

## Memorandum

To: Chemistry Educator

From: Dr. Venkatesh Shanbhag, Coordinator of USNCO, So. Fla. Section of the ACS

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(If you think you have received this in error, please pass this on to your school Principal or a Chemistry teacher)

Greetings on behalf of the executive body of the South Florida Section of the American Chemical Society (SoFL-ACS) and Nova Southeastern University. We would like to thank you for your continued effort in promoting science literacy and excellence. The USNCO seeks to support achievement in high school chemistry and to identify and recognize our nation's most outstanding high school chemistry students and teachers. Your dedication in this process is highly appreciated.

International Chemistry Olympiad will be held this year in **Tokyo, Japan** on July 19-28, 2010. A team of four students will be selected after several stages of testing to compete on behalf of the USNCO at this international Chemistry Olympiad. So-FlACS administers two levels of tests and selects participants for participation in the training camp. The Local Qualifier exam (two hours, multiple-choice) will be held on **Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am** at Nova Southeastern University, main campus in Davie. Students can participate in a campus tour of the Nova Southeastern University following the test. Certificates of participation will be provided right after the tour.

Based on the performance on this local test, we will select the top eleven students to participate in the national exam that will be held on **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** on Nova Southeastern University, Davie campus. The schedule and directions are available at the So-FlACS website. Details on how to prepare for the exam, a bank of past exams, and the other relevant information are available at the ACS website <http://chemistry.org> (search for USNCO) or more specifically at [http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?\\_nfpb=true&\\_pageLabel=PP\\_TRANSITIONMAIN&node\\_id=528&use\\_sec=false&sec\\_url\\_var=region1&\\_\\_uuid=02494da8-bd98-4166-b301-bc8a8c8759ac](http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=PP_TRANSITIONMAIN&node_id=528&use_sec=false&sec_url_var=region1&__uuid=02494da8-bd98-4166-b301-bc8a8c8759ac)

Right after the national test (around 3:00 pm) on April 24, there will be presentation of a special scholarship to all the finalists should they pursue their undergraduate studies at NSU. Prior to this presentation of scholarship, NSU Farquhar College of Arts & Sciences and the division of Math Science and Technology would like to invite you and the parents of finalists for a campus tour starting 1:30 pm on April 24.

If you would like for your students to participate in this competition, please send me the names of potential participants to me at [shanbhag@nova.edu](mailto:shanbhag@nova.edu). If you have any questions, you can contact me by e-mail or by phone at (954) 262-8331.