OCACS Elements

The Orange County Local Section is excited to launch this monthly update of Section activities and upcoming events. If you would like more information about our section or how you or your company can contribute to our Section’s efforts, please visit our website.

OCACS Wins ChemLuminary Award

The OCACS Education Committee continued their legacy of excellence by leading the section to a national ChemLuminary Award for Outstanding U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad in Philadelphia this year. ACS President Donna Nelson presented the award with Sandra Thompson, Robert Cohen and Sanda Sun accepting the award on behalf of the Section.

Brent Shenton from Valencia High School and Ted Lorance from Vanguard University helped to lead this effort, along with the teachers, professors and schools in our county who are consistently outstanding. If you want more information on this effort, please visit our website.

Upcoming Events

October 2016 is a busy month for OCACS with our National Chemistry Week celebration at the Santa Ana Zoo, our OCACS Dinner Meeting and voting for 2017 Section leaders. The Environmental Committee will be meeting on October 27 at 7:30PM. Please visit our website for more information on each of these activities and how you can get involved.
Join us for our **October Dinner meeting** on Thursday, October 20 and includes one of the most popular presentations in chemistry - "Chocolate: Food of the Gods", as presented by Drs. Howard and Sally Peters. You may attend the program only without dinner. Your RSVP for dinner or program only is due by noon on October 18, 2016. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Watch your inbox this month for information on voting for our 2017 Executive Committee members. We have a terrific slate of candidates.

If you want to get more involved with our Local Section, please contact [OCACSCChair@gmail.com](mailto:OCACSCChair@gmail.com). We welcome your insights, experience and energy!

### Awards Deadlines

Are you a young chemical technician and a member of the American Chemical Society? Do you want to develop your leadership skills and network with other ACS leaders, governance and staff? If so, we have an opportunity for you!

The American Chemical Society’s Committee on Technician Affairs, in collaboration with the Younger Chemists Committee, presents the **2017 ACS Young Chemical Technician Leadership Development Award**. This award provides funds for travel and participation in the annual ACS Leadership Institute on January 22-24, 2017 and is open to young technicians in the chemical industry.

The deadline for submissions is November 1.

### Get Involved & Support OCACS

If you want to network with over 1000 chemists in Orange County, host a technical tour, speak at one of our dinner meetings or science cafes, explore leadership opportunities, or advertise with our Section, please visit our [website](#) or E-mail us at [OCACSLocalSection@gmail.com](mailto:OCACSLocalSection@gmail.com).

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