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CONGRATULATIONS TO NCW ILLUSTRATED POEM CONTEST WINNERS

As part of NCW 2020, nation-wide 800 students from grades K-12 shared their interpretation of the theme, “Sticking with Chemistry”, in the form of illustrated poems. SoFL-ACS received 160 entries. The following four illustrated poems won first place in the local competition and received an award certificate and \$25 gift card. Their poems were entered in the national ACS competition.

K-2 category – Aidany Diaz, 2nd grade at Miami Gardens Elementary, and her teacher Ms. Maritza Salazar

3-5 category – Luke Evans, 5th grade at Howard Drive Elementary, and his teacher, Ms. Julie Yngber

6-8 category – Audrey DellaVecchia, 6th grade at Wellington Landings Middle School, and her teacher, Ms. Theresa Cameron


9-12 category – Melanie Montero, 9th grade at Somerset Academy Silver Palms, and her teacher, Mrs. Nelia Ferrufino

At the national level, first- and second-place prizes were awarded in each of the four categories. Two of the SoFL-ACS entries won first and second place, respectively, in the national ACS competition.

Congratulations to:

Aidany Diaz, first place nationally in the K-2 grade category

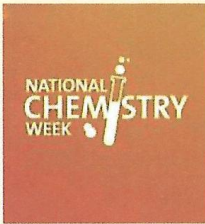
Luke Evans, second place nationally in the 3-5 grade category

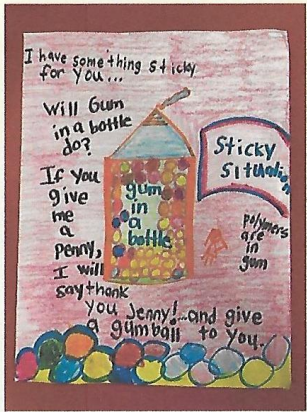


2020 National Chemistry Week Poem Contest

“Sticking with Chemistry”


Winners South Florida Section – ACS





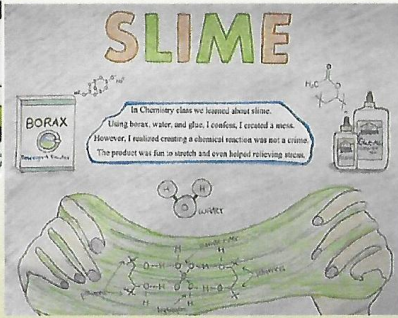
K-2nd Category
Aidany Diaz
Miami Gardens Elementary

3rd-5th Category
Luke Evans
Howard Drive Elementary



6th – 8th Category
Audrey DellaVecchia
Wellington Landings Middle

9th -12th Category
Melanie Montero
Somerset Academy Silver Palms



Thank you to all schools that participated and to all the teachers who encouraged their students to enter the contest. Thanks also to the FIU-BBC Science Club who organized and judged the poems and to the local YCC for helping judge the group of finalists.

SoFL-ACS Bylaws Revisions

National ACS requires local sections to update their bylaws every few years to bring them into compliance with the national ACS constitution and bylaws. The SoFL-ACS bylaws were last updated in 2015. Consequently, the Executive Committee has approved minor updates in wording and two substantive changes to our bylaws: 1) Addition of the *Younger Chemists* (YCC) committee to the list of standing committees. 2) The terms of office of the Secretary and the Treasurer *shall be for two (2) years beginning on alternating years*. The revised bylaws with the noted changes are posted on the section website: www.soflacs.org. You will be asked to approve the revised bylaws on the elections ballot online or at the end of this newsletter.

Election of 2021 SoFL-ACS Officers

Each of the 2020 SoFL-ACS officers (Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer) has agreed to serve for another year. None of the Councilors/Alternate Councilors are up for re-election. You are asked to ratify them on the elections ballot online or at the end of this newsletter.

2020 SoFL-ACS Officers

Chair – Jesse Bernstein, 440-821-4623, Jbern0309@gmail.com
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VOTE IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA ACS ELECTIONS

Section members who have emails will receive an email mid-November with a link to vote online. If you do not have email or do not wish to vote online, you can use the ballot below. SoFL-ACS members can vote by only ONE method: paper ballot or online. You can write-in other nominees.

Cut off the ballot below and place it in an envelope, sign the top left-hand corner of the envelope, stamp and mail it to the secretary:

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BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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<input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Bernstein	<input type="checkbox"/> John Reilly	<input type="checkbox"/> Milagros Delgado	<input type="checkbox"/> David Riusech	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Don't approve
or _____	or _____	or _____	or _____	