The American Chemical Society

Founded in 1876 and chartered by Congress, the American Chemical Society is the world’s largest scientific society. It is a self-governed individual membership professional organization consisting of 154,000 members, representing a wide range of disciplines of chemists, chemical engineers, and technicians.

The organization seeks to promote the public’s perception and understanding of chemistry and the chemical sciences through public outreach programs and provides career development assistance and employment opportunities for science professionals.

The Orange County ACS Section has over 1400 members, and holds 8 general meetings and dozens of committee meetings each year. Along with supporting the Science and Engineering Fair, the Education Committee of Orange County ACS has testing and awards programs for high school and college chemistry students, and demonstrations and activities for elementary children in the fall and spring.

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College Awards Program
Rho Programming Center
Concordia University, Irvine

April 24, 2019
Welcome
Dr. John Kenney
Professor of Chemistry, Concordia University

Italian Dinner
Classic Caesar Salad, Rosemary & Olive Oil Chicken Breast, Baked Creamy Rotini al Pesto with Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Tiramisu and Assorted Beverages

Introduction of Speaker
Dr. Carol Grimes
Education Chair, Orange County ACS

Speaker
Elizabeth Bess, Ph.D.
Department of Chemistry, UC Irvine
“Gut Reactions: Using Chemistry to Uncover Functions of the Human Microbiome”

Awards
Dr. Carol Grimes & Dr. Allison Gotoh
Orange County ACS

Closing
Dr. Carol Grimes
Education Chair, Orange County ACS

Presentation of College Awards

Outstanding Chemistry Students for 2018-2019
Selected by Faculty Vote

California State University Fullerton .......... Rebecca Clark
Cerritos College ..................................... Alberto Castanedo
Chapman University ............................... Daniel Chang
Concordia University ......................... Madison Kreinheder
Cypress College .................................... Minh Nguyen
Fullerton College ................................. Evan Bonnand
Golden West College ............................ Elena Mosham
Irvine Valley College ............................. Rojina Pad
Mt. San Antonio College ......................... Jose Ortiz
Orange Coast College ............................ Patrick Nguyen
Saddleback College .............................. Elizabeth Monteith
Santa Ana College ............................... Long Ly Hoa Nguyen
Santiago Canyon College ....................... Jessica Poldrugo
University of California Irvine ............... Nuodi Zhang
Vanguard University ............................ Colette Beard

*Each student is presented with a gift card, a certificate, and their name engraved on their school’s plaque.*

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