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U.S. NATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

LOCAL STUDENTS WIN CHANCE TO QUALIFY
FOR INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD, IChO

The Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society has announced the names of 12 outstanding high school chemistry students that moved forward to the second part of the competition. These students took a national exam that may qualify them to become members of the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Team.

Congratulations to the following nominees and teachers:

Anurag Sodhi *	Centennial High School	Robert Astri
Caleb Shim	Centennial High School	Robert Astri
Alok Sinha	Gilman High School	Cody Miles
Eric Duan	Glenelg High School	Kendall Morton
Tan Phu Quach	Governor Thomas Johnson HS	Scott Rippeon
Satya Nihal Maddirala	Marriotts Ridge High School	Kristen LeChevet
Bron Austin Benoy	Mount Hebron High School	Mary Ann Sankey
Justin Sykes	Mount Saint Joseph HS	Jason Ader
Alexander Patrick Johnson	Mount Saint Joseph HS	Jason Ader
Nathaniel Ratte	South River High School	Jennifer Leffel
Amcolly Cao	Towson High School	James Biddison
Mewenn Le Guellec	Urbana High School	Suzanne Dashiell-Elder

* 2022 Camp Winner /Honor List

The IChO involves a series of theoretical exams (5 hours), laboratory exercises (5 hours), and other activities aimed at identifying the best chemistry students from participating nations from around the world. Approximately 300 students represent more than 79 countries each year at IChO. The U.S. has participated in this event since 1984. Members of the 2022-[U.S. Team won 1 gold and 3 silver medals in Tianjin, China last year](#). This was another great performance in the history of the U.S. Team!

Our 12 local nominees are among over 16,000 nationwide that took a national qualifying ACS Local Sections exam on April 2, 2023. These 12 local nominees are competing on April 22, 2023, with about 1600 nominees nationwide for an opportunity to go to Chemistry Camp. Twenty students will be identified and will undergo intensive chemistry training in June 4-17, 2023, at the US Force Academy Study Camp. The top four students will be chosen to represent U.S. in the 55th IChO competition in [ETH Zurich, Switzerland](#), July 16-25, 2023.

The American Chemical Society was founded and chartered by Congress in 1876. It is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization dedicated to the advancement of chemistry in the public interest, serving about 160,000 members. The Maryland Section is one of 185 local sections across the nation serving more than 2,000 members.

