

2009 CACS Young Chemist Awards Announced

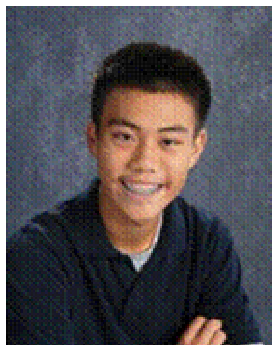
Tri-State Chinese American Chemical Society awards Young Chemist Awards every year to outstanding high school students to cultivate their interests in Chemistry and Science in general among Chinese-American youth in the greater tri-state area. This year, the CACS Young Chemist Awards go to Andrew Wu from Pennsylvania, Dennis Xuan and David Zhao from New Jersey. The three will receive their awards that include a certificate and a cash prize at the upcoming CACS Chinese New Year Party on Saturday, January 30, 2010.



Andrew Wu, currently a senior at Hatboro-Horsham High School of Pennsylvania, was attracted to chemistry in a young age by attending chemistry programs offered by his parents' companies. He is a straight A student and ranks at the top in his class. Andrew is a National Merit Semifinalist and AP scholar with honor. He is the founder and president of a Science Club in his school. He has traveled across the country to participate and won a variety of individual and team competitions. As stated in one of his recommendation letters, "his accomplishments are truly without precedent". Besides academic achievements, Andrew is also an outstanding tennis player and helped his team to a 2nd place finish in Boys' Varsity Tennis.



Dennis Xuan, currently a senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School, has a very impressive academic record. He has started taking AP courses since his sophomore year. He finished his AP chemistry course with a straight A before his junior year in high school. He demonstrated strong interest in chemistry and volunteered to work in Dr. Joseph L. Dixon's Chemistry lab at Rutgers. He scored a perfect 800 in SAT II in chemistry. Dennis also ranked in the top 10% at Watchung Hills Regional High School. He has been on the honor roll since his freshman year in high school. His other extra curriculum activities included Varsity Fencing, Lego Robotics, and Piano. Dennis also volunteers at Somerset Adult Day Center.



David Zhao is a junior at Montgomery High School. He has been fascinated by chemistry from a young age. He already took SAT II chemistry before taking SAT and got the perfect 800 score; he received a score of 5 in AP chemistry, a college level chemistry course in his sophomore year in high school. In addition, he also obtained perfect scores in AP Calculus, SAT II math, and SAT II Chinese. David is a member of the Montgomery Science Olympiad Team and won many individual and team medals in the central regional and New Jersey state competitions. One of his teachers wrote in his recommendation letter "David has already compiled an impressive academic record and is a student who has a bright future in the sciences".

CACS was founded in 1981 as a volunteer-based, non-profit professional organization. CACS addresses the common interests and concerns of Chinese American chemical professionals. For over thirty years, CACS has been striving towards building bridges between the US and China in

areas of interest to chemical professionals and chemical enterprises, towards building bridges to other communities and organizations so that our collective voices are heard and our mutual interests are advanced, and towards building bridges among Chinese, American, and Chinese-American chemical professionals to help their effort to excel in this wonderful world of chemical transformation. In addition to the annual Young Chemist Awards, CACS has established a mentor program to help new comers gain quick footing in their professional careers in the US. Most recently, Tri-State CACS successfully organized the 2nd Beijing International Pharmaceutical and Chemical IP Forum together with the Division of Chemistry and the Law of the American Chemical Society (ACS-CHAL) and the China Intellectual Property Society (CIPS). For more information about Tri-State CACS and sponsored activities, please visit our website at www.tristatecacs.org.