

The American Chemical Society

Founded in 1876 and chartered by Congress, the American Chemical Society is the world's largest scientific society. It is a self-governed individual membership professional organization consisting of 154,000 members, representing a wide range of disciplines of chemists, chemical engineers, and technicians.

The organization seeks to promote the public's perception and understanding of chemistry and the chemical sciences through public outreach programs and provides career development assistance and employment opportunities for science professionals.

The Orange County ACS Section has over 1400 members, and holds 8 general meetings and dozens of committee meetings each year. Along with supporting the Science and Engineering Fair, the Education Committee of Orange County ACS has testing and awards programs for high school and college chemistry students, and demonstrations and activities for elementary children in the fall and spring.

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College Awards Program

Grimm Hall Conference Center
Concordia University, Irvine

April 26, 2024

Welcome

Dr. Montana Mellody
Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Concordia University

Dr. Rabin Lai
Chair, Orange County ACS

Italian Dinner

Classic Caesar Salad, Rosemary & Olive Oil Chicken Breast,
Baked Creamy Rotini al Pesto with Vegetables,
Tiramisu and Assorted Beverages

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Carol Grimes
Education Chair, Orange County ACS

Speaker

Professor Megan Fieser, Ph.D.
Department of Chemistry, USC
“Plastic Pollution: Where Are We, How Did We
Get Here, and What Can We Do About It?”

Awards

Dr. Carol Grimes & Dr. Allison Gotoh
Orange County ACS

Closing

Dr. Carol Grimes
Education Chair, Orange County ACS

*We thank Faith Silzel and the Chemistry Department of
Concordia University for sponsoring this event.*

Presentation of College Awards

Outstanding Chemistry Students for 2023-2024 *Selected by Faculty Vote*

California State University Fullerton..... Christopher Badolian
Cerritos College Ripley Otero
Chapman University..... Kevin Nguyen
Concordia University Payton Bouwhuis
Cypress College..... Mina Burandt
Fullerton College Nicole Kylie Medrano
Golden West College Jennifer Nguyen
Irvine Valley College Karolina Divisova
Mt. San Antonio College Supanee Parichartkanon
Saddleback College Bryan Fouch
Santa Ana College Ngoc Phuong Quynh Nguyen
Santiago Canyon College..... Madison Ladely
University of California Irvine..... Marianna Tonoyan
Vanguard University Aaron Collier

*Each student is presented with a check, a
certificate, and their name engraved on their school's plaque*