



# News Release

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## **Chemistry is Just Right at Bravo Medical Magnet As Teacher is Recognized by American Chemical Society**



Teacher Michael Morgan from Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has been named the Southern California Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher of the Year by the American Chemical Society (ACS).

"Mr. Morgan is an example of the talented, dedicated teachers leading LAUSD classrooms and lifting LAUSD students every single day," said Los Angeles School Board President Mónica García. "I am proud to honor his contribution and to celebrate excellence in Board District 2."

Morgan is currently the Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) chemistry teacher at Bravo Medical Magnet High School. He has taught at four other LAUSD high schools throughout his

*Award winner Michael Morgan, left, with Paul Shin, right, president of the Southern California section of the American Chemistry Society.*

more than two decades as an educator.

"Because of his long-standing dedication to high school chemical education in the greater LA area, Michael has already established a legacy in the LAUSD," stated Paul Shin, president of the Southern California ACS section, in the local ACS bulletin. "Michael is an obvious inspiration to his students to accomplish more with their lives."

Several of Morgan's former students now teach at Bravo Medical Magnet High School.

Since 2003, he has served as coach for Bravo Medical Magnet's Science Bowl team, the Ocean Sciences Bowl team, the Chemistry Olympiad team, Biology Olympiad team, Math Olympiad team and the Physics Olympiad team. His mastery of science and math has resulted in seven semi-final finishes in the Chemistry Olympiad, five in the Biology Olympiad and three in the Math Olympiad.

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Prior to joining LAUSD, Morgan taught freshman chemistry at the University of California Santa Cruz part-time as he finished his degree from the university.

Morgan also received the MIT Inspirational Teacher Award this year.

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