Announcing the 40th Annual High School Chemistry Contest

We are pleased to announce that this year’s contest will be held on **Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017** in Bradley’s Renaissance Coliseum! This 4,200-seat facility serves as home court for volleyball and women’s basketball teams, a state of the art basketball practice facility, and a perfect place to host events like this one.

This year’s contest is co-sponsored by the Illinois Heartland Local Section of the American Chemical Society and the Mund-Lagowski Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Bradley University.

### 40th Annual HSCC Schedule of Events:

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| 8:00 - 8:50 a.m. | Check-in at the Coliseum atrium  
**Buses can drop students off at the Coliseum entrance circle located on Main Street in the morning. For ease of drop-off, when coming from Interstate 74, turn north on University Street, left (west) onto Nebraska, left (south) onto North Park Road, and left (east) on Farmington Road. Take a left at the Farmington/Main Street intersection and travel east on Main Street to afford access to the Coliseum entrance circle.** Bus parking is available at Shea Stadium, 1523 W. Nebraska Ave. Parking for cars is available in the Main Street parking deck directly across from the Coliseum at 1630 W. Main Street. |
| 9:00 - 9:20 a.m. | Opening remarks on the Coliseum main floor                                        |
| 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. | Examination on Coliseum main floor  
**During the exam, teachers will meet in the Zobrist Room, overlooking the Coliseum main floor, for an informal meeting with Bradley staff and members of the Illinois Heartland Local Section of the ACS.** |
| 11:00 - 1:15 p.m. | Groups will be rotated through three 45 minute activities  
1. A chemical demonstration show entitled “Color, Cold, and Combustion” will be presented by Dr. Dean Campbell and the Bradley University Student Chemistry Club in Olin Hall room 168.  
2. Complimentary lunch will be served on the main floor of the Coliseum. Water will be provided; soda and juice will be available for purchase.  
3. Guided tour of campus highlights. |
| 1:20 p.m. | Close of events and departure. |
Registration Information:
Register online for this year’s event at the High School Chemistry Contest program link found on Bradley’s Continuing Education Website (http://www.bradley.edu/continue/). This link should be available by March 31st and the registration deadline is Friday, April 21, 2017.

Each teacher should register their own students and must supply their e-mail address during online registration to facilitate the process of notifying you of your students’ performance and standings. To help us plan for the contest, please indicate the total number of people in your group who will have lunch and the number of vegetarian lunches requested when registering.

Contest Rules:
• You may bring no more than five students per chemistry class offered at your school. For example, if your school has 5 sections of first year chemistry, then up to 25 students would be eligible to participate in the Contest. The method used to select participants is at your discretion, but we ask that you invite only those students who are highly motivated to do well on the exam.

• If you are not currently teaching Chemistry, please pass this invitation on to the current Chemistry teacher(s) at your school. Also, please check with your colleagues to ensure that all chemistry teachers at your school are aware of this event.

• The First Year Contest is open to students presently enrolled in a first year chemistry course or to students who have completed the first year course but have not enrolled in a second year course.

• The Advanced (Second Year) Chemistry Contest will run concurrently with the first year examination. This contest is open to students presently enrolled in a second year chemistry course or to students who have completed a second year course.

• Each examination will consist of approximately 45 questions and will be predominantly multiple choice. A periodic table will be provided.

• Please note that a student may not take either examination more than once.

• Each student must bring at least one #2 pencil with an eraser to allow for machine grading.

• Each student should bring a non-programmable calculator to the examination. Programmable calculators will NOT be allowed and calculators will NOT be provided. All other electronic devices (e.g. cell phones) must be turned off and stored out of sight.

Awards:
• Prizes will be awarded to the top few students in each contest. These students will be honored at their schools’ awards ceremonies, if possible.

• First place winners in each contest will receive a traveling plaque to be displayed in their high school for one year.

• The top students on each examination will be invited to participate in the International Chemistry Olympiad Program (ICO). The ICO is an international competition cosponsored by the American Chemical Society.

If you have any questions, please call the Chemistry Department (309-677-3030). We look forward to seeing you and your students on the 3rd of May!