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Chemistry Students from Irondequoit High School Honored by the American Chemical Society

On May 19, the Rochester Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) held one of three annual academic award ceremonies for area high schools at Benjamin Franklin High School. Twenty High Schools were present to accept their awards. Each year, ACS recognizes the academic achievement of high school students by awarding certificates to the top 10% of students in all chemistry classes. For Advanced Placement Chemistry, the top 20% of students are recognized. In addition, the student with the highest average in each class receives an engraved marble paperweight trophy.

The American Chemical Society (ACS) is the world's largest scientific organization, with over 160,000 chemists and chemical engineers worldwide. The Society was founded in 1876 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1937 to encourage "in the broadest and most liberal manner the advancement of chemistry." Almost one thousand members (representing Orleans, Genesee, Monroe, Livingston, Wayne and Ontario Counties) are part of the Rochester section. This year represents the 21st anniversary of the High School Chemistry Award ceremonies in the Rochester area. Additional events were held at Canandaigua Academy and Le Roy High School.

Opening remarks at Benjamin Franklin High School were given by Dr. Lynn O'Brien, Associate professor of Chemistry at Nazareth College. Dr. O'Brien commended all of the students who were recognized at Benjamin Franklin High School. "Celebrate with your families and teachers your commitment to academic excellence in the study of Chemistry. Whether you choose to pursue a career in chemistry or not, you should be very proud of the award you receive tonight. I challenge you to continue your pursuit of academic excellence and follow your dreams wherever they may lead you."

The following students from Irondequoit High School were honored at this event:

Regents Chemistry Top 10%

Elijah Bigsby (highest average)
Joel Carini
Kevin Connelly
Emily Farr
Nathaniel Incavo
Rose Kennedy
Cara Mendalino
Kimberly D. Roth
Ashley Tate

Aaron Anderson
Ryan Carney
Riley Dethier
Lauren Goewey
Lisa Kaplan
Jacob S. Martin
Elizabeth Nettles
Jamie Ruddy
Adriana Tortora

Sarah Bugner
Carys Coates-Martin
Steven Erbe
Maryanne Greenaway
Lynette Kehoe
Ryan McCormick
Justin Owen
Jared Streb

Advanced Placement Chemistry Top 20%

Samantha Antczak (highest average)

Glynis Kristal-Ragsdale

Jessica Wolfe

Teachers: Patricia Koch, Dana Meredith, Troy Schlesing and Amanda Schiralli

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