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U.S. NATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

**LOCAL STUDENTS WIN CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY
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The Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society has announced the names of 13 outstanding high school chemistry students. The students will take a national exam that may qualify them to become members of the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Team that will compete in the 48th International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) in [Tbilisi](#), Georgia, July 31 – August 1, 2016.

These students, schools and chemistry teachers are:

Andrew Frock	Baltimore Polytechnic Institute	Adam Wishart
Anne Li	Wooten High School	Catherine Asaro
Jason Zou	Centennial High School	Michelle Bagley
Katie Gao	Chesapeake Math Program	Catherine Asaro
Katie Zehner	Bethesda Chevy Chase HS	Nurgul Balimtas
Kevin He	Atholton High School	Amy French
Kevin Nichols	Mount Hebron High School	Mary Ann Sankey
Lauren Cho	Mount Hebron High School	Mary Ann Sankey
Lauren Fink	Baltimore Polytechnic Institute	Adam Wishart
Martin J. Radvany	McDonogh School	Lee Shang
Neil Himwich	Bethesda Chevy Chase HS	Nurgul Balimtas
Rohit Vadarevu	Eastern Technical H.S.	Thomas Michocki
Suzie Younghwa Byun	Centennial High School	Michelle Bagley

The IChO involves a series of theoretical exams, laboratory exercises, and other activities aimed at identifying the best chemistry students from participating nations from around the world. The U. S. has participated in this event since 1984. In 2015, the U.S. Team won one gold and three silver medals. A total of 290 students represented 75 countries at the 47th IChO, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The 13 local nominees are among over 1,200 nationwide that will take a national qualifying exam April 19-25, 2016 to select finalists. Twenty students will be identified and will undergo intensive training May 31-June 15, 2016 at the University of Mary Washington, VA. The top four will be chosen to represent U.S. in the 48th IChO competition.

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. The Maryland Section is one of 185 across the nation serving more than 160,000 members.