

Congratulations to the Organization for Cultural Diversity in Chemistry (OCDC) for winning the Stanley C. Israel Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences!

The Organization for Cultural Diversity in Chemistry (OCDC) is a graduate student-led group that creates a close-knit community among graduate students and faculty and promotes cultural diversity in the sciences.

Earlier this year, the Organization for Cultural Diversity (OCDC) hosted 12 students from the local community college, Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC), along with their chemistry professor, Dr. Martin Diaz, on the UCLA campus for a day-long event. The day featured student-led discussions about transferring to a 4-year university and pursuing a career in the sciences.



OCDC, CCCP, SACNAS, and LATTC students

OCDC facilitated this event with the support of two other UCLA organizations, Center for Community College Partnerships (CCCP), who provided valuable information on the transferring process, and Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans (SACNAS), who provided four current UCLA students who transferred from community colleges. The SACNAS students were given the opportunity to present on their current undergraduate research projects. With the success of the event, OCDC plans to continue the program with LATTC and also expand to other community colleges.

OCDC's faculty advisor and Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Dr. Miguel Garcia-Garibay, founded the group through the support of Procter & Gamble (P&G). P&G is a multinational consumer goods company that values excellence and innovation not only in their products but also in their company. Through their support, OCDC continues to enrich the department, the UCLA campus and surrounding communities through outreach programs.

Join us Saturday, November 7 from 6:00-9:00PM at Stone World Gardens & Bistro to celebrate the OCDC's commitment to advancing diversity in the chemical sciences.