

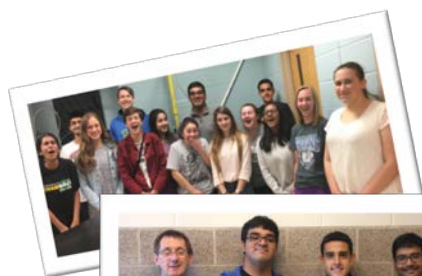
## A Look Back at Last Quarter

### Chemistry and Biochemistry of Coffee: A Healthy Beverage?

On April 25th, the Northern Oklahoma ACS local section facilitated a well-attended seminar with Dr. Joe Vinson, Chemistry Professor at the University of Scranton. Dr. Joe Vinson visited with members of our local section and gave a quite interesting seminar about the history of coffee from prehistoric times to the present day. Who knew that coffee is second only to oil as the most valued commodity and, also in second place, after water, as the most consumed beverage in the world?



### 2017 Chemistry Olympiad



Bottom image (from left): Keith Lawson (lead tutor), Pranay Behera, James Martinez and Moniraj Ghosh (ACS Chair)

Every year about 15 or more students in AP Chemistry and Honors Chemistry I participate in weekly tutoring sessions at Bartlesville High School. In late March, interested students take the Local Exam. The top two finishers then prepare for the National Exam.

Congratulations to James Martinez and Pranoy Behera, the local finalists that qualified to take the National Exam!

We appreciate all of the efforts from the lead tutors:

P.K. Das - 15 years  
Mazi Sardashti – 11 years  
Keith Lawson – 5 years

### Northern Oklahoma Excellence in Chemistry Award

Congratulations to Henry Williams, the 2017 NOK-ACS Excellence in Chemistry Award recipient! Henry graduated with Honors from Bartlesville High School and was one of the students that qualified to take the National Exam for Chemistry Olympiad in 2016.

Every year, the Northern Oklahoma section of the American Chemical Society recognizes one of the local high school seniors for their achievements in chemistry, other sciences, math and all around academic performance.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dr. R Paul Philp, "Environmental Forensics or CSI without Violence?" *more details to come*  
National Chemistry Week "Chemistry Rocks!" Oct. 22–28  
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