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OCC CHEMISTRY CLUB CREATES AWARD-WINNING VIDEO

TOMS RIVER, NJ – **Ocean County College's Chemistry Club** (formerly known as the Organic Chemistry Club) **won an award of \$1,500 from the American Chemical Society** for a video created by student members of the club and science faculty members.

OCC's Chemistry Club was established as a Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) in September 2008. The non-profit ACS, the world's largest scientific society, offers networking, employment opportunities, scholarly publications, grants, scholarships, seminars and more. "We are quite proud to be part of such a well-respected group," said Maria Tamburro, OCC Chemistry Club Advisor and Instructor of Science.

Each year, the ACS proposes campaigns to encourage their affiliates to promote chemistry in their community. The 2009 theme was: "**I Am Proud to Be a Chemist**," and many institutions nationwide submitted entries. According to Tamburro, OCC's video promoted "chemistry that could target students ages K-12 in a clear and creative manner."

OCC faculty and students featured in the video are as follows: Dr. Marcia Bradley, Professor of Science; Dr. James Brown, Associate Professor of Science; Marc LaBella, Associate Professor of Science; Maria Tamburro, Chemistry Club Advisor and Instructor of Science; Erine O'Connor, President of the Chemistry Club Student Affiliate; Joshua Price, club member; Ellen Miller, club member; and Jim Gilroy, club member.

"Chemistry is the fundamental science that guides our understanding of matter and explains reactions," Tamburro remarked. "Whether you are a professional cook, nurse, microbiologist, cleaning personnel, homemaker, or student, chemistry is all around you. We had the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues and students to relay this message and have lots of fun."

For more information on the Chemistry Club, contact the OCC Science Program at 732.255.0400.