

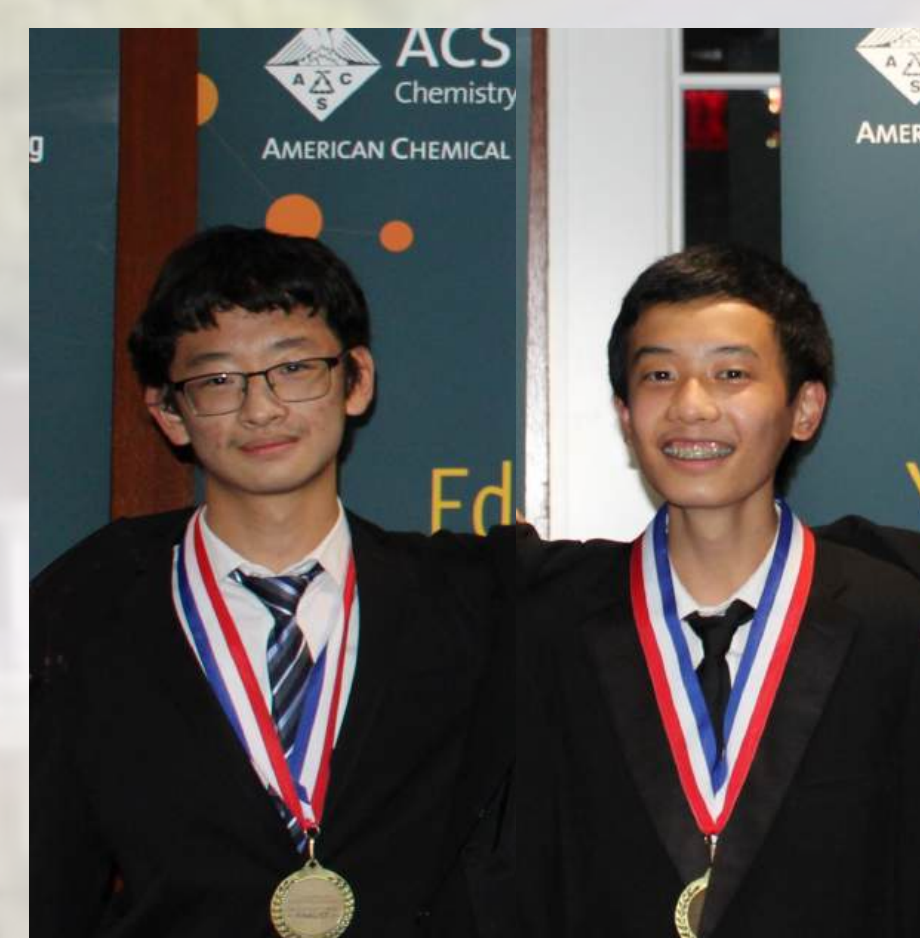


ACS Orange County

Chemistry Olympiad



2018: Edward Jin
& Anton Ni



2022: Yufei Chen
Nathan Ouyang



2024: Yufei
Chen

**International Chemistry Olympiad
gold medal winners
from Orange County**

High School First-year Chemistry Exam

This event has been held every year since 1964 except in 2020-21 during the Covid-imposed black-out.

Prepared by a group of experienced college teachers, the exam comprises about 90 multiple choice questions of varying complexity covering topics included in the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) and in first year chemistry textbooks.

Almost 300 first year regular/honors chemistry students from up to 40 high schools participate. Volunteers from the Education Committee plan, set up and score the exam, and college students act as proctors.

The best performers—both individual and team winners—are honored at the OCACS High School Chemistry Awards Banquet, an extremely well-attended event held in May. The many awards include plaques, medallions and gift cards. Winning students and their teachers are invited courtesy of the OCACS.



High School & College Student Award Dinners

The **Annual High School Awards Banquet** recognizes the best performers in:

- ◆The High School First Year Student Exam
- ◆The Orange County Chemistry Olympiad
- ◆The Orange County Science & Engineering Fair, and
- ◆All their teachers

Parents/Guardians of the Award-winners are invited to attend, and in some years there are as many as 300 attendees.



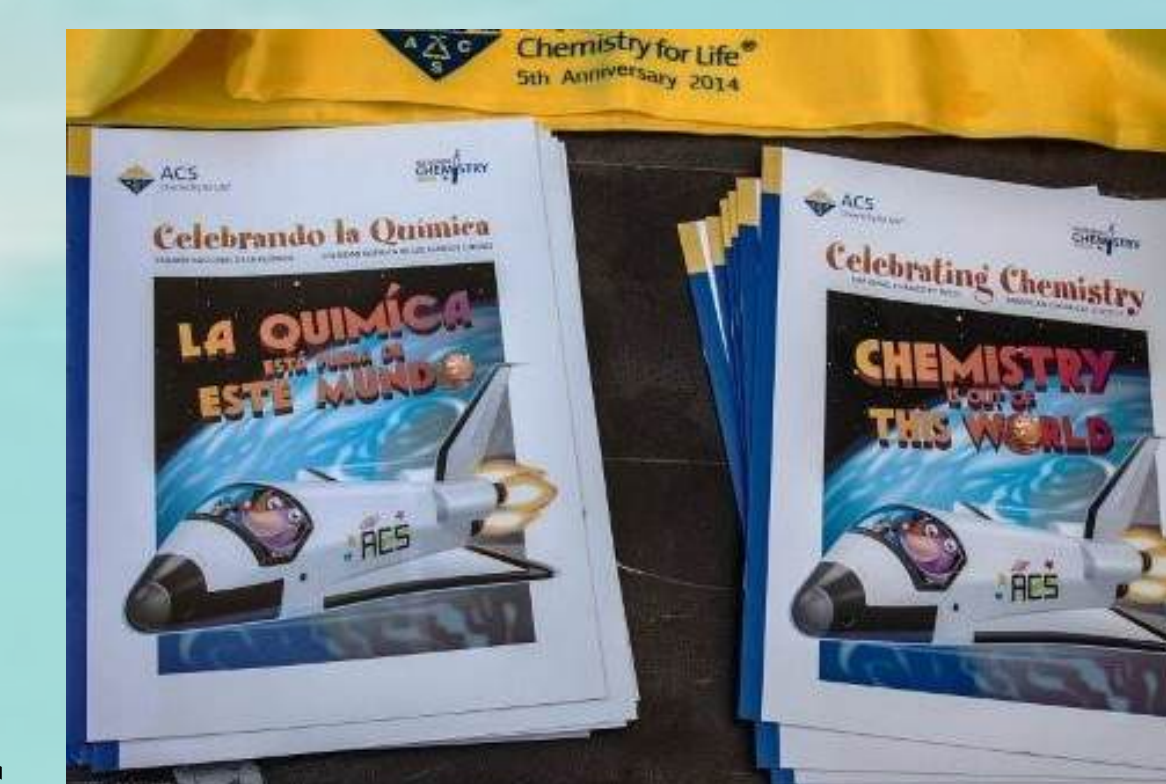
The **Annual College Awards Dinner** honors the best final-year students at about 15 universities and colleges in Orange County.

National Chemistry Week

Every year since 1994 OCACS has brought together Chemistry



and the Santa Ana Zoo to host OCACS National Chemistry Week program for up to 300 people. Many college student groups set up stations for hands-on kids' chemistry experiments, with a special demonstration that includes liquid N₂ ice-cream!



OCACS Activities

The Orange County Section keeps involved supporting STEM in community in many ways:

- ◆The OC Science & Engineering Fair
- ◆The California Science & Engineering Fair
- ◆Chemists Celebrate Earth Day
- ◆Dinner Meetings
- ◆The Bennett 'Service through Chemistry' Award
- ◆The Carol Grimes 'Teacher of the Year' Award
- ◆OCACS Website <https://OCACS.org>

ChemLuminary Awards

◆**2024:** Outstanding AACT Support Award for our "Chemistry Teacher of the Year Award" program

◆**2022:** Outstanding Public Outreach Event Organized by a Student Group

◆**2020:** Global Engagement Award (International Cmte)

◆**2018:** Outstanding Continuing Public Relations Program

◆**2017:** (1) Best Overall Local Section (Minority Affairs); (2) Outstanding Regional Meeting (3) Outstanding NCW Event for a Specific Audience

◆**2016:** Outstanding National Chemistry Olympiad

◆**2014:** (1) Best Overall Local Section (Minority Affairs); (2) Outstanding NCW Event for a Specific Audience



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