



Dear Chemistry Teacher,

March, 2020

The Education Committee of Orange County American Chemical Society, with the support of our local section board, has made the difficult decision to cancel (for the first time in more than 50 years) the first year chemistry exam in April and subsequent awards dinner in May due to COVID-19 concerns. Given the status of many schools as closed at least until the start of April, if not longer, the logistics of contacting students and getting information to them, on top of the huge task that many of you face in moving instruction online, mean that neither the exam event nor the awards dinner is viable this year. Additionally, we know that many parents will be understandably reluctant to send their children to a large event like the exam, even by the end of April.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [cgrimes@gwc.cccd.edu](mailto:cgrimes@gwc.cccd.edu)

Thank you for understanding our decision. We hope most sincerely that we will see your school participating in 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJG', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Carol J. Grimes, PhD  
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