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Local chemistry teacher and chemists honored

A Maumee High School teacher was recently honored as the High School Chemistry Teacher of the Year for the Toledo area by the Toledo Local Section of the American Chemical Society. Ms Terri Mortemore received the **Salutes to Excellence Award** from the Toledo Local Section of the American Chemical Society for *sharing the excitement of chemistry and inspiring future scientists, through dedication and commitment to motivating students to learn and inquire*. The Award presentation was made at the section's annual meeting at Ward Pavilion, Wildwood Preserve Metropark on November 2, 2015.

The 2015 President of the American Chemical Society – the world's largest scientific society – was the keynote speaker for the evening's festivities. President Diane Grob Schmidt visited the Toledo area to meet with students and faculty at Heidelberg University and the University of Toledo and members of the Toledo Local Section. She praised the Section and its members for their recent National ChemLuminary Award and Central Regional Partners in Progress and Prosperity Award. She encouraged attendees to help “advance the broader chemistry enterprise for the benefit of all with individual and collective dynamic leadership as these awardees have done.”

Three additional local chemists were also honored at the same event with **Salutes to Excellence Awards** from the American Chemical Society in recognition of their dedicated service and leadership to the Toledo Local Section: .Mr. Frank Butwin, of Perrysburg; Ms Tina Hubbell, of Toledo; and Dr. Joanna Hinton, of Sylvania Township, University of Toledo Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, Dr. Jimmie Edwards, was also recognized for his 52 years of service with the American Chemical Society.

The Toledo Local Section is one of 187 local sections of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society with a membership of more than 158,000 members. The Toledo Local Section includes the NW OHIO counties of Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca and Wood; plus Lenawee County in SW Michigan and has been in existence since 1917. Members of the Toledo Local Section help chemists stay active and involved in their communities by providing a forum for networking and

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collaboration and also by sponsoring community outreach events throughout the year to demonstrate the importance of chemistry to everyday life.

The American Chemical Society – the world's largest scientific society – is a non-profit organization chartered by the U.S. Congress and a global leader in providing access to chemistry-related research through its multiple databases, peer-reviewed journals and scientific conferences. Its main offices are in Washington, D.C., and Columbus, Ohio.

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Ms. Terri Mortemore, of Maumee High School, Recipient of High School Chemistry Teacher of the Year Award from the Toledo Local Section of the American Chemical Society with the 2015 President of the American Chemical Society, Dr. Diane Grob Schmidt

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