

Orange County American Chemical Society Education Committee



Dear Chemistry Teacher,

April 22, 2023

For more than 50 years, the Orange County American Chemical Society has recognized outstanding chemistry students who have participated in the OCACS testing program. This year we will again be hosting a dinner honoring the top first year and advanced chemistry students from each high school, the 11 Orange County National Olympiad Qualifiers, the top 6 Olympiad teams, the top 6 first year exam teams, and the junior and senior Science Fair Special Chemistry Award winners. Please extend our invitation to the students listed on the next page and their teacher(s). Additionally, each student may invite up to two paying guests. The dinner price for dinner guest is \$30 each.

Banquet Date: **Wednesday**, May 17, 2023

Place: Grimm Student Union, Concordia University, Irvine (A map of Concordia with driving directions can be found on our website, [www.ocacs.org](http://www.ocacs.org))

Time: 5:45 Registration, buffet line opens (Italian Buffet, vegetarian option included)

6:45 Speaker

7:30 Awards Presentation (Bring your camera for photos after the ceremony)

Our speaker this year will be a graduate student from UC Irvine, on the path to a doctorate in chemistry. S/he will describe her/his path to this choice, as well as sharing a bit about his/her research.

The winning chemistry students listed on the next page and their teacher(s) will be the guests of OCACS, but **reservations are needed**. Teachers should make reservations for themselves and their student award winners. Students cannot register themselves, so if you do not plan to attend, please register your student(s). There is a maximum number that can be accommodated in the venue for dinner, so please register early to be sure of getting seats. Reservations will open on **Monday, May 1, 2023, at noon**. To reserve seats at the High School Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, go to the website [www.ocacs.org](http://www.ocacs.org) – select **Education > High School First Year Chemistry Exam**. Select the **Awards Dinner** button. On the next page, select the **Teachers&Students** button and fill out the form and click Submit. Registration for guests will not open till Sunday, May 7, 2023 at noon. All reservations must be made by Wednesday, May 10, at 8 pm. **No reservations will be accepted after May 10th**. If a student or her/his guests wish to come for the program and awards starting at 6:45 pm, but not for dinner, there is no charge, but reservations are necessary. Please contact Stacey Hamamura with the number of non-paying attendees and their names by email: [stacey.hamamura@svusd.org](mailto:stacey.hamamura@svusd.org).

Please make a copy of the enclosed letter for each of your winning students, which gives the information about the dinner location and time, and also instructions for how their guests can make reservations.

A map of Concordia with driving directions can be found on our OCACS website ([www.ocacs.org](http://www.ocacs.org)). There is no parking fee at Concordia. When you arrive at the gate, tell the attendant that you are there for the ACS dinner, and they will direct you to parking. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJ Grimes'.

Carol J. Grimes, Ph.D.