



NORTHEASTERN SECTION
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TO: High School Chemistry Teachers
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NOTE: Please refer to the website of the Northeastern Section for Ashdown Examination information and registration forms. The URL <http://www.nesacs.org>

This year's Avery Ashdown High School Chemistry Examination Contest of the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society will take place on **SATURDAY, April 1, 2017, 9:00am to 11am at:**

SIMMONS COLLEGE Science Building
4th Floor
300 The Fenway
Boston, MA 02115

****The entrance to the Park Science Building (where the exams will be) is on Louis Pasteur Blvd.**
**** Students must arrive by 8:30 for check-in registration. Only teachers are able to register up to five (5) students per school, no individual student.**

At Simmons, we will be using rooms in the Science Building which is directly behind the Main College Building. Information regarding parking will be available at www.nesacs.org. **Student participants in the exam and teachers or parents accompanying the students are strongly encouraged to use public transportation or to share rides to Simmons if public transportation is not available in your area.**

Each high school in the Northeastern Section may be represented by a maximum of five (5) participants selected by their school or teachers for each exam. (One alternate may be named on the registration form, but only five students will be tested.) Winners of cash awards in previous years are not eligible to compete for Ashdown recognition; however, they may compete to become eligible for the Olympiad Examination. Cash awards will be given to the students with the top five (5) second-year students with the next highest scores. In addition, each winning student will be invited, along with his/her teacher, to be guests of NESACS at its May 2017 dinner meeting and will be given appropriate recognition. **SCORES WILL BE REPORTED TO TEACHERS VIA E-MAIL IF ADDRESSES ARE PROVIDED ON THE TEACHER REGISTRATION FORM.**

Top scorers in the Ashdown Examination will be eligible to take the qualifying exam for the United States Chemistry Olympiad Team on April. PLEASE SEE THE GUIDELINES ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS MEMO FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASHDOWN EXAM AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD.

Please return the **STUDENT and TEACHER REGISTRATION FORMS** by **Wednesday, March 22, 2017** to register your students for the Ashdown Exam. **Please note that late entrants and walk-ins will NO longer be accepted.** Each student should bring #2 pencils to the examination. Students may use programmable or graphing calculators provided the memory is erased from the programs. This will be verified by proctors before the exam.

Many people have requested online registration and payments. This year, you will have the opportunity to pay for registration via Eventbrite at: <https://nesacs-2017-ashdown-examination-registration.eventbrite.com/>

It is requested that each school pay \$5.00 per student (\$25 maximum) in order to defray the cost of prizes and awards. Please use the Eventbrite registration. You can pay for multiple students. If you

must send a check, the check should be made out the NESACS-Ashdown Exam. (Please DO NOT SEND PURCHASE ORDERS.)

****Please note that the registration forms should *NOT* be handwritten. Please complete the fillable pdf which can be found on our website at www.nesacs.org and return it via email to secretary@nesacs.org. When the forms are handwritten, most times the handwriting is illegible. Forms that are handwritten **will be returned** this year, causing delays in processing. Please be certain that your students make careful note of the exact information about the examination since this is not an official function of the college involved, and few on campus will be aware of essential details.**

Any questions about the details of the examination should be directed, by email to:

Alan Crosby
Newton South High School
Email: alan_crosby@newton.k12.ma.us

Questions relating to *registration* should be directed to:

Anna Singer, NESACS Administrative Coordinator
Email: secretary@nesacs.org

****Please note: school/faculty contacts have all of the information related to the exams. Additional inquiries should be routed through the faculty advisor to the exam administrator****