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## **EDUCATION**

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### **University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)**

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry  
3.817 GPA  
Expected May 2024

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Environmental and analytical chemistry, water quality and contaminant removal, wastewater treatment, and renewable resource development.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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*Undergraduate Research Assistant* Fall 2021 – Present

University of Maryland Baltimore County, Department of Chemical, Biochemical, and Environmental Engineering

Research Advisor: Dr. Lee Blaney

Research Topic: Nutrient recovery from wastewater systems via Donnan dialysis, Separation of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from contaminated water via Donnan Dialysis

Skills and techniques used: Chromeleon, ion chromatography, reactor design, and construction.

*Chem-SURF Research Experience for Undergraduates* Summer 2022

University of California, Irvine Department of Chemistry

Research Advisor: Dr. Shane Ardo

Research Topic: Analyzing electrode-ionomer interfaces

Skills and techniques used: EC-Lab, electrode and electrochemical cell preparation, Origin software, Potentiostat.

*Sustainable Chemistry Research Experience for Undergraduates* Summer 2021

Texas A&M University Department of Chemistry

Research Advisor: Dr. Sarbajit Banerjee

Research Topic: Fabrication of coatings with precise control of wettability

Skills and techniques: Ball mill, Camtasia software, doctor-blading, FTIR spectroscopy, goniometer, ImageJ software, Origin software.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Publications**

Chen, H.; Souizi, S.; **Stewart, K.**; Blaney, L. Application of the Rd/w framework to assess Donnan dialysis performance. *Current Opinion in Chemical Engineering* (accepted with revisions)

Chen, H.; Amurrio, F.; **Stewart, K.**; Shashvatt, U.; Blaney, L. (2023). Sustainable nutrient recovery from synthetic urine by Donnan dialysis with tubular ion-exchange membranes. *Chemical Engineering Journal* 460, 141625

**Oral Presentations** (*presenting author in bold lettering*)

**Kaylyn Stewart**, Hui Chen, Fabian Amurrio, Lee Blaney. December 2022  
*Advances in Donnan dialysis reactor configuration for efficient nutrient recovery.*  
Presented at University System of Maryland LSAMP Research Symposium. University of Maryland College Park.

**Kaylyn Stewart**, Jennifer Urbine, Shane Ardo. August 2022  
*Utilizing Donnan Theory to Understand the Microenvironments of Electrodes Under Ionomer Coatings.*  
Presented at Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Symposium. University of California, Irvine.

**Kaylyn Stewart**, Hui Chen, Fabian Amurrio, Lee Blaney. April 2022  
*Development of novel tube-in-tube Donnan dialysis reactors for simultaneous recovery of anionic and cationic nutrients from synthetic urine.*  
Presented at Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day (URCAD). Virtual.

Utsav Shashvatt, Hui Chen, Fabian Amurrio, Kaylyn Stewart, Charles Portner, **Lee Blaney**.  
*Phosphorus recovery by Donnan dialysis: Membrane selectivity, diffusion coefficients, and speciation effects.* March 2022  
Spring 2022 ACS National Meeting. San Diego, CA.

**Poster Presentations**

**Kaylyn Stewart**, Hui Chen, Fabian Amurrio, Lee Blaney. March 2023  
*Separation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances from contaminated water via Donnan dialysis.*  
Presented at American Chemical Society (ACS) Spring 2023 National Meeting. Indianapolis, IN.

**Kaylyn Stewart**, Jennifer Urbine, Shane Ardo. November 2022  
*Utilizing Donnan Theory to Understand the Microenvironments of Electrodes Under Ionomer Coatings.*  
Presented at Annual Biomedical Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS) Annual Conference. Anaheim, CA.

**Kaylyn Stewart**, Jennifer Urbine, Shane Ardo. August 2022  
*Utilizing Donnan Theory to Understand the Microenvironments of Electrodes Under Ionomer Coatings.*  
Presented at SoCal Undergraduate Chemistry Symposium. Virtual.

**Kaylyn Stewart**, Lacey Douglas, Natalia Rivera-González, Sarbajit Banerjee. September 2021  
*Fabrication of coatings with precise control of wettability.*  
Presented at National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) Annual Conference. Virtual.

**Kaylyn Stewart**, Lacey Douglas, Natalia Rivera-González, Sarbajit Banerjee. August 2021  
*Fabrication of coatings with precise control of wettability.*  
Presented at Research Experience for Undergraduates Symposium. Texas A&M University.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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ACS Scholar	May 2023 – Present
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) UMBC EDUCATE Scholar	September 2022 – Present
Meyerhoff Scholar (M32)	June 2020 – Present
ACS Bridge Career and Professional Development Award	February 2023
ACS Student Leadership Award	December 2022
Johns Hopkins University Vivian Thomas Scholars Initiative (VTSI) Scholar	Spring 2022
Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Research Fellow	Spring 2022

## **TEACHING, MENTORING, AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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Marketing and Outreach Coordinator, Blaney Lab  
University of Maryland Baltimore County

May 2023 – Present

Undergraduate Advisory Board Member  
University of Maryland Baltimore County - Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

October 2022 – May 2023

President, American Chemical Society Student Chapter  
University of Maryland Baltimore County

September 2022 – May 2023

Tutor, General chemistry  
University of Maryland Baltimore County - Academic Success Center

Fall 2022

Learning Assistant, General chemistry  
University of Maryland Baltimore County - Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Tutor, Geometry  
Private Tutoring

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

Tutor, Math  
Morrell Park Elementary School

Fall 2020

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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- Chromeleon
- Origin
- ImageJ
- EC-Lab
- Camtasia

## **AFFILIATIONS**

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- American Chemical Society 2021 – Present
- National Organization for the Professional Advancement for Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers 2021 – Present

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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Panelist, *Circular Nutrient Economy*. December 2022  
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society. Virtual.

Panelist, *Panel on Summer Research Applications* November 2022  
Liquid Sunlight Alliance. Virtual.

Panelist, *Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP)* October 2022  
University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Chemistry outreach for Texas A&M University July 2021  
Downtown Bryan, College Station, TX.

## **REFERENCES**

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