



American Chemical Society - Orange County Section

High School Awards Banquet

Tuesday, May 21nd 2019

**Titan Student Union
California State University, Fullerton**

Registration	- 5:45 pm	Dinner (Italian Buffet)	- 6:00 pm
Speaker	- 6:45 pm	Awards Presentation	- 7:30 pm

Reservations: Register online through the Orange County American Chemical Society website www.ocacs.org. On the 'Education' tab, click on the 'High School Exam' button and then the 'Awards Dinner' button, or go directly to www.ocacs.org/acshighschoolexam.htm. Follow the directions to register all the guests and pay for their dinners with a credit/debit card or PayPal. Print out the PayPal receipt and bring it to the Banquet.

Registration and payment for the Dinner must be completed by **midnight on Friday, May 17th 2019**.

To be seated with a particular high school's students, make sure you enter the name of the High School and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Cost: \$30 per person. The teacher of each student awardee and the student attend as guests of ACS, but reservations are required. No one can be seated for dinner without advance reservations.

E-mail questions to Helen Wagner at hwagner0227@gmail.com.

Directions to Cal State University, Fullerton:

Exit the 57 freeway on Nutwood Avenue and go west. Turn right onto North State College Blvd. The State College Parking Structure (SCPS) can be accessed from State College Blvd. by taking either Student Union Way or Gymnasium Drive (see map). Be sure to park on level 2 or higher and buy a parking permit at one of the machines (cost: \$8). Parking permits can be purchased only with Visa, MasterCard or Discover, no cash is accepted. After parking and purchasing your daily parking permit, take the elevator to the ground floor and walk straight across the courtyard to the Titan Student Union (TSU). The Dinner will be in Pavilion-BC. (Some free parking is available across the street in the Troy High School lot, if you don't mind walking a bit.)

A Path to Computational Chemistry through Uncertainty, Opportunity and Tenacity

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Abstract

In my personal journey to where I am now, an NSF research fellow studying theoretical chemistry, I had much uncertainty in knowing what I wanted to do when I started college. My parents pushed me to pursue a medical profession, but I knew that wasn't something that interested me. I chose a college, Belmont University, that was financially more feasible than other schools that would have provided me better resources and scientific experience. However, I didn't let the lack of opportunities deter me, as I used my time to explore my interests via three summer REUs/internships as well as through my coursework.

I shall emphasize the same principles of not being deterred in the face of obstacles. As a woman in STEM, I am fortunate to have much guidance and experience that led me to where I am today, but none of this fell into my lap; instead, it was a winding road with moments of decision paralysis but a road traversed with patience and perseverance.

Biography

Victoria Lim is from Nashville, Tennessee, where she completed her bachelor's degrees in Chemistry and Mathematics (summa cum laude) at Belmont University. She is currently a PhD student in computational chemistry at UC Irvine, where she investigates the molecular inhibition of membrane proteins. Victoria has been recognized with fellowships in science communication (The Loh Down on Science), technology transfer (UCI Applied Innovation), and scientific research (National Science Foundation)..