

SMS Connects - February 2023



Dear SMS Community,

Every day our students come to classes to better themselves and their lives through the transforming power of learning. This is the time of the year when we recognize their hard work, and get together as a School to support those who are most deserving. At ASU we are measured by the students we include, and, how they succeed beyond the classroom and lab. One way we can help them succeed is by offering support to students distracted by financial stress, in the form of scholarships. Please watch this short video that features some previous SMS scholarship awardees.

[SMS Scholarships help our most deserving students](#)

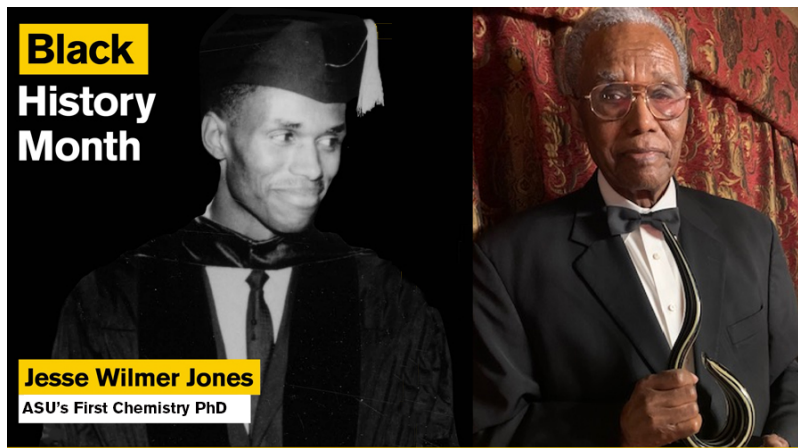
SMS scholarships are funded wholly by donations from you, me and the rest of our giving SMS Community. Remember that 100% of the donations to SMS scholarships go to the student awardees, there is no overhead. Soon, we will be asking once more for your support, on Sun Devil Giving Day 2023; when we reach out to you, please remember how important these SMS scholarships are to their grateful recipients.

Thank you!

Best regards,

Tijana Rajh
Director, Professor
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2023 Black History Month Highlight



Jesse Wilmer Jones was the first student to earn a PhD in chemistry at ASU. Jones overcame many challenges to have a successful career in academia and to serve in the Texas House of Representatives. [full story](#).

In the News



Buseck receives a Founder's Day Award

Peter Buseck is the recipient of the 2023 Founder's day Faculty Service Achievement Award.



Navrotsky inducted as Regents Professor

Alex Navrotsky was inducted as Regents Professor on February 9, Regents Professor is the most prestigious faculty research recognition at ASU.

[video of the induction ceremony](#).

In Memoriam: Professor Carleton Moore



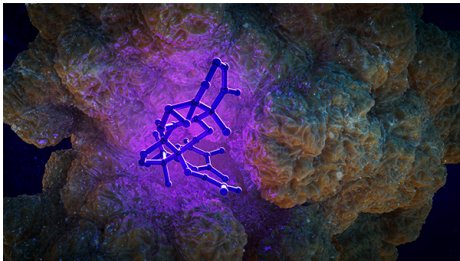
SMS was saddened to hear of the passing of Emeritus Regents Professor Carleton Moore on February 10th, 2023. Dr. Moore was the founding director of the Center for Meteorite Studies and was hugely influential in establishing ASU as a center of excellence for meteorite studies. [Dr. Moore will be missed and remembered forever!](#)

Research



[SMS welcomes eclectic new faculty](#)

New faculty members expand on SMS's post-disciplinary research mission based on solving societal problems.



[Compounds found in plants offer new hope in the fight against prostate cancer](#)

Raimund Fromme explores a compound from plants that could inhibit prostate cancer.

Building the SMS Community - 2023 Open Door



SMS students from SAACS and the Science is Fun course interacted with children of all ages at the 2023 ASU Open Door event. Our students brought smiles to the faces of all visitors to the booth as they interacted with chemistry in a variety of fun and engaging activities! [Photo Gallery](#).

Save the Date - 2023 Sun Devil Giving Day



Mark your calendar, join us on March 16 by making a contribution to help our most deserving students. Please [visit our giving website](#), more information will be coming soon!

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