

Orange County American Chemical Society Education Committee



Dear Outstanding High School Student,

April 22, 2023

Congratulations! Your recent performance in the Orange County American Chemical Society (OCACS) testing program has earned you the honor of "Outstanding Chemistry Student 2023", or top Olympiad student, or member of our national Olympiad team, or member of one of the top six teams for either the Olympiad or the first year exam team from your high school. The names of the top first year exam student and the top Olympiad student will be engraved on your school's perpetual plaque, and you will be honored and receive a certificate at the High School Awards Dinner. Teams will receive a plaque for their school and a certificate. Dinners for you and your teacher will be provided compliments of OCACS; reservations for the Italian Buffet (vegetarian option included) must be made between Monday, May 1, 2022, at noon and Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 8:00 pm. **No reservations will be accepted after May 10th.** Your teacher will make the reservations for **you and all students and teachers** from your school. Instructions for registering guests are given below. Students may bring a maximum of two additional paid guests with them. Dinners for guests will cost \$30 each and must be paid for in advance.

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)

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)

Reservations for guests will not open till Sunday, May 7, at noon. To reserve seats for up to two paying guests at the High School Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, go to the website www.ocacs.org – select **Education > High School First Year Chemistry Exam**. Select the **Awards Dinner** button. On the next page, select the **Guests of Teachers/Students** button. Fill out the Banquet Registration Form as directed. List the names of all your guests. Be sure to enter the email address of the person whose credit card will be used to pay for the dinners. Click the "Submit" button to be taken to the PayPal site where you can securely pay with your credit/debit card or PayPal account (\$30 per person).

Check-in and the buffet line begins at 5:45, speaker at 6:45, and awards at 7:30. If you or any additional guests wish to come for the speaker and awards ceremony only, there is no charge, but **reservations are required**. Please contact Stacey Hamamura with the number of non-paying attendees and their names by email: Stacey.hamamura@svusd.org.

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

A map of Concordia with driving directions can be found on our OCACS website (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 'CJG'.

Carol J. Grimes, Ph.D.

Chair, Education Committee, Orange County ACS