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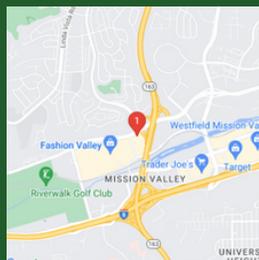
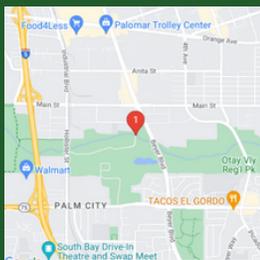
WITH THE SD LOCAL SECTION

- ✓ 9AM-12PM
- ✓ April 20, 2024

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Dear esteemed members,

As we step into the blooming month of April, I would like to extend warm greetings to each of you. It's an exciting time for our community as we embrace the changing seasons and look forward to **Earth Week**. I welcome you to consider joining our Local Section in giving back to our community by participating in the annual **Creek to Bay Cleanup** hosted by I Love a Clean San Diego, on April 20. Many times, planned events can result in the generation of much waste, so I am eager to promote an activity where we can give back to our beautiful surroundings. You can register to participate in any of our two events: [Chula Vista-Otay Valley Regional Park](#) or [Mission Valley-San Diego River](#).

Reflecting on the past month, I'd like to take a moment to highlight some key moments that were a pleasure to experience through engaging with our community:

1. If you joined us at this year's **Super STEM Saturday** at CSU San Marcos, I hope you had a wonderful time! Complimentary to the excellent weather, I had a wonderful time engaging with some of our student members, checking out their experiment demos, and seeing the joy on so many young scientists' faces. I'd especially like to highlight the contributions and hard work of **Jackie Trischman** and **Juan Gonzalez** from our Executive Committee in making this event the biggest Super STEM Saturday yet!
2. Sincere congratulations to the winners of the **Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair**. Your stellar presentations will carry you far in your professional career path, and I appreciate **Jim Shih** in his continuous efforts to see the event return next year.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to each of you for your unwavering commitment and dedication. It's your passion, enthusiasm, and engagement that make our community vibrant and resilient.

Warm regards,

Christina Vialva
San Diego ACS Chair
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Greater Science & Engineering Fair San Diego 2024

Junior Division



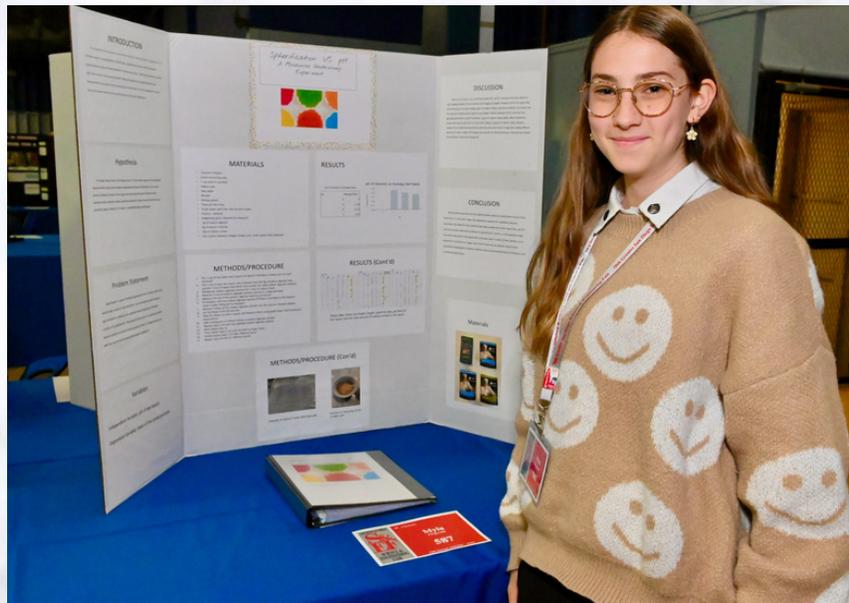
**1st Place - Zhizhen Chen, The Cambridge School High School
"Effect of Temperature on Oxidation Speeds"**



**2nd Place - Fuaad Dodi & Yusuf Ahmad, Bright Horizon
Academy 6-8
"Does Cooking Method Affect Protein Content?"**

Greater Science & Engineering Fair San Diego 2024

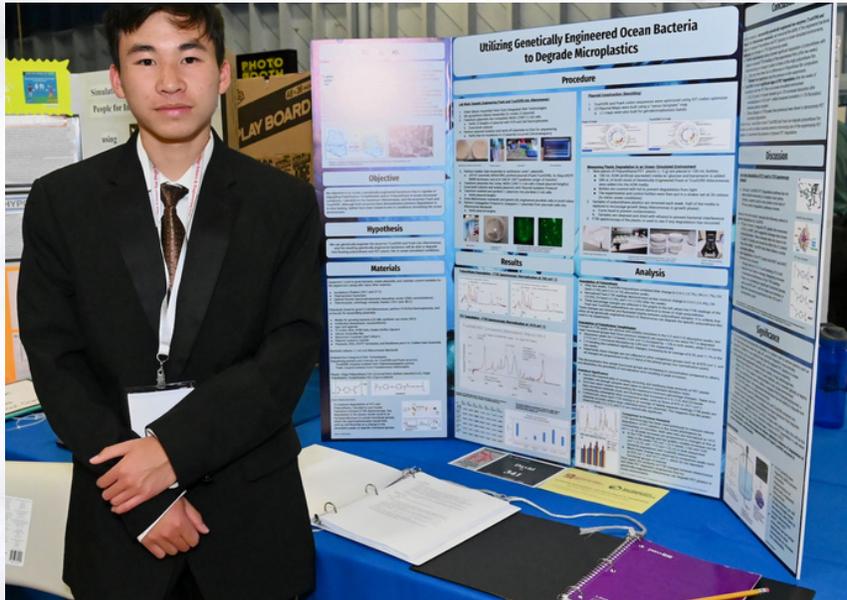
Junior Division



**3rd Place - Myla Fitzgerald, De Portola Middle School
"Spherification vs. pH: A Molecular Gastronomy Experiment"**

Greater Science & Engineering Fair San Diego 2024

Senior Division



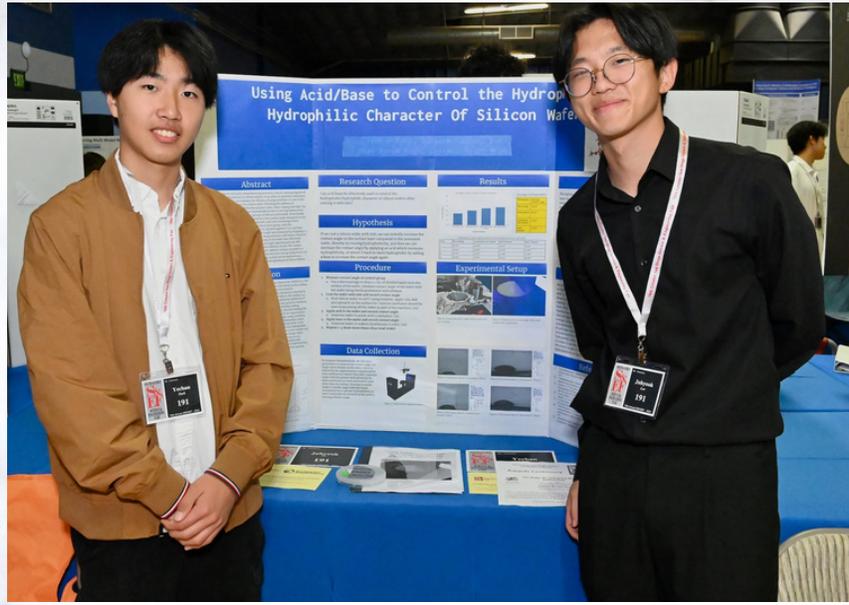
1st Place - David He, Westview High School
"Utilizing Genetically Engineered Ocean Bacteria to Degrade Microplastics"



2nd Place - Vibha Yadav Ganji & Vidha Yadav Ganji, Del Norte High School
"Targeting the Ribonucleoprotein Complex Assembly as Therapy for Heroin Use Disorder (HUD)"

Greater Science & Engineering Fair San Diego 2024

Senior Division



**3rd Place - Juhyeok Lee (Scripps Ranch High School) &
Yechan Park (Otay Ranch High School)
"Using pH to Control the Hydrophobic or Hydrophilic Character of
Silicon Wafers"**

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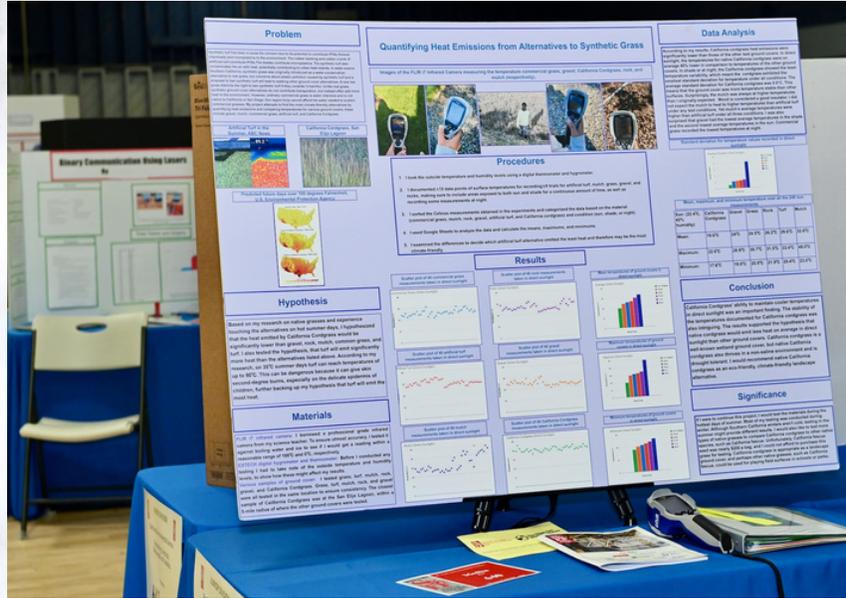


Judges:

**James Shih, Jackie Trischman, Karrie Kwok,
Ramkrishna De, Melissa Allen, Sai Chava,
Clare Hermanson, Deblina Ghosh, Gerry Hoffman,
Brad Savall, Chris Olson and Dileep Nair**



Greater Science & Engineering Fair San Diego 2024



Greater Science & Engineering Fair San Diego 2024





American Chemical Society
ACS Spring 2024 Meeting
New Orleans, Louisiana
March 17 – 21, 2024

Councilor Talking Points: Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

The following summary is provided to help Councilors report to their Local Sections and Divisions on key actions of the ACS Council meeting held on March 20, and the Board of Directors meetings held on March 15 – 17, 2024.

Actions of the Council

Election Results:

Candidates for President-Elect, 2025

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) presented to the Council the following *nominees* for selection as *candidates* for President-Elect, 2025: Rigoberto Hernandez, Thomas Holme, Ingrid Montes, and Laura Sremaniak. By electronic ballot, the Council selected **Rigoberto Hernandez and Laura Sremaniak as candidates for 2025 President-Elect**. These two candidates will join **Mukund Chorghade**, a petition candidate, and any additional candidates selected via petitions to stand for election in the fall 2024 national election.

President-Elect 2025^a

Nominee	1 st Round	2 nd Round	3 rd Round
*Rigoberto Hernandez	124	151	188
Thomas Holme	107	124	-
Ingrid Montes	60	-	-
*Laura Sremaniak	124	139	180

^a415 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 208 being the majority. The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the lowest vote-getter, Ingrid Montes, was dropped and her second-preference votes were distributed in the subsequent round. Those marked with an asterisk (*) were declared elected as candidates.

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Candidates for Districts I, V, and International

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election held prior to the Council meeting; to select candidates from the list of nominees for Directors from District I, District V, and the International District on the Board of Directors for the term 2025-2027. By electronic ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected **Katherine L. Lee and Matthew Grandbois as District I candidates; Lisa M. Balbes, Mark C. Cesa, and Silvia S. Jurisson as District V candidates; and David Wu and Hooi-Ling Lee as International District candidates.** Ballots will be distributed to members residing in District I, District V, and the International District around October 1, 2024, for election of a Director from each District.

DISTRICT I^a

Nominee	1 st Round	2 nd Round
*Katherine L. Lee	26	-
*Matthew Grandbois	12	27
Alyssa C. Thomas	4	6
Barbara R. Hillery	1	9
Total	43	42

DISTRICT V^b

Nominee	1 st Round	2 nd round	3 rd Round
*Lisa M. Balbes	25	28	-
*Mark C. Cesa	11	12	24
*Silvia S. Jurisson	9	11	24
Joseph A. Heppert	7	-	-
Total	52	51	48

INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT^c

Nominee	1 st Round	2 nd Round	3 rd Round
*David Wu	93	106	140
*Hooi-Ling Lee	84	100	127
Csaba Janaky	54	64	-
Hassan S. Bazzi	39	-	-
Total	270	270	267

^a The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. 43 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 22 being the majority. Katherine L. Lee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the majority vote-getter, Katherine L. Lee, was excluded and her second-preference votes were distributed in one subsequent round. Those marked with an asterisk (*) were declared elected as candidates.

^b The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. 52 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 27 being the majority. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the lowest vote-getter, Joseph A. Heppert, was dropped and his second-preference votes were distributed in a subsequent round. Lisa M. Balbes attained a majority, and was excluded from a third round, with her second-preference votes distributed to subsequent candidates. Those marked with an asterisk (*) were declared elected as candidates.

^c The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. 270 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 136 being the majority. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, the lowest vote-getters, Csaba Janaky and Hassan S. Bazzi, were dropped and their second-preference votes were distributed in two subsequent rounds. Those marked with an asterisk (*) were declared elected as candidates.

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Candidates for Directors-at-Large

- In November, the Petition to Add International Representation on the Board of Directors was approved and ratified. As a result of its implementation, there is a reduction of the total number of Directors-at-Large (DAL) on the Board of Directors from six to five beginning in 2025. Because of the timing of candidate selection and petition approval processes, N&E opted to select the usual four candidates for the two possible DAL positions in case the petition failed. Since the petition was passed and ratified, in fairness to those selected, N&E planned to run all four candidates for one DAL position; however, one candidate withdrew leaving three candidates. There will be no down-select process and all three will run as candidates. Preferential voting will be used in accordance with Standing Rule IV, Section 4., c.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following **candidates for Director-at-Large** for the 2025-2027 term: **Christopher J. Bannochie, Natalie A. LaFranzo, and Sergio C. Nanita**. The election of one Director-at-Large from among these three candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council around October 1, 2024.
- By electronic ballot, the Council elected **Debbie C. Crans to the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E)** for an unexpired term of less than one year (2024) and a subsequent full three-year term (2025-2027) in accordance with Standing Rule IV, Section 9., e.

Brian B. Brady

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***Debbie C. Crans**

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Other Council Actions:

Highlights from Committee Reports and Key Actions

- On the recommendation of the Council Policy Committee (CPC), Council approved the Petition to Remove Inconsistencies and Add Missing Provisions. The petition clarifies language about membership on the elected committees of Council and adds a provision for filling a vacancy in the position of Director-at-Large. This petition is now presented to the ACS Board of Directors for action.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees (ConC), and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition to Amend the Duties of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F) to better reflect their charge of making recommendations on the Society's budget for approval by the Board of Directors. The petition also removes an outdated provision to reflect that the funding of the official organ of the Society has been made independent from dues revenue. This petition is now presented to the ACS Board of Directors for action.
- ConC announced that the opening of the online preference form to all ACS members began on March 1 and will run through July 1, Councilors interested in serving on an ACS Committee in 2025 should go to [CMTE.acs.org](https://cmte.acs.org) to complete their preferences.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC), Council approved changing the name of the Division of Biological Chemistry (BIOL) to the Division of Biochemistry and Chemical Biology (BIOL). This name change takes effect January 1, 2025.

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- On the recommendation of DAC, Council approved an amendment to the distribution formula for Division funding. This will allow a greater amount of funding to be distributed to Divisions.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on International Activities (IAC), Council approved the creation of International Chemical Sciences Chapters in Egypt and Guangdong, China, subject to the concurrence of the ACS Board of Directors.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC), Council approved changing the name of the Auburn Section to the East Alabama/West Georgia Section. This name change takes effect on January 1, 2025.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC) and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the Petition on Dues and Benefits to change the name of the Schedule of Membership to the Schedule of Dues and Benefits. The petition also defines the role of Community Associates. This petition is now presented to the ACS Board of Directors for action.
- On the recommendation of MAC and with the concurrence of the Council Policy Committee, Council approved the 2025 Schedule of Dues and Benefits.
- The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) reported the certification of bylaws for four Local Sections (Columbus, Permian Basin, University of Arkansas, and Central Pennsylvania), five technical Divisions (Colloid and Surface Chemistry, Biological Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, and Environmental Chemistry), and two International Chemical Sciences Chapters (Singapore and Switzerland) since the fall 2023 meeting.
- The Committee on Education (SOCED) invited students to participate in a SOCED Discussion Session to be held in conjunction with the ACS Fall 2024 meeting in Denver, and invited Councilors to their upcoming virtual open meeting on April 25.
- The Committee on Younger Chemists (YCC) plans to expand the concept of Local Section Younger Chemists Committees to include International Chemical Sciences Chapters and reported on the inaugural Younger Chemists' Caucus and their plans to continue holding this event.

Resolutions

The Council passed several resolutions:

- In memory of deceased Councilors.
- In recognition of ACS Secretary, Flint Lewis, on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years.
- In sincere appreciation of the Louisiana Section, host Section for the ACS Spring 2024 meeting, the Divisional program chairs, symposium organizers, and ACS staff for the planning and execution of the meeting.

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The ACS Spring 2024 meeting was held from March 17 – 21. As of March 19, there were 14,368 registrations (13,122 in-person and 1,246 online). The ACS Fall 2024 meeting will be held in Denver, CO from August 18 – 22, 2024.

Actions of the Board of Directors - Executive Session

The ACS Board of Directors met in Executive Session on March 15-16, 2024, in New Orleans, LA. They considered several key strategic issues and responded with numerous actions. The meeting was opened with a reflection on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR).

Chief Executive Officer's Report

The CEO and his staff reported on the 150th anniversary of ACS, the ACS DEIR Maturity Model, the future of ACS meetings, the ACS brand, financials, and other ACS activities. This was followed by a strategic discussion on sustainability. The CEO also introduced the new ACS General Counsel, Tokë Vandervoort, who joined ACS on March 4.

Board Committees

The Board received and discussed reports from the Governing Board for Publishing as well as its Committees on Professional and Member Relations, Executive Compensation, Audits & Risk Management, and Pensions and Investments. Several of these committees requested and obtained Board action on one or more items, as follows:

- Upon the recommendation of the Editor Search Committee, the Board voted to approve the appointment of an Editor-in-Chief of the ACS journal Electrochemistry. The appointment will be announced after the individual has been notified and appropriate arrangements for their service has been made.
- Upon recommendation of the Society Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of several ACS journal editors. The reappointments will be announced after the individuals have been notified and appropriate arrangements for their continued service have been made.
- The Board voted to approve the reappointment of two members of the Governing Board for Publishing. The reappointments will be announced after the individuals have been notified and appropriate arrangements for their continued service have been made.
- Upon recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations (P&MR), the Board approved recommendations for establishing the Dong Qin ACS Award in Nanochemistry, the 2025 Othmer Gold Medal nominee, and the screened lists of five nominees each for the 2025 Priestley Medal and the 2025 Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS.
- The Board received an extensive briefing and approved several recommendations from the Committee on Executive Compensation. The compensation of the Society's executive staff continues to be reviewed regularly by the Board.

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- Items related to ACS benefits and budgets were reviewed and approved.

Other Society Business

By consent, the Board took multiple actions including recommendations from the Committee on Meetings and Expositions to change the date of the ACS Spring 2030 meeting in New Orleans from March 17-21 to March 10-14, and the ACS Fall 2032 meeting date and location to August 22-26, 2032, in Chicago, IL were approved, and several interim actions were ratified.

As is customary, the Board heard reports from the Presidential Succession on their current and planned activities for 2024 and 2025. They received an update on the status of the search for the new Secretary of the Society. There were also discussions on how to further improve the ongoing process of raising items of strategic concern expressed by members to the Board and to improve Board efficiency.

Finally, the Board adopted a resolution in honor of retiring ACS Secretary and General Counsel, Flint H. Lewis.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR COUNCILORS

The following is a list of URLs and email addresses for supplemental information offered in oral reports at the Council meeting.

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Resources on the Web

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Nominations for President, Directors, and Elected Committees

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**Executive Committee Meeting
Dates 2024**

6:30– 8:00 PM

April 11

May 2nd

June 6th

July 4th

August 1st

September 5th

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

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**San Diego Section, American Chemical Society
Executive Committee – Zoom Meeting
March 7th, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

Attendees: Ryan Smith, Juan Gonzalez, Christina Vialva, Desiree Grubisha, Harshada Sapre, Surya De, Jim Shih, Jackie Trischman, Max Mahler, Joan Schellinger, Mark Tichenor, Jiyue Chen, Sean Anderson.

Meeting convened: 6:35 pm

Changes/Approval of February Minutes

Motion: Approve February 2024 Minutes — **Approved**

Treasurer's Report (DG):

Line 40: \$5000 used to sponsor Super STEM Saturday

Updated Bylaws Status Report (CV/JG/RS):

Submitted proposal was not immediately approved. Meeting with Mark O'Brian concluded that operations can continue with Christina as chair since there is no contestation. Bylaw committee has 15 months to make edits and then sent out to members. $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members have to approve. In the event of a congestion arising, Christina can continue as chair due to her being a college graduate provided she switches to a regular ACS membership instead of student.

Super STEM Saturday

Taking place at CSUSM on March 9th 2024. SD ACS will be a sponsor in the amount of \$5000. SD ACS will have a table at the CSUSM student affiliates booth in an effort to rescurit. 116 booths confirmed.

GSDSEF (JS)

Event occurring on March 13th 2024. 9 Judges confirmed. Venue has been changed to Municipal Gym in Balboa Park. Parking Instructions will be sent out to judges. 11 am Judges will convene for project delegation, and students will be at lunch. Students will be interviewed for 2 rounds between 12-2pm. 2-3 pm for awards. Potentially need to trim down the number of projects due to limited time.

Chemistry Olympiad (JS)

Joan Schellinger is a professor at USD in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Head of Chemistry Olympiad. 12-15 students from local exams (March 9 and 10) move to national. 20 top scoring students of the 1000 who take the national exam go to study camp. 4 are chosen to represent the US in the international chemistry olympiad. Local exam is on March 9-10, 133 confirmed, 149 registered. Students must register through the ACS portal due to exam leakage last year. 110 minutes, 60 MC questions. Volunteers needed for the national exam on April 21 2024 (3 part exam). Scores from local screening exams will not be released to the students. Release of local section scores to students can be sent without violation of FERPA rights. Request to release scores of local section students without violation of FERPA rights via ACS ID given to each student upon registration. Some other local sections do release scores but have low participation. Advised not to release scores due to further questions from parents about ranking and scoring guidelines.

Med Chem Symposium Update (MT):

Event taking place July 12th at UCSD. First time taking place in person since 2019. New UCSD partner Fleur Ferguson. Consider shortening the event to 4-6 talk and make it a half day event. Partnering with Tao Wu from SAPA. April Wakaoski from UCSD Michael Herb from Scripps, Peter Wong Zentalis. 4 speakers confirmed. Registration information will be sent closer to May/June.

April Events (CV/JG)

2 events: White Labs Brewery Tours and Creek to Bay Cleanup
Thursday April 4th 6pm-8pm. Maximum 40 participants for a tour of White Labs Brewery. Further Information will be provided for Bay Cleanup.

Possible May Event

Building a Portfolio in STEM event to push recruiting for the section and cater to younger members. In person event to build a successful portfolio in STEM. Offering participants to get a complimentary professional headshot. Resume advice, guidance on interviewing. Potentially get people from the HR department. Prices would be around \$1500. Looking for alternate photographers for around 15-20 complimentary headshots.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm



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Does your non-profit organization have an upcoming event that might be of interest to members of the ACS – San Diego Section? If so, please send your announcement to our 2022 Chair, **Juan Gonzalez-Gonzalez** at jpgg@sandiegoacs.org. Once approved, Juan will see that your announcement is published on our website (www.sandiegoacs.org) and, if received by the 20th of the month before the event, in The San Diego Chemist newsletter. This is a free service of the ACS – San Diego Section. Take advantage of it!

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