



**ACS** Local Section  
Southern California

**2022  
HIGH SCHOOL  
CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD  
AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Thursday, May 26th, 2022**

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

# Welcome to the 108th Annual Southern California Section American Chemical Society High School Chemistry Olympiad Awards Ceremony

We honor the top high school teams, the top scorers of the competition, the National Olympiad Team, and the top student from each school with ten or more participants in the local section exam.

576 students took the local Southern California Section exam in-person, representing 22 schools. 15 students from the local exam were invited to participate in the National Exam on April 30 at Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Local and National Exams. Their accomplishments will be applauded and commended on this night.

**Welcome**

Thomas Mathew, Ph.D.

*Chair,*

*Southern California Section*

**Presentation of High School  
Chemistry Olympiad Awards**

Michael Morgan

*Education Chair,*

*Southern California Section*

Caroline Morgan

*Francisco Bravo*

*Medical Magnet High School*

**Closing Remarks**

Barbara Belmont

*Secretary/Treasurer,*

*Southern California Section*

## School's Highest Scoring First Year Students

<b>Student</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School Coordinator</b>
Rustom Malhotra	Harvard-Westlake HS	Nathan Cardin
Marius Ruthowski	La Canada HS	Sam Finder
Hovhammes Narinyan	Van Nuys HS	Tracy Kim
Brian Kunzang	Palos Verdes Peninsula HS	Chaz Lee
Dylan Wang	Palos Verdes Peninsula HS	Chaz Lee

## School's Highest Scoring Second Year Students

<b>Student</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School Coordinator</b>
Kai Bredemann	La Canada HS	Sam Finder
Jayden June	Van Nuys HS	Tracy Kim

## School's Highest Scoring Students

<b>Student</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School Coordinator</b>
Sonia Zhang	Arcadia HS	Cherryl Mynster
Tomas Rivera	Chaminade HS	Ryan Casey
Nathan Scherer	Clark Magnet HS	Anna Mkrtchyan
Aarya Riasati	Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet HS	Michael Morgan
Konnie Duan	Harvard-Westlake HS	Heather Audesirk
Richard Zhu	North Hollywood HS	Altair Maine
Zishi Li	Palos Verdes Peninsula HS	Chaz Lee
Theodore Danial	Redondo Union HS	Wilkin Lee
Michael Wang	San Marino HS	Cynthia Chubbuck
Dylan Ochoa	Sierra Canyon HS	Mary Espanol
Jacob Woods	South Pasadena HS	Ben Ku
Aaron Quan	South Pasadena HS	Ben Ku
Katherine Gloyer	South Torrance HS	Chris Cunningham
Stephanie Nguyen	South Torrance HS	Chris Cunningham
Aaron Liem	St. Francis HS	Patrick Davitt
Lidia Prokopovych	Venice HS	Barry Vella
Jaden Slososn	Whitney HS	Paul Bender

## Southern California ACS Highest Scoring Contestants

<b>Student</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Place</b>
Brandon Ha	Arcadia HS	17
Claire Li	Arcadia HS	17
Herrick Wang	Arcadia HS	17
Selena Zhang	Arcadia HS	17
Srinivasan Arumugham	San Marino HS	17
Xiyu Wang	South Pasadena HS	17
Jeshwanth Mohan	Arcadia HS	13
Emmy Zhang*	Harvard-Westlake HS	13
Aaron Quan	South Pasadena HS	13
Jacob Woods*	South Pasadena HS	13
Kevin Hu	Arcadia HS	10
Weber Lin	Arcadia HS	10
Michael Wang*	San Marino HS	10
Ian Chan	Arcadia HS	8
Joshua Sujo	Arcadia HS	8
Aarya Riasati*	Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet HS	7
Sonia Zhang*	Arcadia HS	6
Qingyu Zhang*	Arcadia HS	3
Zishi Li*	Palos Verdes Peninsula HS	3
Theodore Danial*	Redondo Union HS	3
David Zhang*	Temple City HS	1
Konnie Duan*	Harvard-Westlake HS	1

\*National Olympiad Team

# 2022 U. S. Chemistry Olympiad Local Section Exam

## 1st Place Overall Student

David Zhang

Konnie Duan

## National Olympiad Team

Sonia Zhang, Arcadia High School

Qingyu Zhang, Arcadia High School

Aarya Riasati, Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School

Emmy Zhang, Harvard-Westlake High School

Konnie Duan, Harvard-Westlake High School

Kai Bredemann, La Canada High School

Lydia Qin, North Hollywood High School

Richard Zhu, North Hollywood High School

Zishi Li, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School

Theodore Danial, Redondo Union High School

Chun Hei Lincoln Lam, South Pasadena High School

Jacob Woods, South Pasadena High School

Michael Wang, San Marino High School

David Zhang, Temple City High School

Lidia Prokopovych, Venice High School

## Olympiad Highest Scoring 1st Year Team

North Hollywood High School

Teacher: Altaire Maine

## Olympiad Highest Scoring Overall Team

Arcadia High School

Teacher: Cherryl Mynster

## Paul Shin Memorial High School Teacher of the Year Award

If you know of a local high school chemistry teacher who is making a difference, please make the effort to show how important his/her work is to you and the students. Self-nominations from those who feel they fit the requirements are accepted as well. It's teachers like the recipients of this award who make learning chemistry rewarding.

Plus, there is a financial component of \$500. The \$500 will be an unrestricted award directly to the teacher. The winner of the Section Award will also be entered at the National ACS level for the Western Regional High School Teacher of the Year Award and the James Conant Bryant Award. Having won a previous award does not necessarily exclude a nominee; however, the nomination would need to be based on different criteria than the first award.

Nomination Package should include: Biographical sketch of nominee with date of birth, list of any publications, statement (no more than 1,000 words) of nominee's achievements as a high school chemistry teacher including quality of teaching, effective methods, nominee's ability to challenge and inspire students, extracurricular work (science fairs, clubs, etc.). Seconding letters are not essential, but up to five may be included. Nominating documents should be submitted via email to [office@scalacs.org](mailto:office@scalacs.org). Note that signed documents that have been scanned are acceptable.

The deadline for nominations is November 15th, 2022. Please feel free to contact Michael Morgan of the Educational Affairs Committee at [mmorgan@lausd.net](mailto:mmorgan@lausd.net) if you have any questions.

Here is a partial list of past recipients:

Caroline Morgan, Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School

Paul Groves, South Pasadena High School

Dr. Deborah Bennett, Calabasas High School

Paul Bender, Whitney High School

Larry Walker, Calabasas High School

Dean Papadakis, South Pasadena High School

\*Michael Morgan, Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School

Cherryl Mynster, Arcadia High School

\*2020 Recipient James Bryant Conant Award in High School Teaching



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