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

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

Congratulations to the 2025 Olympians, teachers, parents, mentors and schools.

Srihas Kodali	Centennial High School	Yuanjun Liu
Vedansh Sawhney	Eastern Technical High School	Thomas Michocki
Alex Chen	Glenelg High School	Kendall Morton
Michelle Wang	Glenelg High School	Kendall Morton
Tyler Wu	Marriotts Ridge High School	Kristen LeChevet
Philemon Kuo	McDonogh School	Lee Shang
John Paul Needham	Mount Saint Joseph High School	Jason Ader
Deven Hukmani	Mt. Hebron High School	Mary Sankey
Matthew Zhao	River Hill High School	Scott Engler
Catherine Jiang	River Hill High School	Scott Engler
Parker Warburton	Urbana High School	Durann Ecalono
Victor Wang	Urbana High School	Durann Ecalono

The IChO involves a series of theoretical exams (5 hours) laboratory exercises, and other activities aimed at identifying the best chemistry students from participating nations from around the world. Approximately 350 students represent more than 75 countries each year at IChO. The U.S. has participated in this event since 1984. In 2023 the [U.S. Team](#) won two gold and 2 Silver medals in Zurich, Switzerland; a great performance in the history of the U.S. Team and Maryland State with gold medalist Anurag Sodhi from Centennial High School. In 2024 Eric Duan was nominated to attend study camp. What an honor! In April 5, 2025 our 11 local nominees are among over 1,600 nationwide competitors that take a national qualifying exam. From this large group only 20 finalists will be identified and will undergo two weeks of intensive training, study camp, in June 1-14th. The top four students, from this camp, will be chosen to represent U.S. in the 57th IChO competition in July 5-14th in Dubai, [United Arab Emirates](#).

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 186 local sections across the nation serving more than 2,000 members.