



Memories

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Brandon Kendall



“ Bonding and making new friends because of how hard Analytical Chemistry was.

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Collin Queen

“ My favorite memory of being a chemistry major is presenting at the undergraduate poster session the last two years and I have really enjoyed private tutoring for general and organic chemistry classes.

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Erika Huang

“ The view on the 7th floor of
Shain is really nice....

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Kaleb Anderson

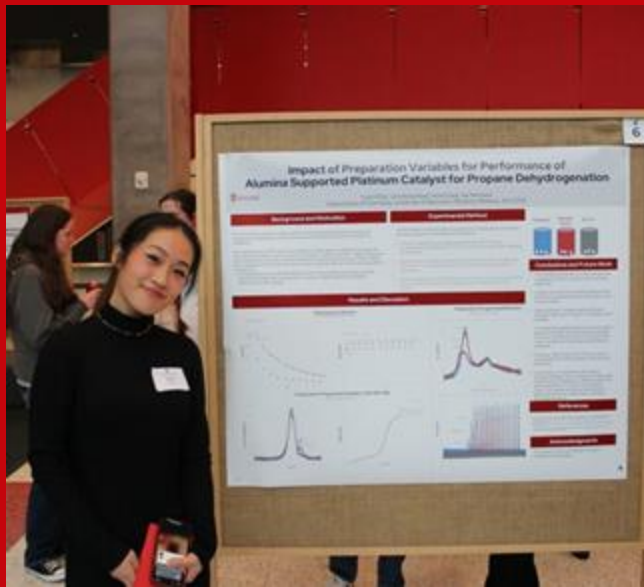
“ My favorite memory is when I synthesized my first metal complex while working with my research group. The support of my surrounding peers at my achievement made me feel like I truly belonged here at UW-Madison.

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Yumi Chen



“ One of my favorite memories as a chemistry major was making new friends and working on class projects together.

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Jordan Boysen



“ My favorite memories as a chemistry student were taking graduate courses in quantum mechanics and statistical mechanics which solidified my passion for a research career in theoretical chemistry.

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Ziang Zhao

“ It was Dr. Bowman’s organic chemistry classes that sparked my interest and gave me the confidence to choose chemistry major. Joining Professor Cooper’s lab deepened my appreciation for scientific research and strengthened my determination to pursue it

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Alison Kuehn

“ My favorite chemistry memory was getting to make brightly colored metal complexes in inorganic chem lab!



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Ally Stepper



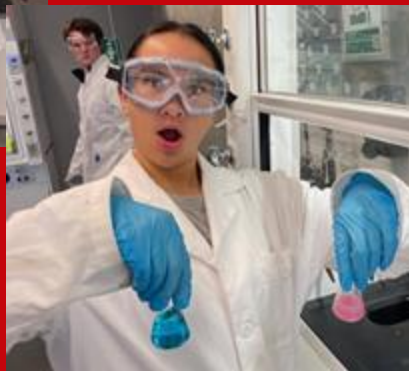
“ My favorite memory of being a chemistry major was during my Analytical Chemistry course and meeting some of my favorite people.

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Ana Pietsch



“ Taking inorganic with my best friend! We especially had lots of fun synthesizing all of the different nickel compounds.

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Brandon Yang

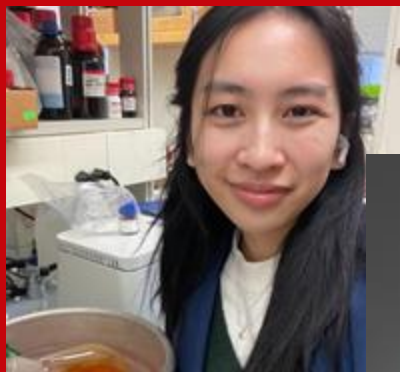
“ Although there were a few times I missed them because I was asleep, the 7:45 AM inorganic labs were something special. It was the only section available, but these morning labs had a great ambiance and were very enjoyable to work through.

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Kylie Plouff



“ One of my favorite memories as a chemistry major is the late nights spent with friends in the chemistry building studying for tough classes like Advanced Organic Chemistry. We’d share snacks, ask each other questions, and work through the stress—it made even the hardest nights something to look forward to.

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Ashley Lucille Palecek



“ Some of my favorite memories are celebrating group wins—big or small. From karaoke and competitive game nights to late-night tacos after ACS Spring 2025, there was always something joyful about being part of the Schomaker group.

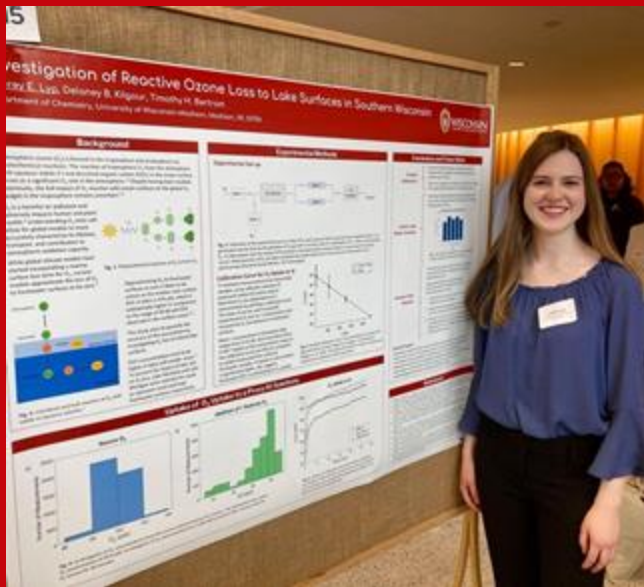
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Audrey Lyp

“ Hanging out in the Bertram group office.



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Charles David Lenz



“ My favorite memory as a chemistry student has been conducting research with the Gellman Group, as it has allowed me to develop new critical thinking and laboratory skills that I will apply in my future studies and career.

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Chase Radziej

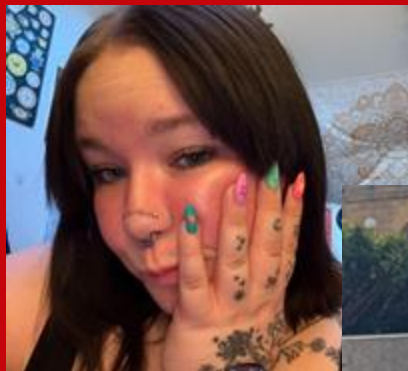
“ Having a 7:45am Analytical chemistry lab and becoming close friends with the neighboring lab partners, and having some of the funniest conversations while doing titrations.

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Christine Kortendick



“ I enjoyed my research lab the most in my undergraduate career. I enjoyed the work, environment, and the people.

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Courtney Batchelor

“ My favorite memory was Analytical chemistry and being able to create and listen to a music playlist during lab.

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Daria Rudykh



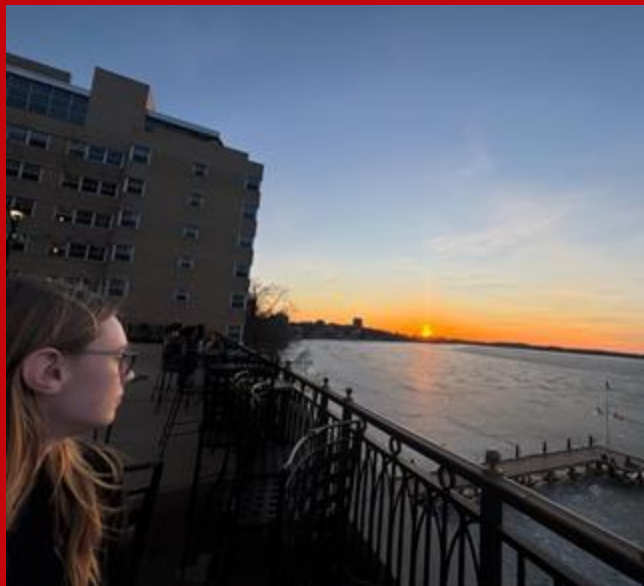
“ Going to the ACS conference with my group (Boydston)! Getting to present our research, support each other, and explore the area together (including a beautiful hike!) made it feel like both a celebration and a glimpse into the future.

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Elizabeth Stang



“ The best memory was the feeling of accomplishment completing my advanced organic personal project with the help of teachers and peers.

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Fiona Kinney



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Grace Marie Gooley



“ I loved getting to know fellow chemistry majors in my classes. I had so much fun during my analytical and inorganic labs, especially synthesizing a ton of colorful compounds in Chem 311!

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Haoyu Kong



“ Really, really enjoy the days learning chemistry and exploring the unknown.

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Jacob Shor

“ Losing stir bars down the drain.

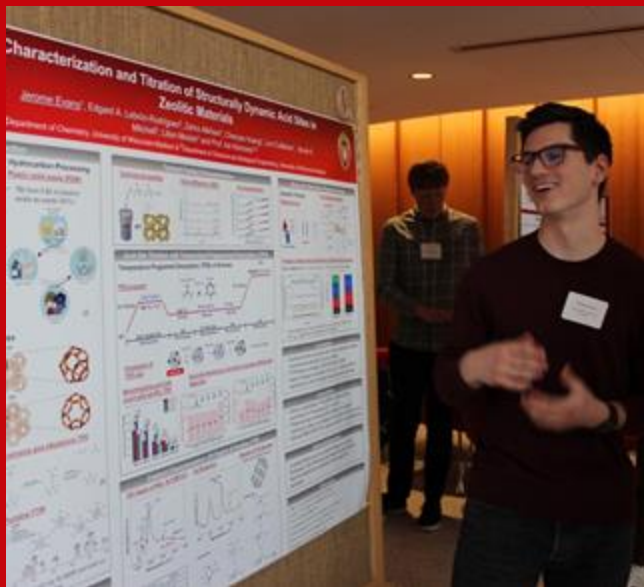


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Jerome Evans



“ My favorite chemistry memory is praying and doing rituals in front of lab instruments with friends in hopes of getting a better product (or any product at all). ”

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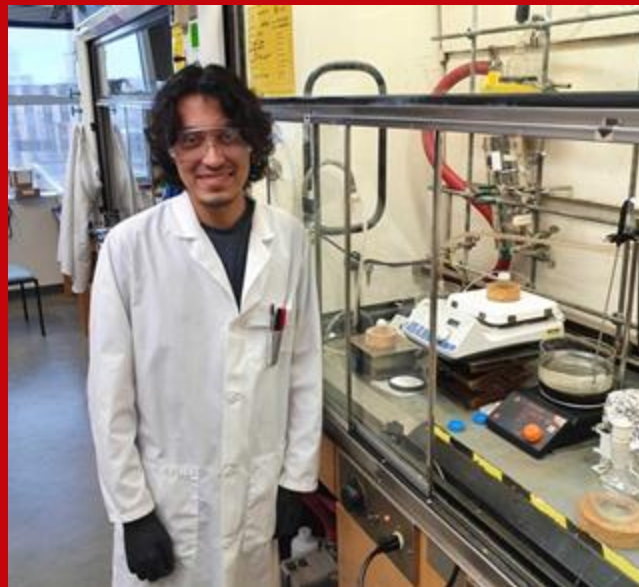


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Juan Perez



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Kaitlyn Shi

“ My favorite memories of this major are bonding with the other students in all of my lab sections over our experiments, particularly my peers in Chem 344 and 346. Each lab I've taken was scary by myself, but they made it just a little bit easier.



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Maeve Raphael-Reily

“ Meeting one of my best friends, Mikaela. Being taught by the incredible Zoe Todd. Teaching Chem 104 labs.

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Mary Kate Loichinger



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Neha Thalpur



“ My favorite memory would have to be vibing to the music playing during Analytical Chemistry lab and accidentally dropping an electrode after convincing my lab partner four times that I wouldn't drop it! I met so many amazing people in this class!

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Nicole Aigner

“ My favorite memory of being a chemistry major was definitely designing a procedure for analytical chemistry for the end of semester group project. Having the freedom to think about the proper steps to use for the experiment was very exciting.



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Song Nhi Dang



“ My favorite memory is being part of the Wickens Group, where I learned so much, met awesome people, and had the chance to pursue my passion for chemistry.

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Sydney Juntunen



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Tasha Schilling

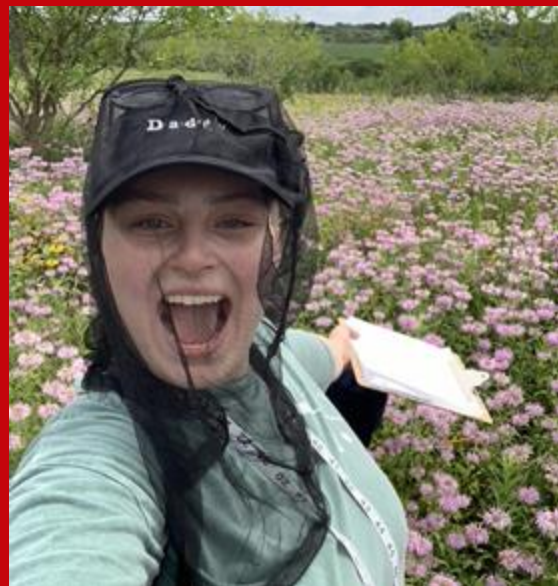
“ When my friend Fiona and I dressed up as mad scientist for our 7:45 am lab on Halloween.

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Taylor Sachs



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Thomas Hughes

“ One of my more humorously absurd memories was in my 311 inorganic lab, when I accidentally ran a reaction at 500 °C instead of 50 °C. The reaction still worked though, and I finished the lab first, so honestly this should be standard procedure.

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Ahmad Danial

“ I got to synthesize various cool and colorful chemicals with complex names, and my personal favorite is the rhodium complexes.

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Anders Magnuson



“ During a lab for analytical chemistry (fall 2023), we had a sample of vanillin dissolved in near concentrated sulfuric acid. It smelled amazing, and as a joke I said to Dominic, "It kinda makes me want to take a sip". He was not very happy.

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Daniel Lee

“ Not exactly my favorite, but definitely most memorable was when I broke glassware on the very first day of college in Chem 109. It definitely taught me to be more careful when I'm in the lab!

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Marissa Genevieve Mannhardt



“ One unforgettable moment from CHEM 311 was creating an insanely sparkly solution!

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Solomon Fair



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Josh Meason

“ Going to a local farm and apple orchard with my entire research group was my favorite moment. I had never met most of the Pazicni group before, yet they all accepted me immediately and made me feel welcome.

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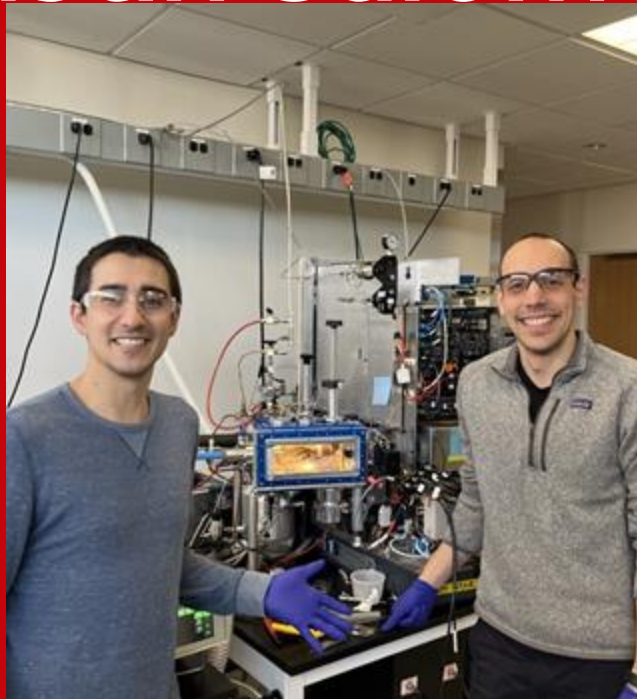
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Austin Salome



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Kenny Wilson

“ Flushing the helium cryostat with Hazel Styers and Sam Wood due to a contamination. The room was so full of helium we could no longer use our helium leak detector and we had to head home for the day! Nitrile gloves also make for great balloons...

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Lauren Ehehalt



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Olga Riusech

“ Mostly attending coffee hours with friends and teaching. I've been blessed with amazing students over the years and they have made science more exciting and work easier to do.

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Ray Czerwinski

“ The coolest feeling ever is knowing you're the first person in the world to know something, and then getting to share that knowledge. When I first got to have that experience, I was alone in lab after hours and got so excited I shouted aloud.



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Tahoe Fiala

“ The annual Milwaukee Brewers trips I organized were a blast, but the detour through Wisconsin's hills to pick up the bus driver's son made the second year truly special. These kinds of community building moments made the past five years wonderful.



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Caleb Cox

“ Taking the scientific glassblowing taught by Tracy Drier was one of the highlights of graduate school.




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Danica Gressel



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Dean R. Jarois

“ I enjoy reflecting on who I was 5 years ago and considering how much I grew--not only as a scientist, but also as a human.

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Jairo Villalona



“ My favorite memory as a chemistry graduate student is sharing and celebrating my accomplishments with friends and colleagues and having a beer at the Memorial Union Terrace.

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Lauren Fields



“ My favorite part of being a chemistry graduate student was all the friends I made along the way. I have met so many amazing scientists from all over the world, and together we have made so many fun memories at conferences, group dinners, and in lab!

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Jed Chung

“ My favorite memory is when I joined the Martell lab, published my paper, and turned the deep south office into a tea station.

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Mike Lee

“ My favorite memory in Chemistry is starting Quesday in our lab, where we went to QQs for lunch on every Tuesday for the past six years.

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Irian Xu

“ My favorite part was fully embracing the coffee addiction that became a lovely daily ritual..

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Samantha Bruffy



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