October 2013 Newsletter

Society For Biomaterials at UCLA



November 7th at 6PM in Engineering V 5101

Research Seminar Series

The second meeting of the school year will feature two speakers. Dr. Don Griffin is a post-doc in Dr. Segura's lab in Chemical Engineering and Greg Asatrian is a dental student from Dr. Ting's lab in the School of Dentistry. Dr. Griffin works on spatially controlled biomaterials to guide angiogenesis. Greg's work uses adipose-derived stem cells and growth factors to promote bone formation. Please come join us for dinner co-sponsored by EGSA and hear these exciting talks! This is a great opportunity to learn about biomaterials and research happening around campus.

Important Notices

Abstract Submission Now Open for SFB Meeting

Due Date: November 6th, 2013

Meeting Date: April 16th – 19th, 2014

Denver, Colorado

Any full time student should apply for the Student Travel Achievement Recognitions (STAR) award. Awardees will receive a certificate and monetary award of \$250. Apply by checking the STAR Award application box during the abstract submission. The website is now open for abstract submission.

<u>Undergraduates</u>: If you are a Junior or Senior who does biomaterials research, apply for the C. William Hall Scholarship. Application packet due **December 1**st, **2013**. Awardees receive all expenses paid trip to the Annual SFB Meeting in Denver (includes airfare, hotel, registration and meals).

Members whose abstracts are accepted will have an opportunity to practice their oral or poster presentations with the student chapter during the April monthly meeting.

October Meeting in Review

and form to the next meeting!

The first meeting of the school year was a panel of senior graduate students and a recent PhD graduate sharing advice on how to navigate graduate school and answering audience questions. The departments represented were Bioengineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Electrical Engineering. Topics covered were how to promote a work-life balance, how to look for a job, tips on writing your thesis, finding funding, and much more. The meeting was a great opportunity to meet new members. Please bring your \$5 membership

Happenings & Opportunities

Want to get involved?

Two (2) committees have recently been formed to support the goals of SFB: the Educational Outreach Committee and Programing Board. Email the officers (uclasfb@gmail.com) for more information or speak to an officer at a monthly meeting.

UCLA SFB at S.T.E.A.M. Nation!

On Saturday, October 19th, UCLA SFB participated in the 2nd annual Lights on After School S.T.E.M. Event. The attendees were 2,000 at-risk 1st-8th grade students from the LA area. Visitors to the UCLA SFB booth learned about the Bioengineering field and how material properties help bioengineers select materials for various applications. Sample materials of varying stiffnesses were on hand and students got to touch each sample and decide where in the body each material could be used. Special thanks to Jesse Liang, Chase Linsley, and Helena Chia for participating.