

2014 Northeastern Student Chemistry Research Conference and Career Symposium

a report by Jackie O'Neil

Every year, the local Younger Chemists Committee (NSYCC) hosts a two-day event to showcase work by younger chemists in our section. This year, we had 56 presenters and 60 additional attendees across both events—making for quite a crowd at Boston University's Metcalf Science Center! The event was held on the weekend of April 12-13th. This year, we were pleased to host Dr. John Warner of the Warner-Babcock Institute for Green Chemistry as our Keynote Speaker for the event.

A total of 9 awards were presented to the students: Outstanding Oral Presentation: Tom Sisto (Boston University), Excellent Oral Presentation: Matt Marcinkowski (Tufts University), Outstanding Poster Presentation: Caitlyn Mills (Northeastern University), Excellent Poster Presentation: Elise Miner (Northeastern University). The Graduate Women in Science Award was presented to Shiva Dastjerdi (UMass Boston). Finally, the Phyllis A. Brauner Memorial Book Award was given to Crismely Pol (UMass Boston).



Pictured (L to R, back to front rows): Jackie O'Neil (NSYCC), Emily Lewis (NSYCC), Peter Frank, Ray Borg, Tom Sisto, Matt Marcinkowski, Elise Miner, Caitlyn Mills, Crismely Pol, Shiva Dastjerdi.



Dr. Sushil Bhatia giving a workshop on Entrepreneurship.

Two new awards were presented at this year's conference, at the recommendation of the judges: the Congenial Scientist Award, given to Peter Frank (University of New Hampshire) and the Abstract Award given to Ray Borg (University of Southern Maine).

The Career Symposium hosted the following panels: Careers in Industry, Academic & Teaching Careers, Government Labs and Government Contract Organizations, Alternative Careers for Chemists. Two workshops were also offered: "Entrepreneurship," as well as "Resume Tips, Cover Letter Strategies and Interviewing Techniques." The weekend ended with a networking mixer at the nearby restaurant Scoozi.