



ACS Local Section
Southern California

2023
HIGH SCHOOL
CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD
AWARDS CEREMONY

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CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to the 109th 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.

624 students took the local Southern California Section exam in-person, representing 30 schools. 14 students from the local exam were invited to participate in the National Exam on April 22 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

Edye Udell, 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

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School's Highest Scoring First Year Students

Student	School	School Coordinator
Lenin Artile	Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet HS	Michael Morgan
Mst Samiha Siddik	Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet HS	Michael Morgan
Will Putzer	Harvard-Westlake HS	Heather Audesirk
Anna Villatoro-Mendez	Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet HS	Michael Morgan
Zhian Xu	Palos Verdes Peninsula HS	Chaz Lee

School's Highest Scoring Second Year Students

Student	School	School Coordinator
Madison Gambin	Palos Verdes Peninsula HS	Chaz Lee
Alexis Meneses	Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet HS	Michael Morgan

School's Highest Scoring Students

Student	School	School Coordinator
Konnie Duan	Harvard-Westlake HS	Heather Audesirk
Alexander Franks	North Hollywood HS	Altair Maine
Hibah Khan	West Torrance HS	Le Thu Nguyen
Aleen Koujakian	Chaminade College Preparatory HS	Ryan Casey
Aldon Lam	Temple City HS	Debbie Gewecke
Michael Lee	South Pasadena HS	Benjamin Ku
Suzan Manoian	Clark Magnet HS	Anna Mkrtchyan
Lidia Prokopovych	Venice HS	Barry Vella
Prabodh Rao	Whitney HS	Paul Bender
Daniel Rosado	Redondo Union HS	Wilkin Lee
Jonathan Ryu	Loyola HS	Fawzia Qazi
Herrick Wang	Arcadia HS	Cherryl Mynster
Sofie Wong	Westridge School for Girls	Edye Udell
Youyou Xie	Sierra Canyon HS	Mary Espanol
David Zhang	Temple City HS	Debbie Gewecke
Connor Zhao	North Hollywood HS	Altair Maine
Carsten Zieger	Loyola HS	Fawzia Qazi

Southern California ACS Highest Scoring Students

Student	High School	Place
Daniel Hong	North Hollywood HS	20
Angel Shen	Palos Verdes HS	20
Shrish Goel	Arcadia HS	18
Yang Pan	Arcadia HS	18
Christine Xu	South Pasadena HS	17
Brandon Ha	Arcadia HS	14
Rijul Garg	Arcadia HS	14
Connor Zhao	North Hollywood HS	14
*Aldon Lam	Temple City HS	13
*Alexander Franks	North Hollywood HS	12
*Michael Lee	South Pasadena HS	10
*Prabodh Rao	Whitney HS	10
Qingyu Zhang	Arcadia HS	9
*Max Zhou	San Marino HS	8
*Theodore Danial	Redondo Union HS	6
*David Zhang	Temple City HS	6
*Lidia Prokopovych	Venice HS	5
*Konnie Duan	Harvard-Westlake HS	3
*Daniel Rosado	Redondo Union HS	3
*Ian Chan	Arcadia HS	2
*Herrick Wang	Arcadia HS	1

*National Olympiad Team

2023 U. S. Chemistry Olympiad Local Section Exam

1st Place Overall Student

Herrick Wang

National Olympiad Team

Herrick Wang, Arcadia High School

Ian Chan, Arcadia High School

Konnie Duan, Harvard-Westlake High School

Alexander Franks, North Hollywood High School

Daniel Rosado, Redondo Union High School

Theodore Danial, Redondo Union High School

Max Zhou, San Marino High School

Michael Lee, South Pasadena High School

David Zhang, Temple City High School

Aldon Lam, Temple City High School

Lidia Prokopovych, Venice High School

Prabodh Rao, Whitney High School

Olympiad Highest Scoring 1st Year Team

North Hollywood High School

Teacher: Altaire Maine

Olympiad Highest Scoring Overall Team

Arcadia High School

Teacher: Cheryl 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. Note that signed documents that have been scanned are acceptable.

The deadline for nominations is November 15th, 2023. Please feel free to contact Michael Morgan of the Educational Affairs Committee at 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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