



## [A Look at the Last Quarter](#)

### [NOK Continues the Support for the Chemistry Olympiad](#)

NOK congratulates Alex Platon Jr., Kaycee Schaper (Bartlesville High School) and Palak Sharma, Clayton McFarland (Bartlesville Mid-High) for qualifying to participate in 2015 USNCO National competition. These students were selected from more than 30 students from the above schools who took the qualifying local section test. In addition to their regular chemistry classes, many of these students attended a weekly tutoring session conducted by NOK members, Dr. Keith Lawson and Dr. Mazi Sardashti, both Chemists at the Phillips 66 Research Center, for about two months prior to the local section test.



### [NOK's Support for Talented Students from High Schools](#)

NOK selected Dillon Ray Seals from Ponca City High School as the 2015 Kang Yang fellow. Dillon and his family attended the Robert Blackledge seminar in Ponca City. Dr. Kristi Fjare presented the award to him at the end-of-the-year awards ceremony at Ponca City HS on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The excellence in chemistry award, geared toward a Bartlesville High School senior, went to Kirsten Kauk. Kirsten was on the honor roll for the last 3 years of HS, and was academic state champion in 2012. She took the 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the science fair. She always signed up for the most difficult courses in science and math, and she plans to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University and study pharmacy.

Congratulations Dillon and Kristen!

### [Second Quarter Seminar by Dr. Blackledge](#)

Dr. Robert Blackledge presented a seminar titled "The Forensic Characterization of Surface-Modified Fibers" on April 28 in Ponca City. The seminar was attended by 19 members of the section.

### [Upcoming Events And Announcements](#)

Third quarter seminar by Robert ("Bob") Bates titled "What you Always Wanted to Know about Chemicals in Food But Were Afraid to Eat" is scheduled on Wednesday September 23 at 6 PM at the Drake Library, Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville. The event is open to public and pizza will be served at 6 PM with seminar starting at 7 PM.

NOK will be hosting the 2016 edition of our regional Pentasectional technical meeting on April 8 and 9 at the Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville. Please contact Natalie Rebacz if you would like to volunteer for this great event.

Please contact Natalie Rebacz ([Natalie.A.Rebacz@p66.com](mailto:Natalie.A.Rebacz@p66.com)) if you would like to know more about NOK ACS events or if you would like to volunteer for any of our activities.