
Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI

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Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Cookies and Cream

Best Adjective to Describe You: Enigmatic

In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?

We blow stuff up and we have lasers.

When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?

I suspected I wanted to study chemistry in high school. Organic chemistry confirmed these suspicions. I really enjoy the science.

What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?

Talk to the faculty and meet the other students who live in Dow. Talking to other chem students could be useful as well!

What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?

I would miss the sense of familiarity among my peers and the faculty.

What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?

I ultimately plan on attending med school to become a physician however I am still unsure of exactly what I will be doing directly after K. Hopefully it's something interesting.

What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?

My biggest surprise at K was the power of the K bubble. Even to this day I forget that there are things going on outside campus!

How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?

The group Sisters in Science led by chemistry professor Dr. Truss sends (mostly) women in science out to the local community to help promote interest in the sciences. Additionally, many chemistry students are involved in many on and off campus activities ranging from tutoring kids to fighting for environmental causes.

What has been your favorite class at K? Why?

My favorite class at K was Organic Chemistry II. I thought the labs were interesting and I enjoyed the subject material.

What is your SIP?

I am working on synthesizing a Ruthenium complex that has the ability to reduce alkenes to alkanes. My "official project" and goal tends to change a lot though...
