



February 25, 2010

To encourage an interest in careers in chemistry and to celebrate Earth Day, the Department of Chemistry at the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana-Kentucky Border Section of the American Chemical Society will be hosting a *Spring Chemistry Bowl* featuring a chemistry competition for high school students at the University of Southern Indiana campus on Thursday, April 22, 2010. We are asking area high school chemistry teachers to send a team of at least **five** students in their first year of chemistry. The first and second place teams will be given awards.

In addition to this competition, other activities will include a tour of the facilities in the Department of Chemistry and a chemical demonstration show followed by the award ceremony. The students will also have an opportunity to mingle with undergraduate chemistry majors at the university and to ask questions about the chemistry program. A tentative schedule for the day is outlined below.

Time	Activity
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration – Forum Building Room 3
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Chemistry Bowl
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Tour of Facilities
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Chemical Demonstration and Award Presentation - Forum 1
11:30 a.m.	Depart Campus

The variety of events scheduled for the *Spring Chemistry Bowl* will provide an entertaining as well as educational field trip for all students enrolled in first year chemistry. Therefore, we would like to invite you to bring your first-year chemistry students to participate in the competition and in the other activities. The Indiana-Kentucky Border Section of the American Chemical Society will provide the awards for the top two teams. All students should be able to return to their high school in a timely fashion to ride the bus home, attend after school programs, *etc.*

We want this event to be fun and educational! Learning about chemical professions and about the chemistry program at the University of Southern Indiana will aid your students in making informed decisions about their professional futures. If you plan to send a team to the *Spring Chemistry Bowl* and/or using this event as a field trip for your first-year chemistry classes, please complete the registration form included with this letter and return it by April 7, 2010. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at 812-465-1267 or by e-mail at jcollins@usi.edu. We hope to see you and your students in April!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeannie Collins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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A map of the USI campus may be viewed at <http://www.usi.edu/visit/map/> (Forum Building is FA).