OCACS Chemistry Olympiad Team Competition

1.   Awards will be given to the top six school teams from the Chemistry Olympiad Local Section Exam (LSE) Competition.

2.   The purpose of the award is to encourage greater participation in the program and to raise the excitement level of everyone's accomplishments due to the camaraderie that results from competing as a team.

3.   Team scores will be calculated based on the total number of questions answered correctly for the top four competitors from each school on the LSE. However, if a school has less than four competitors, their score will be determined by adding the scores of all the school's students who participated in the competition. For example, a school with three competitors will have their score calculated based on the cumulative scores of the three competitors from their school, etc.

4.   The awards will consist of one team plaque presented at the awards banquet to the school and certificates for each of the members of the winning teams.

5.   Students from the winning teams will receive a complimentary dinner at the ACS awards dinner in May. Parents may also attend if reservations and payment is made in advance for their dinner(s).

6.   Ties will be broken based on the total score on the tie-breaking questions answered correctly for all the members of the team. If the tie remains unbroken at this point, the sixth-place award will not be given, and a tie will be declared wherever it occurs in the final ranks, and two schools will receive a plaque with the same place finish engraved on it.

7.   Students may compete in multiple years on their school's team (until they have graduated from high school) if they haven't qualified and taken the National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) exam.

8.   Once a student has qualified and taken the USNCO exam, they are ineligible to compete on their school's team in following years. However, they will be reinvited to compete in future years individually (until they have graduated from high school) if they so choose.