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EPA Presents The Green Chemistry Challenge Awards

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On June 10, 2019, the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) hosted the Green Chemistry Challenge Awards Ceremony](#), where four awards were given to academics, scientists, and business innovators across the industry sector. Promoting environmental and economic benefits of developments in green chemistry, EPA, in partnership with the American Chemical Society (ACS) Green Chemistry Institute granted four awards. Congratulated by EPA Assistant Administrator Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, the 2019 awardees included:

- Academic Award -- Professor Sanjoy Banerjee, The City University of New York - Energy Institute, *Rechargeable Alkaline Zn-MnO₂ Batteries for Grid Storage Applications*;
- Small Business Award -- Kalion, Inc., *Microbially Produced High-Purity Glucaric Acid for Diverse Uses*;
- Greener Synthetic Pathways Award -- Merck & Co., *Innovating for a Greener Future: Development of a Green & Sustainable Manufacturing Process for ZerbacaTM*; and
- Greener Reaction Conditions Award -- WSI, *TRUpathTM*.

Dunn thanked ACS for its support and highlighted the importance of the awarded technologies in supporting economic growth while reducing energy use, hazardous chemistry, and protecting water. Dunn's remarks included a note on the need for more people who chose to be in the science field, especially those who support green chemistry. Dunn also pointed out the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention's (OCSPP) work in implementing the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) measures, stating that EPA staff is currently working "fast and furiously."

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