



Awards Ceremony

February 22, 2020
Berkeley, California

***“There is a single light of science,
and to brighten it anywhere
is to brighten it everywhere.”***

Isaac Asimov

Welcome to GGSO!

We are thrilled to have everyone here for the fourth annual Golden Gate Science Olympiad Invitational! We hope you have had a great day so far.

Four years ago, there were no university-run Science Olympiad Invitationals on the West Coast. A group of Stanford and Berkeley students resolved to change this. They envisioned an accessible tournament where students all over the West (and the East!) would have the chance to compete and enjoy science together. The result was the Golden Gate Invitational.

After their first year, and with graduation on the horizon, they mentored a new group of tournament directors who would take up the mantle. Now, it is our chance to continue the Golden Gate tradition. Science Olympiad ignited in all of us a love for science and served as the crucible in which so many lifelong friendships were forged. We are honored to have the chance to bring GGSO to life and inspire scientific curiosity in others. Now sit back, relax, and enjoy celebrating your great accomplishments here today!

All the best,

Faith Harron and Kathryn Li, Executive Directors 2020

Awards Schedule

- 5:30 PM** **Pauley Ballroom in MLK** opens for teams. Due to space constraints, chairs are reserved for competitors only. Check the seating chart for your team's seating.
- 5:45 PM** **Intermission Orchestra** performance.
- 6:00 PM** Opening words from the GGSO team.
- 6:05 PM** Guest Speaker, **Dustin Schroeder**.
- 6:15 PM** Keynote Speaker, **Emily Levesque**.
- 6:30 PM** Sponsor Speaker, **Eureka**
- 6:40 PM** Event and team awards announced.
- 7:30 PM** Awards ceremony ends. Coaches will be able to pick up tournament exams and score sheets from **Tilden in MLK**.

Dr. Dustin Schroeder is an Assistant Professor of Geophysics and Electrical Engineering (by courtesy) at Stanford University. His research focuses on the interplay between subglacial water, continental ice sheets, and sea level rise, especially using geophysical radar remote sensing techniques. He also chairs the National Science Olympiad Earth and Space Science Committee.

Dr. Emily Levesque is an Assistant Teaching Professor of Astronomy at the University of Washington. Her research program is focused on improving our overall understanding of how massive stars evolve and die. She is a 2019 Cottrell Scholar and 2017 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow. In addition to teaching and research, she has written academic books on red supergiants, stellar interiors and evolution, and is currently writing *The Last Stargazers*, a book on the experiences of astronomical observing.

Introducing the

GGSO Executive Board

Allison Yao	UC Berkeley 2021, MEB and Psychology
Amy Jiang	UC Berkeley 2022, Mechanical Engineering
Amy Lo	Stanford 2023, Product Design and Psychology
Britney Wang	UC Berkeley 2023, Molecular and Cell Biology
Emily Wen	Stanford 2022, Computer Science and Math
Evelyn Zhang	Stanford 2021, Human Biology
Faith Harron	Stanford 2021, Mechanical Eng. and Russian
Kathryn Li	UC Berkeley 2020, Molecular and Cell Biology
Martin Altenburg	Stanford 2021, Electrical Engineering
Matthew Tang	UC Berkeley 2022, EECS
Sarah Gurev	Stanford 2020, Computer Science
Sophia Wang	UC Berkeley 2022, Molecular and Cell Biology
Valerie Hsieh	UC Berkeley 2020, Physics and German
Vinay Gautam	UC Berkeley 2023, Computer Science

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