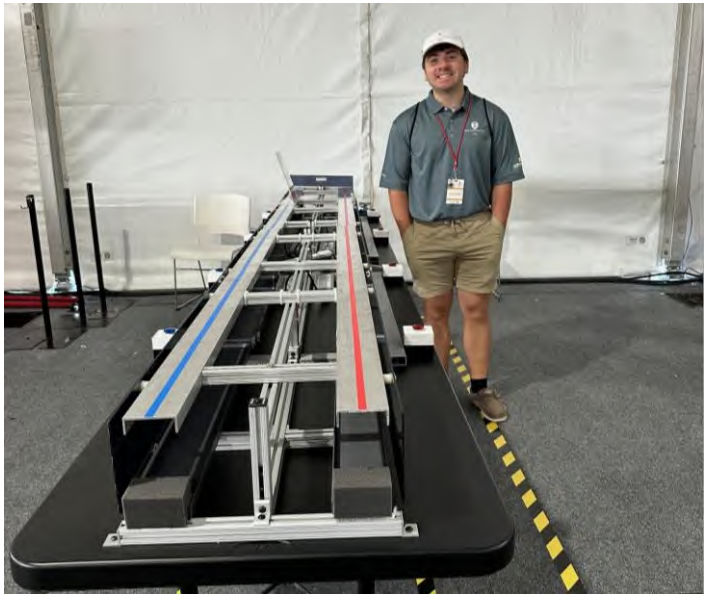
Volunteering in the STEM tent at LPGA Dow Championship

Caleb engaging students & parents in the STEM tent.

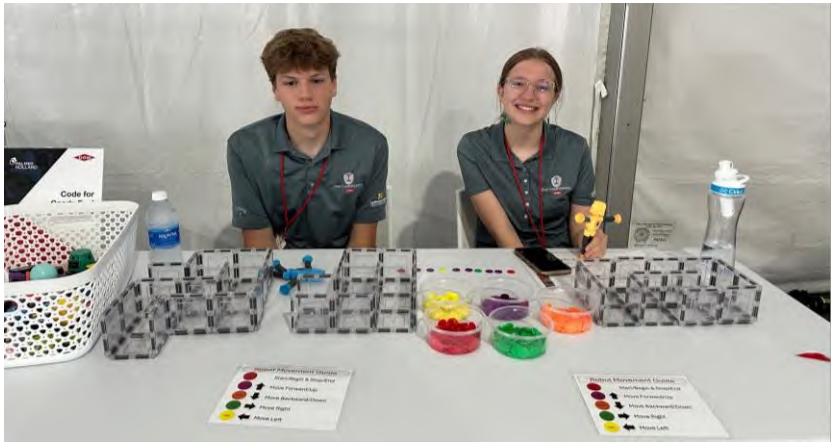
Emily walking some students and parents through a STEM activity.

Volunteering in the STEM tent at the LPGA DowChampionship Cont.

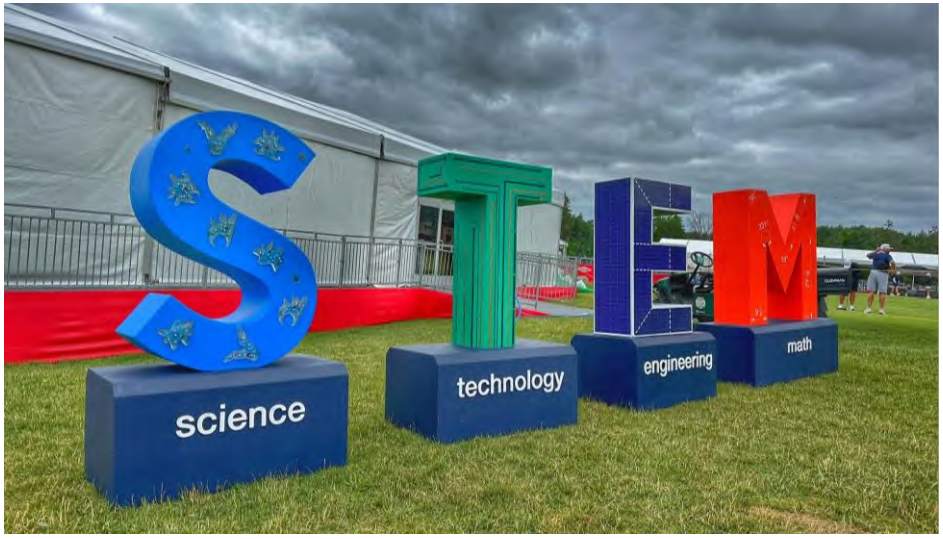
Luke ready to engage the next generation of Scientist!



Camden geared up to inspire future scientists at Dow's demo station.

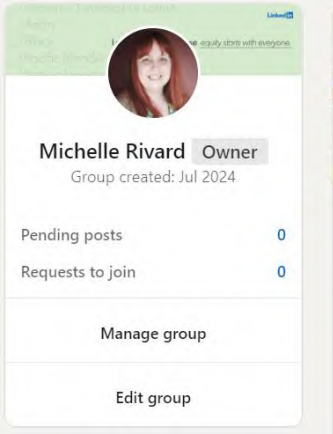


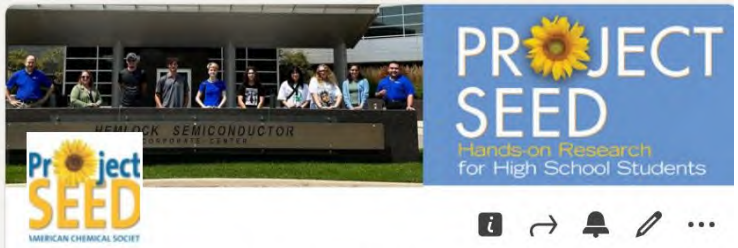
Reid & Katelyn ready to spark curiosity in tomorrow's innovators!



Project SEED- LinkedIn Profile & Scholarship Essays and LOR

Tips and tricks on how to create a good LinkedIn profile and why it's important to have one as a student. Students joined our Alumni group for Midland ACS Project SEED. We also went over how to craft scholarship essays and ask for a letter or recommendation.





WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR

- Academic achievement
- A clear and compelling reflection on your Project SEED experience
- Strong future education and career goals
- Enthusiasm for a chemistry-related or STEM major
- Financial need

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AGENDA

Planning phase
Writing phase
Editing phase
Bonus
Common mistakes
Letters of Recommendation

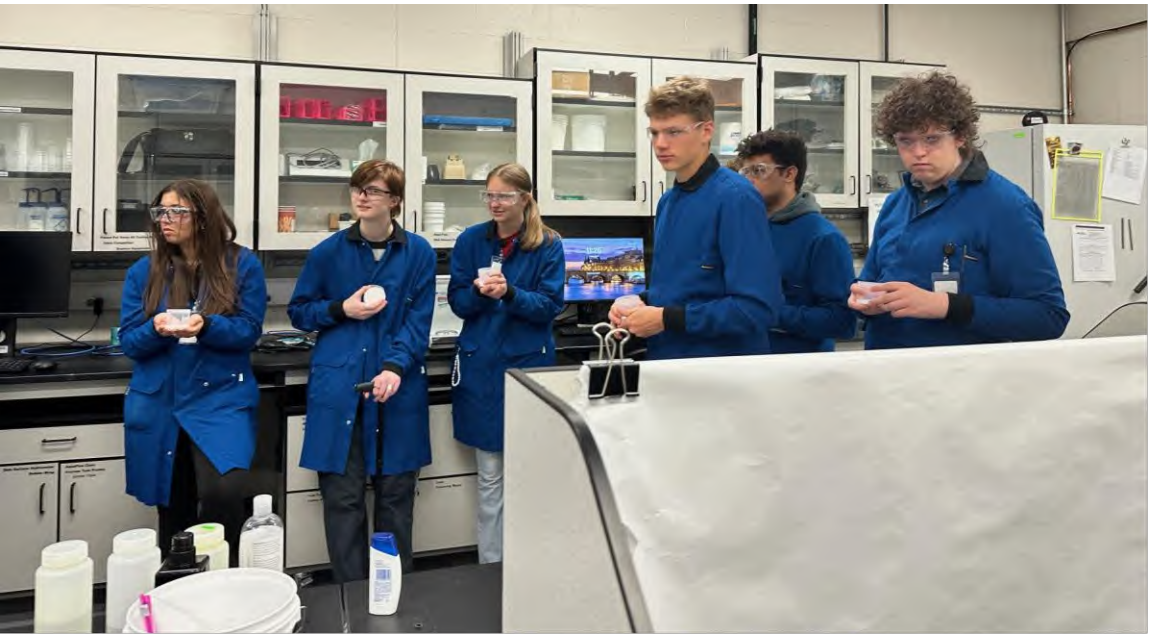
BEFORE YOU ASK

- Choose wisely: Select someone who knows you well—ideally your Project SEED mentor or coordinator, and a STEM teacher who can speak to your academic strengths and passion for science.
- Ask early: Give at least 3–4 weeks' notice. Recommenders appreciate time to write a thoughtful letter.
- Check the requirements: Make sure they know the letter should highlight your Project SEED experience, enthusiasm for chemistry/STEM, and potential as a future scientist.

Dow's Central Campus Tour

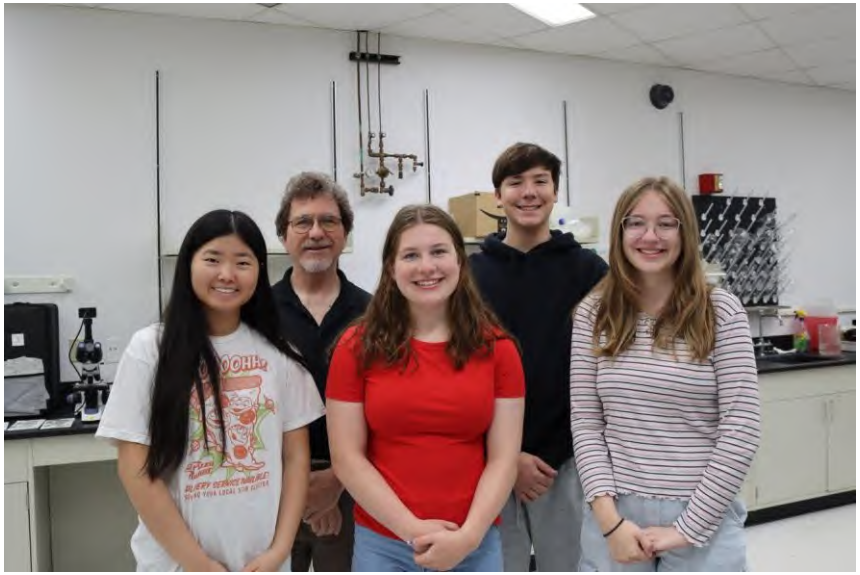
Exploring the elements of innovation at Dow –starting with Si!

Dow's Central Campus Tour

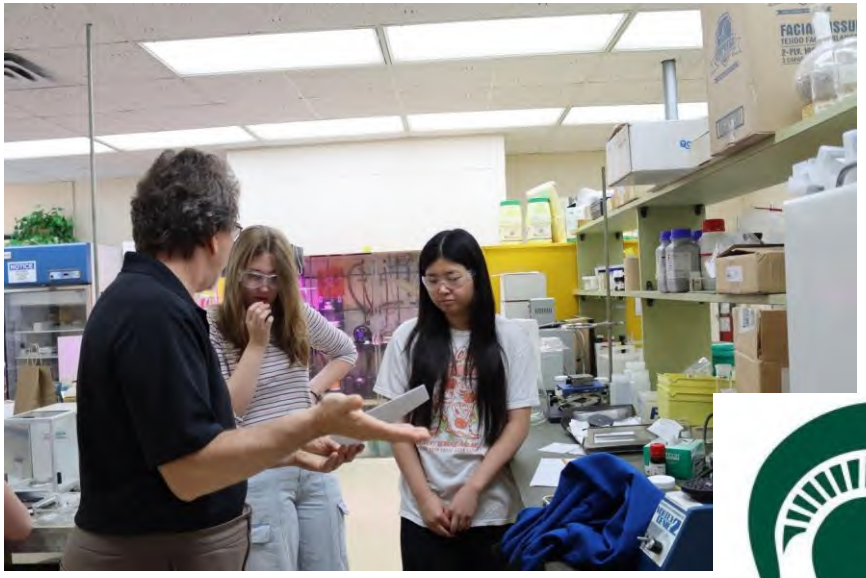


Exploring real-world formulation — students crafted their own lotion and experimented with sealants during a hands-on activity at Dow Central Campus.

MSU St Andrews -Pollen



Katelyn and Sophia, along their lab mates and mentor Dr. Stark, working on their Pollen summer research.



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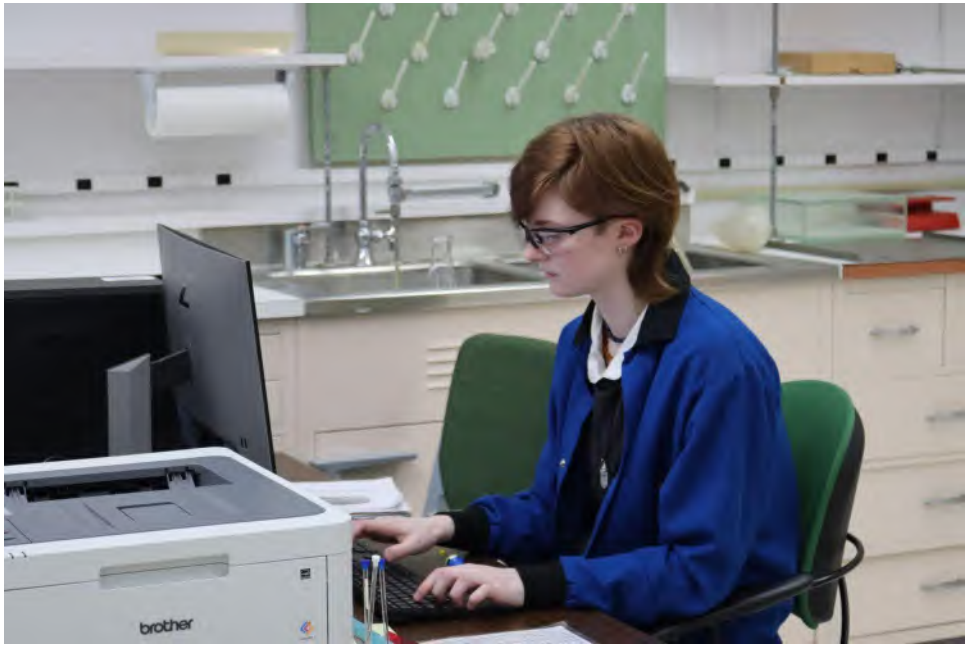
MSU St Andrews -Reaction Kinetics



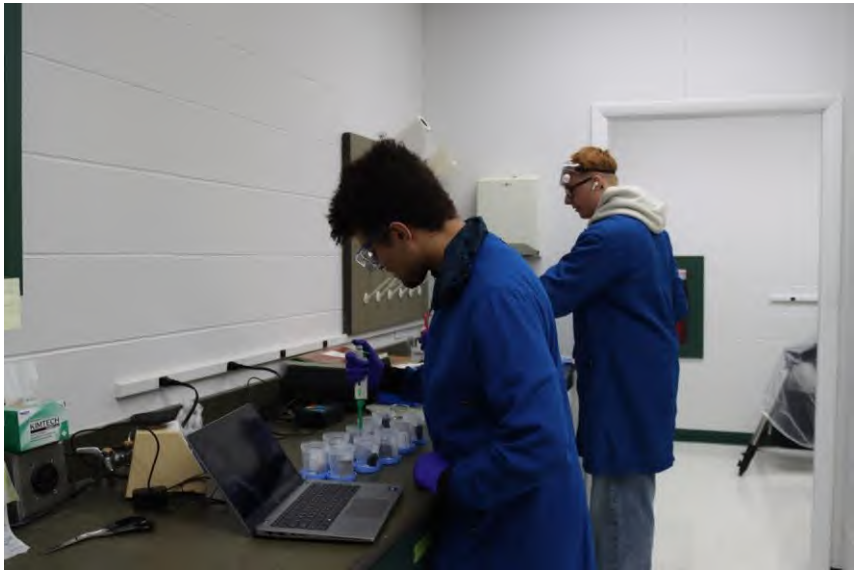
Kennedy, along with her lab mate and mentor Dr. Henton, working on their reaction kinetics summer research.

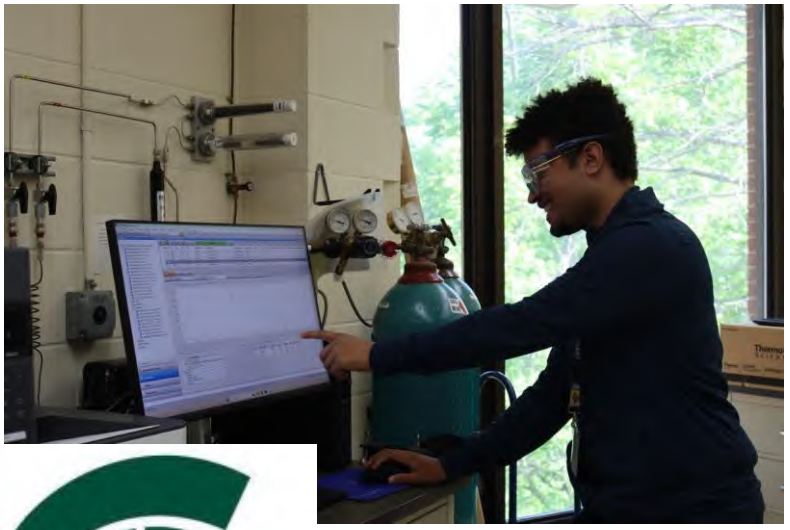
MSU St Andrews -RFID

Reid, along with his lab mate and mentor Dr. Aliakbarian, working on their RFID summer research.

MSU St. Andrews

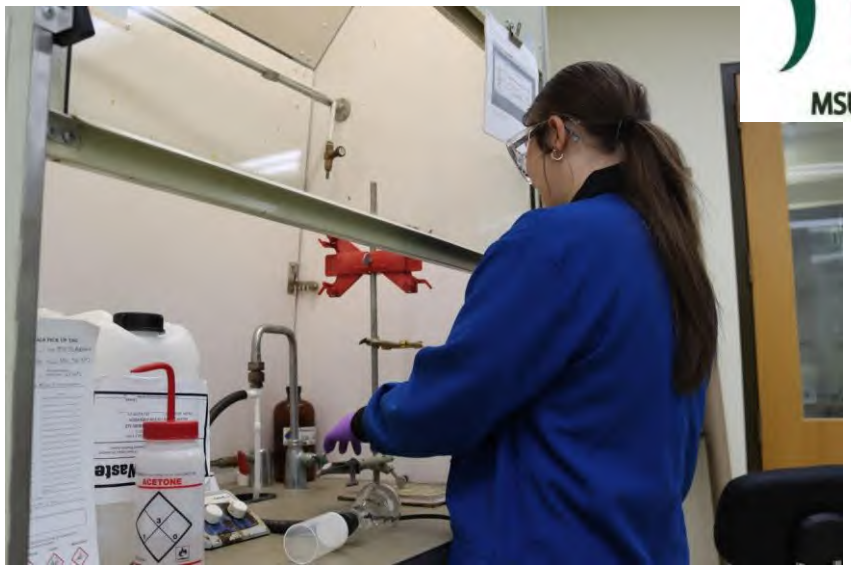
MSU St Andrews -Textiles

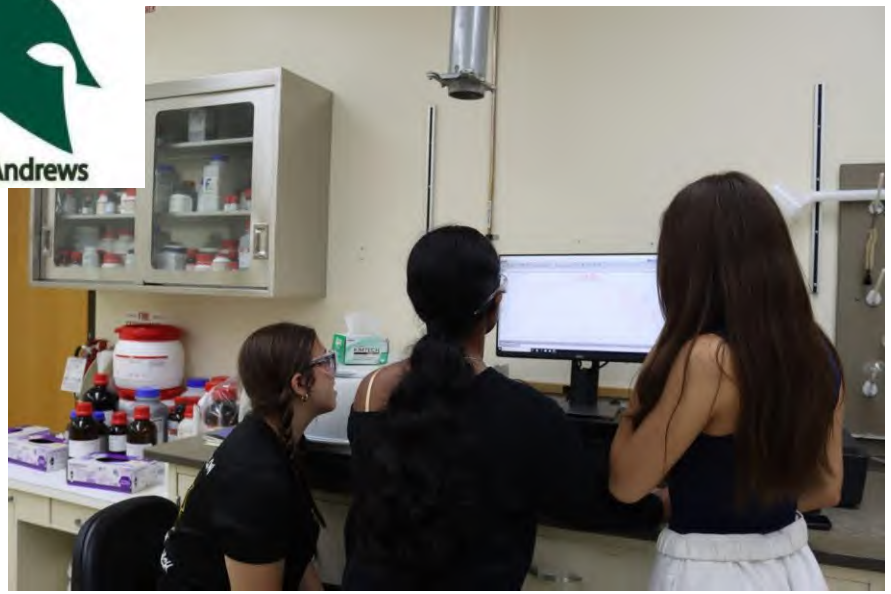




Jonathan and Luke, along with their lab mate and mentor Dr. Proctor , working on their textiles summer research.

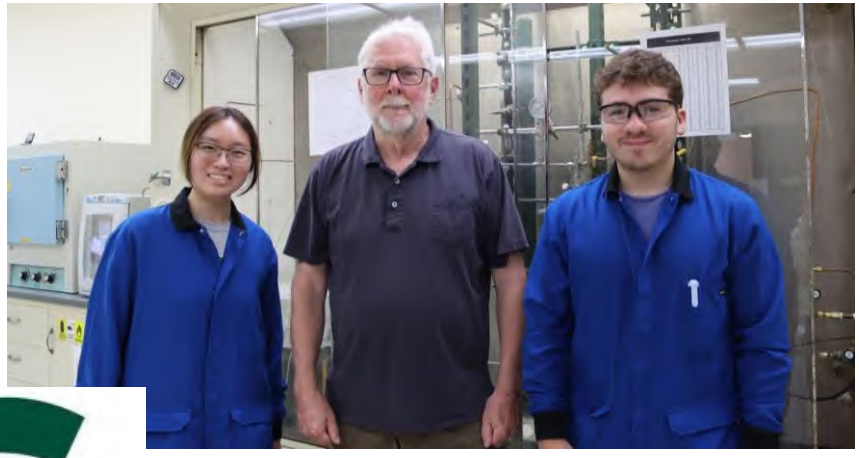
MSU St Andrew Vitamin C





Emily, along with lab mates and mentors working on their Vitamin C summer research.

MSU St Andrews Bio-Acrylic Acid



Camden, along with his lab mate and mentor Dr. Kruper, working on their Bio-Acrylic Acid summer research.

MSU St. Andrews

MSU St Andrew Celebration Night

MSU St. Andrews

Students presenting their research poster to the public and family members.

River Days

Kennedy volunteering at River Days at the Midland ACS Kids & Chemistry Booth!

SVSU Tour & Research

Sally collecting a water sample from one of the test sites where she and her research partners monitor E. coli levels.

CMU Tour

Caleb and Sophie hard at work developing and testing membranes to help purify water.

End of Summer Banquet

Celebrating a summer of growth! Students received certificates alongside family as we reflected on the season's activities and thanked parents for loaning us their amazing young scientists.

Sophie

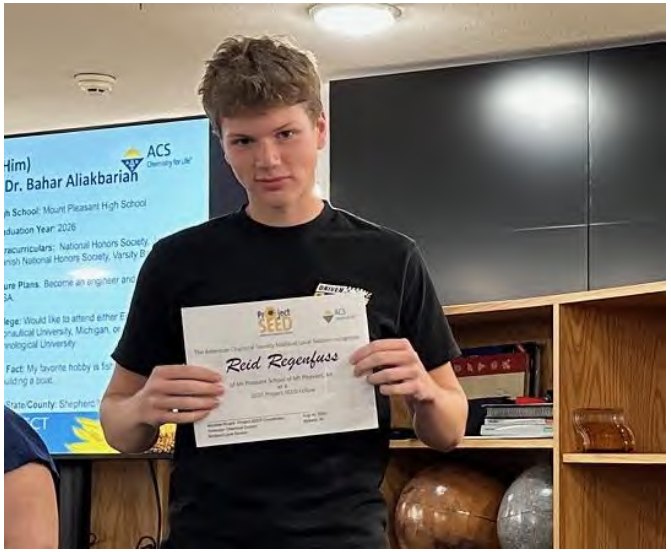
Sophia

Luke

Kennedy

End of Summer Banquet Cont.

Camden



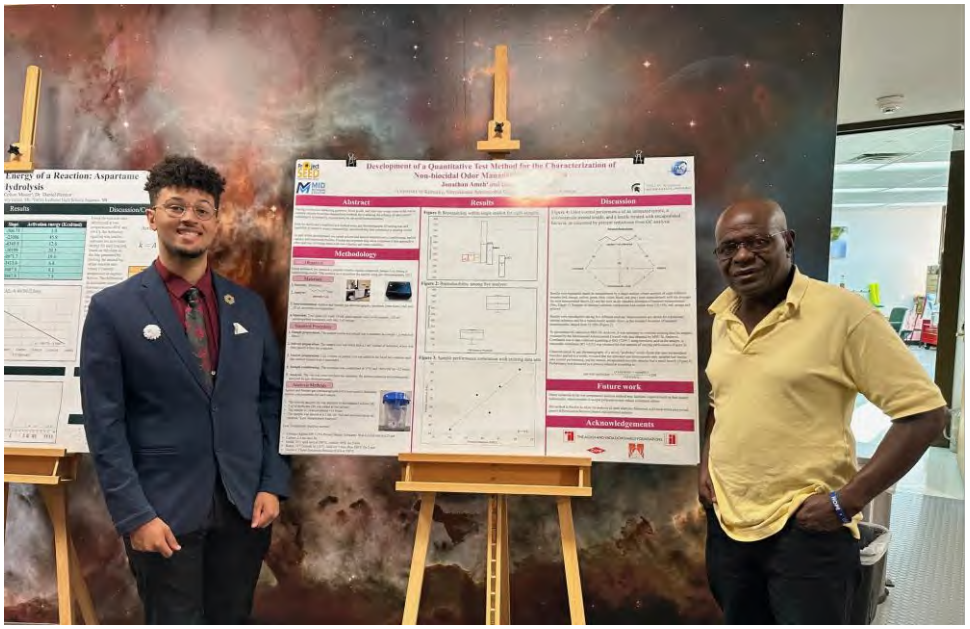
Reid

Katelyn

Caleb

End of Summer Banquet Cont.

Jonathan



Jonathan with his dad showing off his research poster!

Road Trip to National in D.C.


Photo from the Girl's SUV

12-passenger van reserved—check.
12-passenger van actually available—nope!
When the rental desk informed me there were no vans of any kind, I had to wonder how they expected me to drive two vehicles at once.
So… we caravanned our way to D.C.!
A rocky start, but still an unforgettable adventure.


Lunch at Max & Ermma's

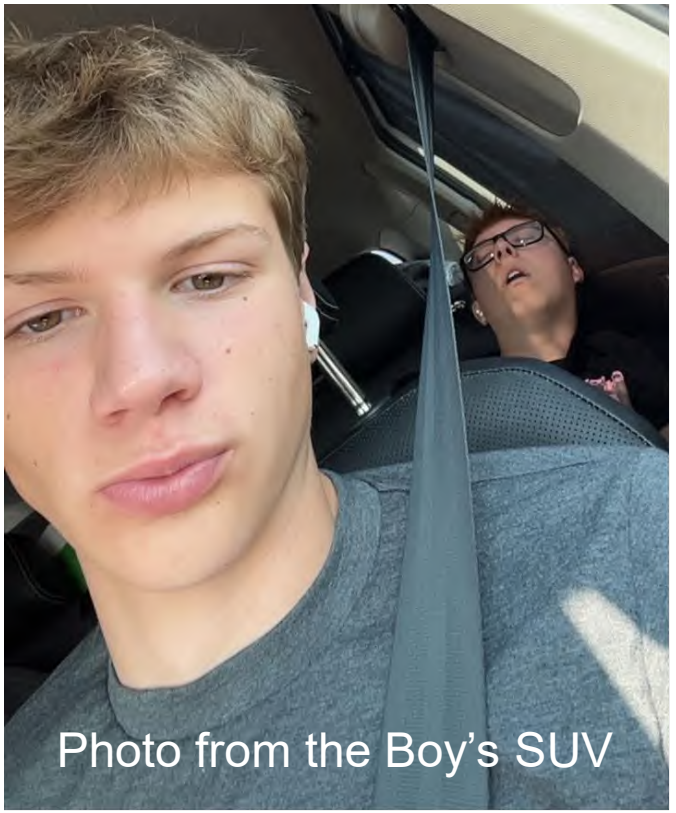


Photo from the Boy's SUV

Networking in D.C.

Luke, Reid, & Jonathan engaging with other attendees at the ChemLuminary Celebration

Camden showing off his swag he won!

Reid, & Jonathan striking a pose at the selfie backdrop!

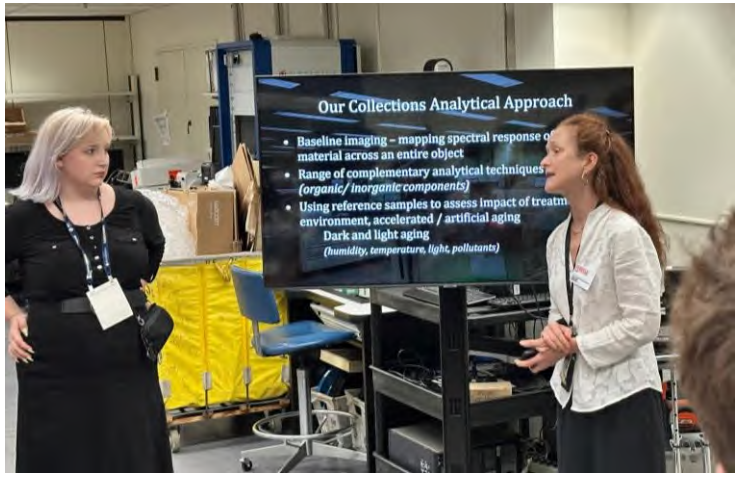
Tour of The Library of Congress Labs

In the heart of the Library of Congress: 60+ students, mentors, and coordinators united by curiosity, exploration, and a passion for learning.

Tour of The Library of Congress Labs Cont.

From spectroscopy to materials analysis, each group toured a different part of the Library of Congress analytical labs, discovering how chemistry protects history.

Tour of The Library of Congress Labs Cont.



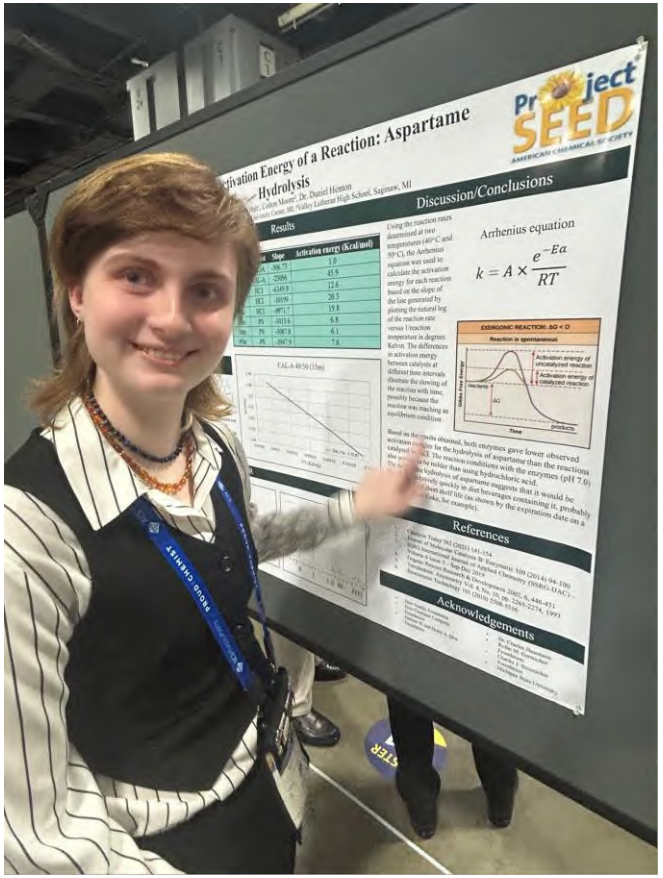
The LOC team guided us through their analytical labs in small groups, showcasing the science behind conservation, materials testing, and historic artifact analysis.

ChemLuminary Awards

Midland Local Section recognized with the ChemLuminary Award for Outstanding Project SEED Program—our third straight year earning this honor. The award celebrates small SEED programs that excel in providing hands-on research, exemplary mentor support, robust enrichment activities, and meaningful outcomes for students from economically diverse backgrounds.

Sci-Mix

Jonathan

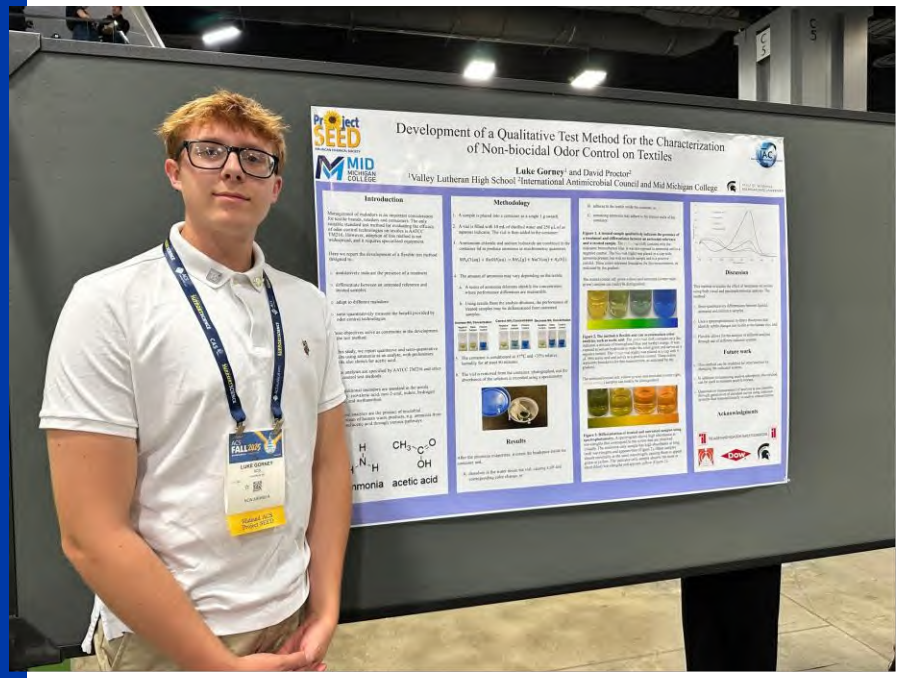


Kennedy

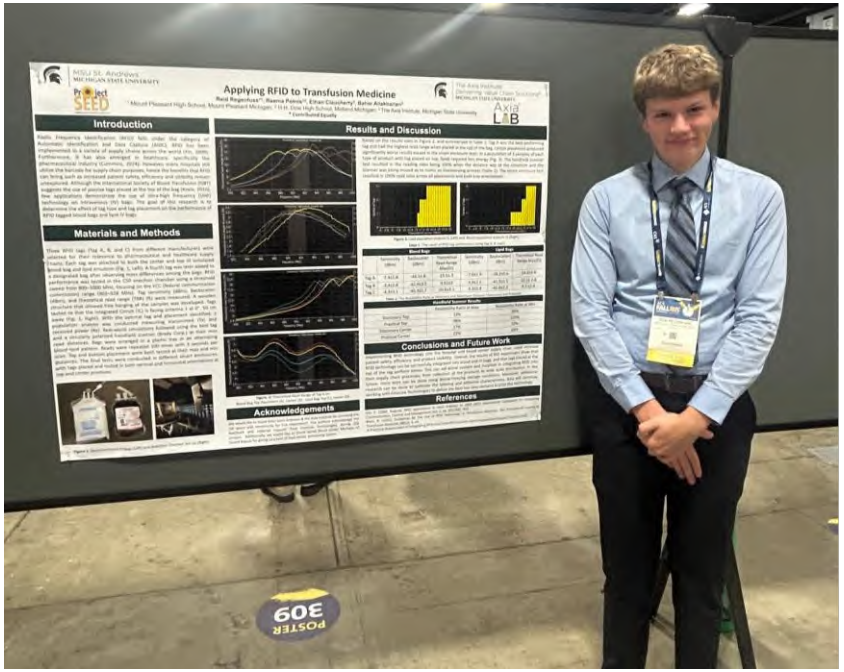
Emily

Five of our six attending students proudly presented their research posters at Sci-Mix. One student was unable to present due to proprietary restrictions, but all contributed outstanding work to this year's Project SEED cohort.

Sci-Mix- Cont.



Luke



Reid

Our students shinning at Sci-Mix!

What's Your Chemistry Superpower?

Camden

Jonathan

Reid & Jonathon

Emily, Kennedy, & Coordinator Michelle

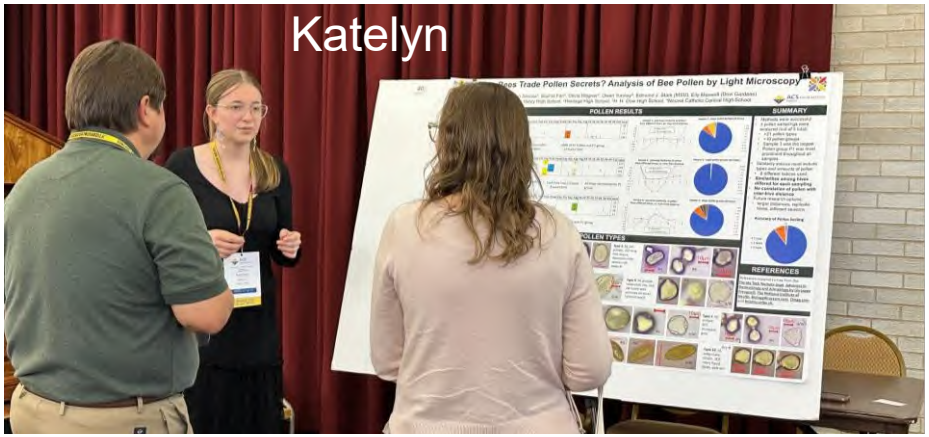
Showing off their science skills—students strike a pose at the 'What's Your Chemistry Superpower?' selfie station in the Members Lounge

When the chemistry gets deep…

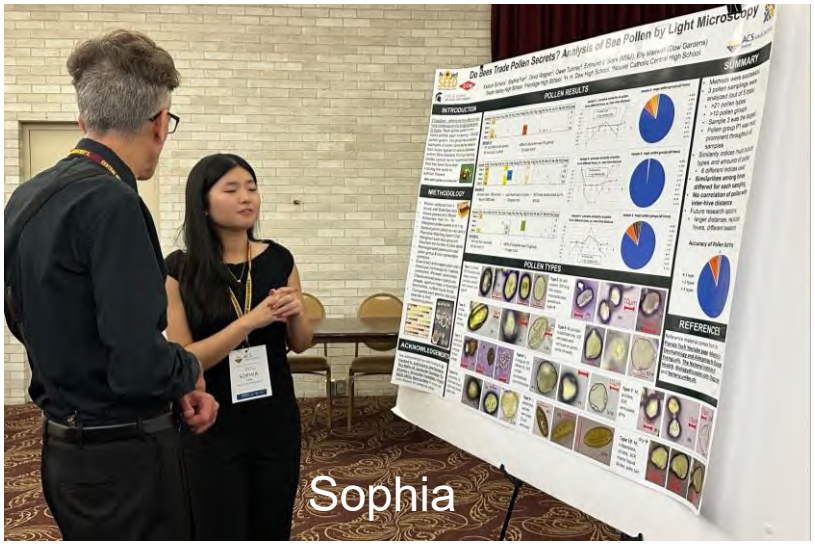
Jonathan, Kennedy, Emily, Reid, & Luke

This is the kind of random, in-the-moment photos the students send me while they're off experiencing the National Meeting. I never know what I'll get, but it always makes me smile. I love seeing the National Meeting through their eyes!

Midland Fall Scientific Meeting

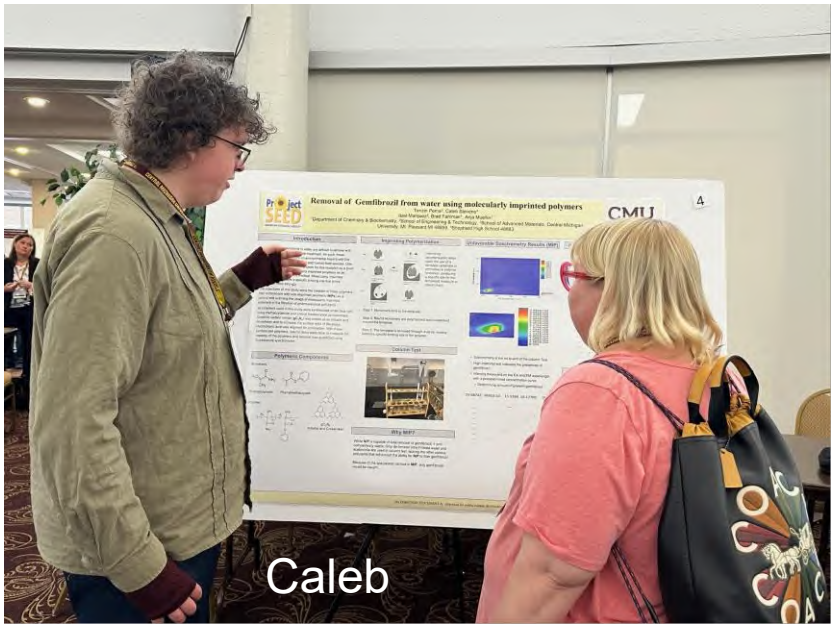


Students presenting their summer research posters at the Fall Scientific Meeting at CMU—showcasing months of hard work, curiosity, and scientific growth.



FSM cont.


Luke & his dad



Caleb

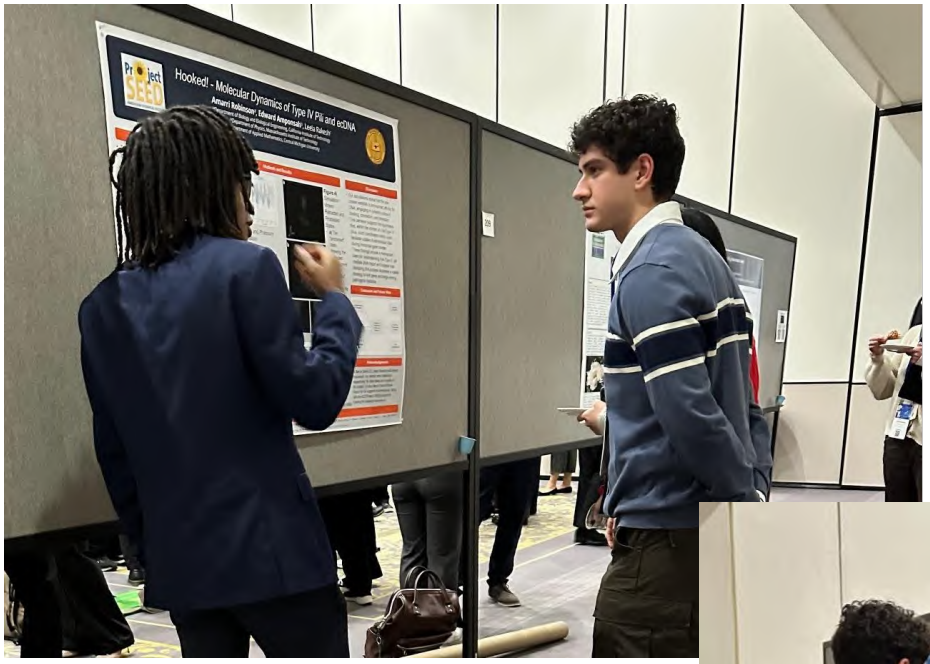

Emily & her lab partners

At the Fall Scientific Meeting at CMU, our Project SEED students presented their research posters, engaging in scientific dialogue and demonstrating the impact of their summer research experience.

University of Kentucky

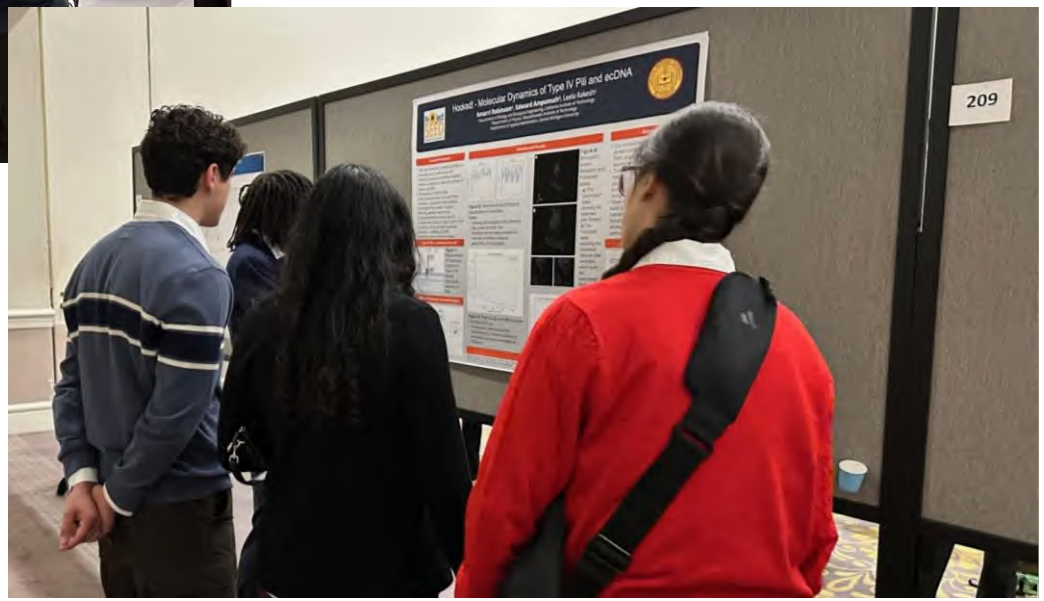
Reconnecting with Jonathan over lunch at PF Chang's during a trip to Kentucky—so proud to hear how his first semester at UK is going.

Western Regional Meeting San Jose



It was a proud moment seeing Amarri present his poster at the Western Regional Meeting in San Jose. I was there to give a CTP talk, and with Amarri now attending Caltech, it made perfect sense for him to join the meeting and showcase his summer research.

This also gave me an opportunity to catch up with how Amarri's first semester is going!



Science Café & Bourbon Pull Fundraiser

This year we hosted three bourbon pulls as fundraisers for Project SEED, raising almost $6,000. All proceeds will be dedicated to supporting student travel to regional and national conferences where they present their research. These events help ensure our students have the opportunity to share their work with the broader scientific community and gain valuable professional experience.

We would like to thank our sponsors and donors for helping to make these events a success!

Sponsors

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Three Bridges Distillery & Taproom
Cleveland Whiskey
Silver Circle, an ACS Committee of Senior Members

Bottle Donors

Kyle Krauseneck	Jacob Crosthwaite	Jeff Seifferly	Jon Zieman
Hunter Woodward	Mark Jones	Kathleen Van Pelt	Beth Lorsbach
Michelle Rivard	Top Gun	Dave Stickles	Regan Silvestri
Tom Lane	Allen Saggers	Dave Gorney	Matthew Rivard

EverNorth Spirits Science Café & Bourbon Pull

Owner Sean Paisley gave an engaging talk on the chemistry of bourbon, sharing insights into how science shapes flavor. Participants were able to purchase a bourbon flight to taste a variety of styles, and pizza was provided ahead of the bourbon pull, making for a fun and flavorful event.

Selection of 40 bottles available in the pull

The Chemistry of Bourbon: Instrument to Taste Analysis

Regan Silvestri

Beth Lorsbach

During the Friday afternoon session at CERM/FSM 2025 (October 17), participants enjoyed a themed experience exploring ‘The Chemistry of Bourbon: Instrument to Taste Analysis.’ The session included a guided bourbon tasting followed by a Project SEED fundraising bourbon pull at Hunter’s Ale House

Bourbon Pull at CERM

Guest speaker Beth Lorsbach

Participants enjoying Pizza before the Bourbon Pull

Bourbon Pull at CERM

Selection of 60 bottles available for Pull

Participant Susanne Lewis wins a bottle of EH Taylor!

2026 ACS president-elect Christina Bodurow wins Blantons Straight from the Barrel

Guest speaker Regan Silvestri wins a bottle of Buffalo Trace!

Three Bridges Bourbon Pull

Forty bottles were available for the Bourbon Pull

Participants enjoying Pizza before the Bourbon Pull

Master Brewer Jamie Daws talking about the chemistry of brewing at Three Bridges Bourbon Pull

Three Bridges Bourbon Pull

Three Bridges owner John Levy and master brewer Jamie Daws talking to attendees.

Participant Mark wins a bottle of Sazerac Rye

Participant Anna wins a Weller Special Reserve!

Participant Erin wins a bottle of Bulleit 95 Rye 12 YR!

Amarri Robinson (he/him)
CMU (Virtual) – Dr. Leela Rakesh

High School: Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School

Graduation Year: 2025

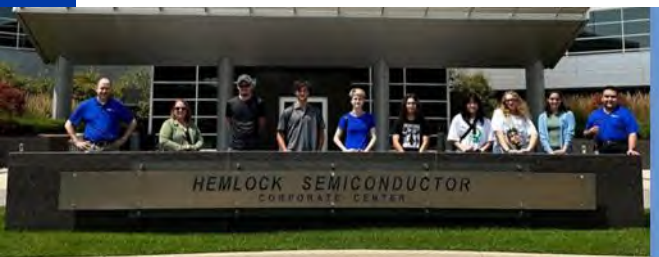
Extracurriculars: Science Bowl, Science Club, Math Club, Student Council, Academic Decathlon

Future Plans: Becoming a professor in Chemical or Bio Engineering :)

College: California Institute of Technology

Fun Fact: I play all 4 types of saxophones!

City/State/County: Augusta/GA/Richmond



Edward Amponsah-Asamoah (he/him)
CMU (Virtual) – Dr. Leela Rakesh

High School: Regis Jesuit High School

Graduation Year: 2025

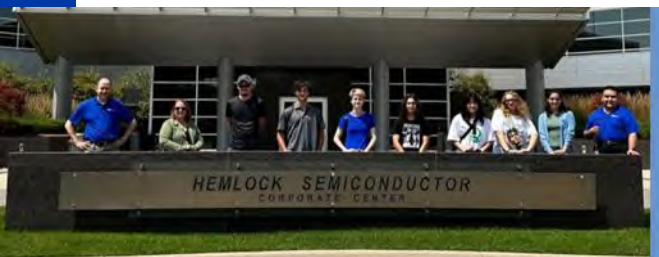
Extracurriculars: Chemistry Club, Math Club, AI Engineering Club, Church Projectionist, Online Tutoring, Boys Distance Track Team Manager

Future Plans: Go to college, Get a Bachelors and PhD, Become a Researcher

College: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Fun Fact: I send random song lyrics to my friends without context to confuse them!

City/State/County: Aurora/CO/Arapahoe



Sophie Carroll (she/her)

CMU –Dr. Anja Mueller

High School: Chippewa Hills High School

Graduation Year: 2025

Extracurriculars: Forensics Speech Competition, D&D club, Tennis, Hiking, Kayaking.

Future Plans: Study Biotechnology, Kayaking across Lake Superior, hiking across countries.

College: Michigan Technological University

Fun Fact: This picture was taken after me (on right) and my best friend hiked 10 miles at Dead Man's Overlook.

City/State/County: Canadian Lakes/MI/Mecosta

Caleb Stevens (He/Him)

CMU –Dr. Anja Mueller

High School: Shepherd High School

Graduation Year: 2026

Extracurriculars: Bowling

Future Plans: Lab tech and Author

College: Mid-Michigan, likely Central Michigan after

Fun Fact: Bakes bread

City/State/County: Shepherd/MI/Isabella

Sally Yu (she/her)
SVSU - Dr. Tami Sivy

High School: Freeland High School

Graduation Year: 2026

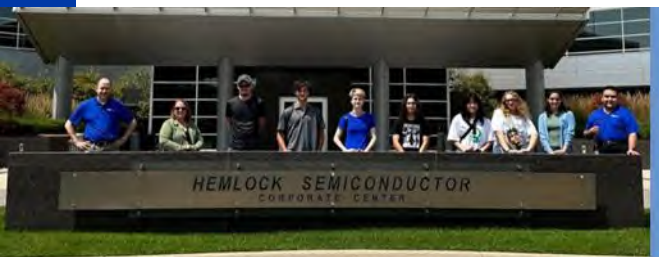
Extracurriculars: SkillsUSA, Esports, Literary Arts Club, Work, Music

Future Plans: Going to College for Bachelors, majoring in Neuroscience (or Business) with a minor in Psychology.

College: UofM, Ferris State University, MSU

Fun Fact: I was in band for about 5 years. Fluent in Mandarin.

City/State/County: Saginaw/MI/Saginaw



Sky LeBron (she/her)
SVSU - Dr. Tami Sivy

High School: Merrill High School

Graduation Year: 2026

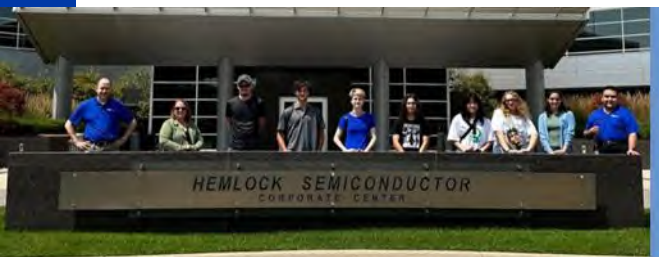
Extracurriculars: Quiz Bowl, Band, E-Sports Coach, Lay-Day, Writing Team, Student Council

Future Plans: I plan on becoming a chemist and specialize in metals or chemical reactions. I hope to one day get a PhD.

College: Michigan State University

Fun Fact: I draw, write, make music, and play a lot of video games in my free-time.

City/State/County: Merrill/MI/Saginaw



Katelyn Simons (She/Her)
MSU– Edmund Stark

High School: Swan Valley High School

Graduation Year: 2026

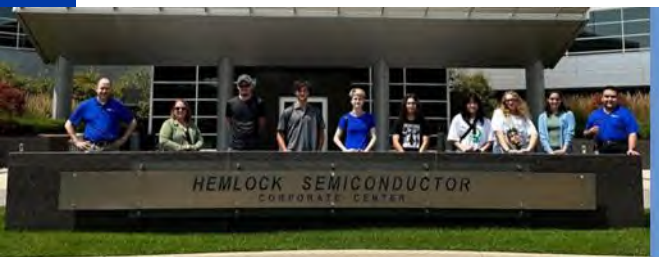
Extracurriculars: Concert and marching band, drama

Future Plans: Undecided, want to pursue a career in STEM/Chemistry

College: Western Michigan

Fun Fact: I'm an artist!

City/State/County: Saginaw/MI/Saginaw



Sophia Fan (she/her)
MSU St. Andrews- Edmund Stark

High School: Heritage High School

Graduation Year: 2026

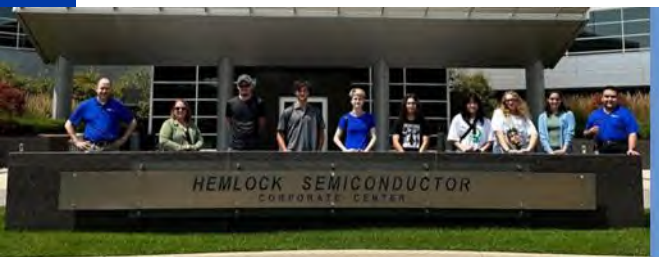
Extracurriculars: HOSA, NHS, Tennis

Future Plans: Major in Biochem/Biology/Chem to obtain bachelors, then attend a 4-year Pharmacy School

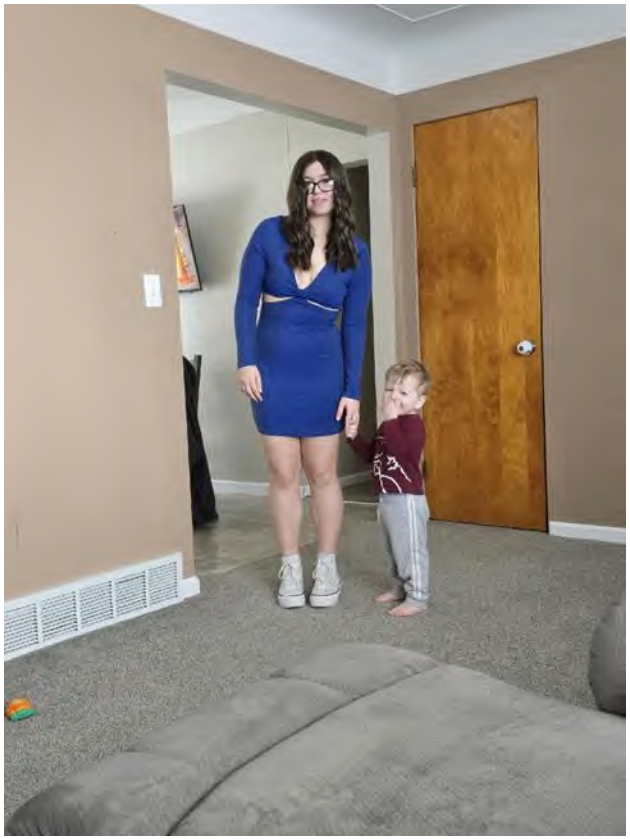
College: University of Michigan

Fun Fact: I love dried mango

City/State/County: Saginaw/MI/Saginaw



Emily Propp (she/her)
MSU St. Andrews – Dr. Kruper/Dr. Henton



High School: Bay City Western High School

Graduation Year: 2026

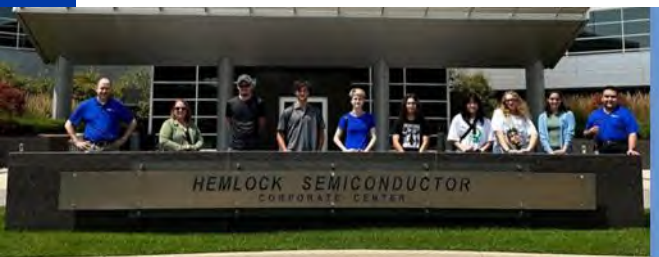
Extracurriculars: Volleyball, bowling, Girls weightlifting club, Olympiad, NHS

Future Plans: Major in Chemical Engineering

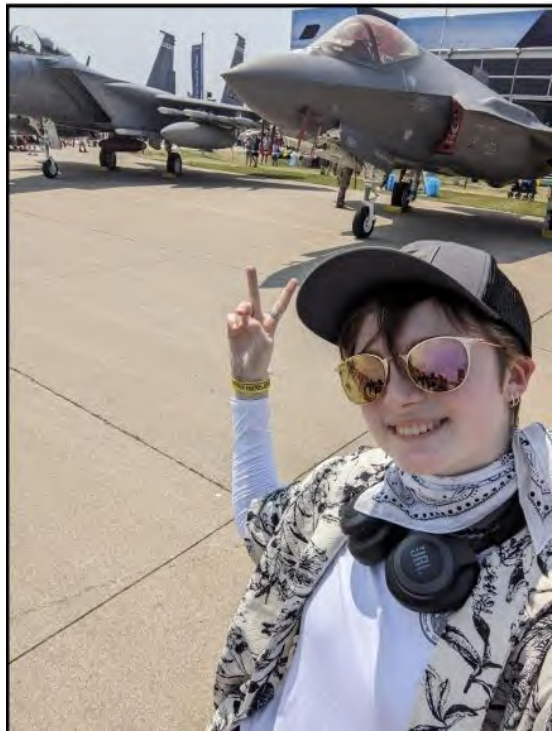
College: University of Michigan

Fun Fact: I have 2 little brothers

City/State/County: Bay City/MI/Bay



Kennedy Holt (any pronouns)
MSU St. Andrews- Dr. Kruper/Dr. Henton



High School: Great Lakes Bay Early College

Graduation Year: 2026

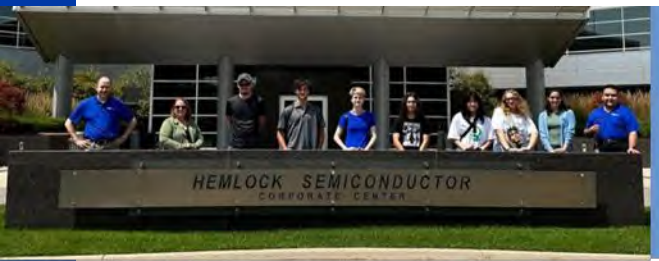
Extracurriculars: Theater, writing, travel

Future Plans: Finish AS, major in biochemistry or pharmaceutical chemistry with a focus in research.

College: Undecided (applying to UofM, UCLA, UCSD, SDSU)

Fun Fact: The plane in the picture is an F-35 Lightning II; a fifth-generation multirole stealth fighter and one of my favorite military aircraft!

City/State/County: Freeland/MI/Saginaw



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Jonathan Ameh (He/him)
MSU St. Andrews- Dr. Kruper/Dr. Henton

High School: Heritage High School

Graduation Year: 2025

Extracurriculars: Chess, Badminton, Drawing

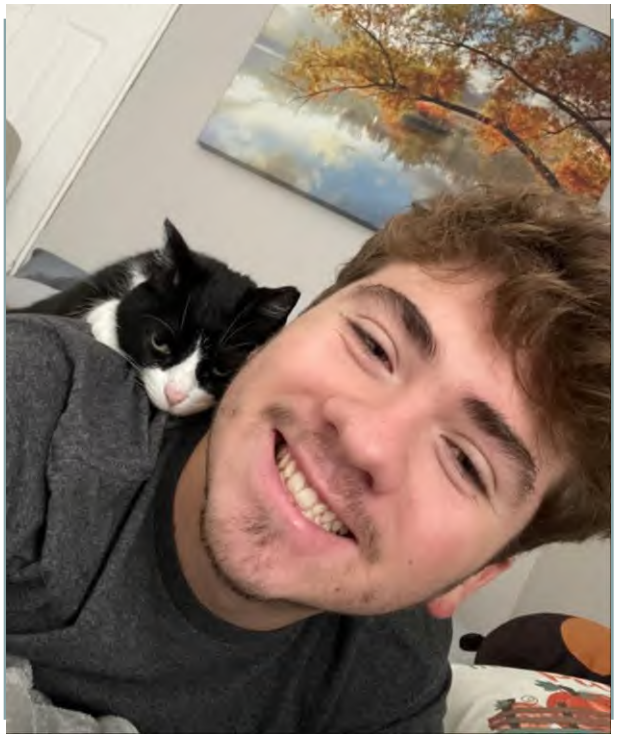
Future Plans: Going to college to get a bachelor's in chemistry, possibly another STEM field as well. Later on, I would like to see how I can apply chemistry to art in the job field.

College: University of Kentucky

Fun Fact: I am (still) in the top 5 percent with minutes listened on Spotify. +I'm a huge art lover

City/State/County: Saginaw/Michigan/Saginaw

Camden Murphy (he/him)
MSU-St. Andrews – Dr. David Proctor



High School: Heritage High School

Graduation Year: 2025

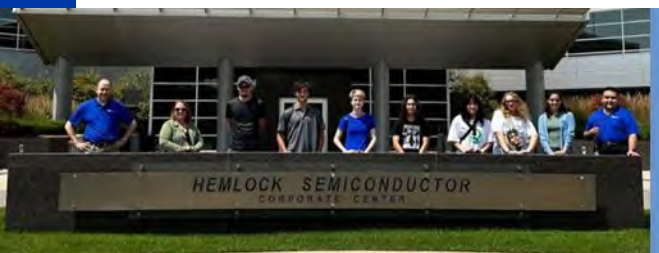
Extracurriculars: Guitar & singing, at-home science experiments, and gardening!

Future Plans: Complete degree in chemistry or chemical engineering.

College: Delta College + undecided transfer

Fun Fact: I LOVE NATURE!

City/State/County: Saginaw/MI/Saginaw



Luke Gorney (he/him)
MSU-St. Andrews – Dr. David Proctor

High School: Valley Lutheran High School

Graduation Year: 2026

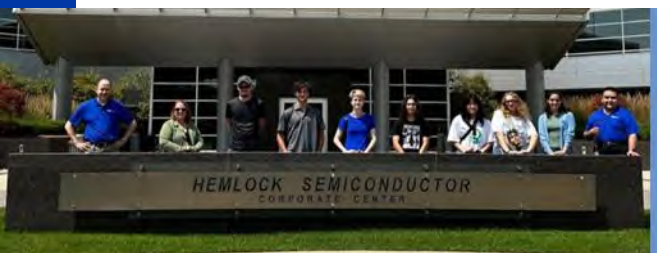
Extracurriculars: Global Awareness, Golf

Future Plans: Attend a four-year college but using this opportunity to help decide what I want to go into.

College: MSU or SVSU

Fun Fact: I enjoy pickleball at center courts almost every hot summer night.

City/State/County: Saginaw/MI/Saginaw



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Reid Regenfuss(He/Him)
MSU St. Andrews – Dr. Bahar Aliakbarian

High School: Mount Pleasant High School

Graduation Year: 2026

Extracurriculars: National Honors Society, Job, Spanish National Honors Society, Varsity Baseball

Future Plans: Become an engineer and work with NASA.

College: Would like to attend either Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Michigan, or Michigan Technological University

Fun Fact: My favorite hobby is fishing, and I am working on building a boat.

City/State/County: Shepherd/MI/Isabella

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Final Comments on 2025

Project SEED 2025 was a year defined by both meaningful progress and substantial personal and organizational transitions. Our program continued its strong impact—engaging students across multiple counties, partnering with CMU, SVSU, and MSU St. Andrews, and supporting a wide variety of in-person and virtual research placements. The outcomes speak for themselves: students developed hands-on research skills, mentors across institutions continued their deep commitment, and several of our SEED alumni moved on to top universities, reflecting the lasting influence of the program.

Amid these successes, this year also brought significant shifts in my own life. My youngest graduated from high school and began their college journey, while my oldest made me a grandmother right in the middle of the summer research period. These personal milestones brought joy and change, all while we were navigating an especially busy SEED season.

At the same time, the environment at Dow was evolving. New restrictions on using Dow time for ACS-related activities required rethinking workflows, adjusting planning, and finding new ways to manage the program's administrative and outreach needs. This added a layer of complexity to an already demanding summer.

And if that weren't enough, we introduced a new fundraising initiative—the bourbon pull—which meant diving into the intricacies of Michigan's rules, laws, and licensing requirements for alcohol-related events. Learning to run this type of fundraiser responsibly and compliantly added yet another dimension to the year.

Despite all these moving parts, Project SEED 2025 was undeniably successful. Students thrived in their research environments, mentors delivered exceptional guidance, partnerships remained strong, and our community's support—always the backbone of SEED—continued to shine through. Looking back, the achievements of this year feel especially meaningful because they were accomplished during a period of profound personal change and organizational adjustment.

Project SEED has always been about creating opportunities—often in challenging contexts—and 2025 reinforced that spirit more than ever.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all the mentors, parents, community members, partner institutions, supporting companies, and everyone who helped make this year possible—including our enthusiastic bourbon-pull attendees. Your generosity, dedication, and belief in our students are what keep Project SEED thriving. We are deeply grateful for each of you.

Michelle Rivard
Project SEED Coordinator