

## Orange County American Chemical Society Education Committee



Dear Chemistry Teacher,

April 2024

For more than 50 years, the Orange County American Chemical Society (OCACS) has recognized outstanding chemistry students who have participated in the OCACS testing program. This year we will again be hosting a complimentary dinner honoring the teachers and 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 make a copy of the enclosed letter for each of your winning students (listed on the next page with their teacher names), which gives the information about the dinner location and time, and also instructions for how their guests can make reservations.

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](http://www.ocacs.org) ([www.ocacs.org](http://www.ocacs.org)).

Free parking

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.

**Reservations to the Awards Dinner are required** for attendance. Teachers 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 the venue can accommodate for dinner, so register early to be sure of getting seats. Reservations for teachers will open **Monday, April 29, 2024 at noon** and **close** on Monday **May 13, 2024** at 11:59pm at our [website](#) – Select the **Awards Dinner** button, then select the **Teachers&Students** button, and fill out the form and click Submit.

Additionally, each student may invite up to two paying guests. The dinner price for a dinner guest is **\$30** each. Registration for guests will not open until **Monday, May 6, 2024 at noon**.

**No reservations will be accepted after May 13.**

If a student or their 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 through Stacey Hamamura with the number of non-paying attendees and their names by email: [hamamura\\_stacey@sccollege.edu](mailto:hamamura_stacey@sccollege.edu).

Grimm Student Union is #24 on this [map](#) of Concordia. When you arrive at the gate, tell the attendant that 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 'CJ Grimes', written over a horizontal line.

Carol J. Grimes, Ph.D.

Chair, Education Committee, Orange County ACS