

MD-YCC Annual Report- 2023

Maryland Younger Chemists Committee | Prepared by O. H. Wilkins on 2023.11.27

Membership

As of November 27, 2023, the MD-YCC has 7 members:

- Olivia Wilkins (Chair)
- Rowena Liu (Secretary)
- Kyle Edwards
- Jason Han
- Jillian Malbrough
- Kaylyn Stewart
- Sarah Zimmermann

New members may sign up at <https://forms.gle/7hM3arnVVXVNYUsY7>. This form is maintained through Olivia's personal Google account.

Governance

The MD-YCC was reinstated, with Olivia taking over as MD-YCC Chair in April 2023. Rowena joined as secretary in September 2023.

Vision and mission statements were drafted based on those of the national YCC.

Vision: Younger leaders transforming the chemistry community in Maryland and beyond.

Mission: Empower, support, and advocate for younger chemists in Maryland as they develop and advance their professional lives.

Events

A Day in the Life of an Astrochemist – Tuesday, 3 October 2023, 18:00 | Zoom

Sponsored by the National YCC

Olivia gave a webinar about her path in astrochemistry and her current work at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. There were about 43 people in attendance. *Thanks to Julian Bobb (Virginia YCC) for initiating this event.*

Falling for Research – Friday, 10 November 2023, 15:00-18:00 | Towson University Science Complex Commons

Co-sponsored by ACS Maryland

The MD-YCC assisted in judging an undergraduate poster competition with 3 certificates being awarded to outstanding poster presenters. Poster judges included Olivia and Kyle.

Looking forward

In 2024, the MD-YCC aims to host at least two events and support at least two events hosted by other groups.

Suggested events include a social and a workshop in collaboration with an ACS Student Chapter (perhaps at UMBC).