



## Orange County American Chemical Society Education Committee

Dear Outstanding High School Chemistry Student,

April, 2026

Congratulations! Your recent performance in the Orange County American Chemical Society (OCACS) testing program has earned you the honor of a complimentary dinner, a certificate of award, and your name displayed on your high school's perpetual Chemistry Award plaque.

Event: High School Chemistry Awards Dinner  
Free complimentary dinner for student and their teacher  
Date: Tuesday, **May 19, 2026**  
Place: Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA. College Center Ballrooms (3rd Floor) ([Map](#))  
Parking: \$5.35 in lot **C or D** (corner of Fairview Road and Merrimac Way) \*See instructions below.  
Time: 5:45 Check-in registration, dinner 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 the path to this choice, as well as sharing a bit about their research.

**Reservations for Teacher and Student are required** for attendance to the Awards Dinner.

- Registration window is Monday April 27, 2026 noon - Monday May 11, 2026 11:59pm deadline
- **Teachers make reservations for their student award winners.** Students, please tell your teacher before May 11 if you are able to attend.
- **Teachers make reservations for themselves.**

### Reservations for Guests of Students

Students may make their own separate guest reservations to bring a **maximum of three additional paid guests** with them. Dinners for guests cost \$35. each and must be paid for in advance online.

- **Paid Guest Reservations:**
  - ❖ Registration window is May 4, 2026 at noon until May 11, 2026 11:59pm
  - ❖ Go to <https://ocacs.org/high-school-chemistry-awards-dinner-2026> (Or go to [www.ocacs.org](http://www.ocacs.org) and navigate to the High School Chemistry Awards Dinner 2026 page under the Education tab.)
  - ❖ Select the 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 (\$35. per person).
- Non-paying guests may arrive at 6:45 pm for the program and awards and skip the dinner, but reservations are necessary through Stacey Hamamura with the number of non-paying attendees and their names by email: [edchair2@ocacs.org](mailto:edchair2@ocacs.org).
- **No reservations will be accepted after May 11th.**

**\*Paid Parking:** Lot C or D (corner of Fairview Road and Merrimac Way) Map to OCC [here](#). Requires purchase of a virtual daily parking permit - using the *Passport Parking App* or [www.PassportParking.com](http://www.PassportParking.com). More information at [OCC's parking information page](#).

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Hamamura".

Stephanie Nobles and Stacey Hamamura Co-Chairs, Education Committee, Orange County ACS