

## 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.

### Orange County Section 2025-2026 Officers

Chair	Lisa Wanders
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### 2025-2026 Chemical Education Committee

Stacey Hamamura, Co-Chair	Stephanie Nobles, Co-Chair
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### College Awards Program

Grimm Hall Conference Center  
Concordia University, Irvine

April 22, 2026

## Presentation of College Awards

### Welcome

Dr. Rabin Lai  
Orange County ACS

### Italian Dinner

Rosemary & Olive Oil Chicken, Mixed Salad, Baked Creamy Rotini al Pesto with Vegetables, Cheese Cake and Assorted Beverages

### Introduction of Speaker

Prof. Stephanie Nobles  
Orange County ACS

### Speaker

Dr. Scott Epstein, Ph.D.  
South Coast Air Quality Management District

### Awards

Dr. Rabin Lai & Dr. Allison Gotoh  
Orange County ACS

### Closing

Dr. Allison Gotoh  
Event Coordinator, Orange County ACS

*We thank Prof. Montana Mellody and the Chemistry Department of Concordia University for sponsoring this event.*

### Outstanding Chemistry Students for 2025-2026

*Selected by Faculty Vote*

California State University Fullerton.....Adriana Rodriguez  
Cerritos College.....Alexander Uribe  
Chapman University.....Melia Hernandez  
Concordia University.....Micah McGranahan  
Cypress College.....Matthew London  
Fullerton College.....Shane Fewel  
Golden West College.....Tiffany Nguyen  
Irvine Valley College.....Virginia Chin  
Mt. San Antonio College.....Sunny Lam  
Saddleback College.....Cameron Trunec  
Santa Ana College.....Celeste Castro  
Santiago Canyon College.....Madison Kleinhans  
University of California Irvine.....Jaiminh Park

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