

Orange County American Chemical Society Education Committee



Dear Outstanding High School Student,

April, 2024

Congratulations! Your recent performance in the Orange County American Chemical Society (OCACS) testing program has earned you the honor of either “Outstanding Chemistry Student”, 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.

Plaques. 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.

Event: High School Awards Dinner

Date: **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

Place: Grimm Student Union, Concordia University, Irvine

A [map](#) of Concordia can also be found on our website, www.ocacs.org

No parking fee

Time: 5:45 Check-in registration, buffet line opens (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. They will describe their path to this choice, as well as sharing a bit about their research.

Your teacher will make your reservations by May **13**, so please let your teacher know if you are able to attend.

Students may make separate reservations to bring a maximum of two additional paid guests with them.

Dinners for guests will cost **\$30 each** and must be paid for in advance.

- Reservations for guests will open from **Monday, May 6, at noon** until **Monday, May 13, at 11:59 pm**.
- To reserve seats for up to two paying guests at the High School Awards Dinner, go to the [website](#) (is this the correct link?) – Select the 2024 **Dinner Reservations** button. Then 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).
- If you or any additional guests wish to come for the speaker and awards ceremony only starting at 6:45pm - with no meal- there is no charge, but **reservations are required**. Contact Stacey Hamamura with the number of non-paying attendees and their names by email: hamamura_stacey@sccollege.edu.
- **No reservations will be accepted after May 13th.**

Grimm Student Union is #24 on this [map](#) of Concordia. When you arrive at the gate, tell the attendant you are there for the ACS dinner, and they will direct you to free parking. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJG', written over a horizontal line.

Carol J. Grimes, Ph.D.

Chair, Education Committee, Orange County ACS