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TO: High School Chemistry Teachers  
FROM: Steve Lantos, Chair, High School Education Committee  
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**NOTE: Please refer to the website of the Northeastern Section for Ashdown Examination information and registration forms.  
The URL is <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 5, starting at 9:00 a.m.** at **SIMMONS COLLEGE  
300 The Fenway  
Boston, MA 02115**

**The entrance to the Park Science Building (where the exams will be) is on Louis Pasteur Blvd.**

*At Simmons, we will be using rooms in the Science Building which is directly behind the Main College Building. Because of construction, on-campus parking may not be available. We are currently in the process of arranging for parking on April 5 and 19; as soon as this has been finalized, the information will be posted on the website of the Northeastern Section, ACS, at [www.nesacs.org](http://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) scores. Honorable mention awards will be given to five (5) first-year and 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 the Northeastern Section at its May 8, 2008, 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 19. **PLEASE SEE THE GUIDELINES ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS MEMO FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASHDOWN EXAMINATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD.**

**Please return the enclosed STUDENT and TEACHER REGISTRATION FORMS by Tuesday, April 1, 2008,** to register your students for the Ashdown Exam. 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.

Along with the enclosed form for registration of students, it is requested that each school send \$5.00 per student (\$25 maximum) in order to help defray the cost of prizes and awards. The check should be made out to NESACS - Ashdown Exam. (Please **DO NOT SEND PURCHASE ORDERS.**)

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, preferably by e-mail, to:

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Questions relating to registrations for the exam should be directed to: