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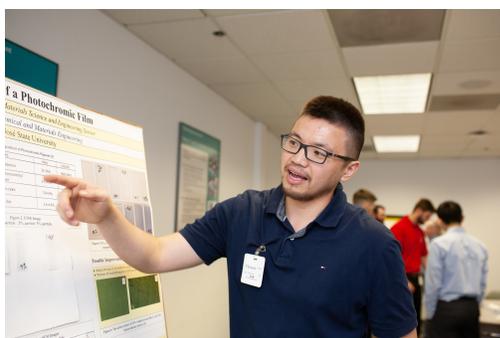
The week after spring break was a busy one for the students at Chico State and San Jose State with the annual Education Expo presented by the Society of Plastics Engineers

The big surprise announcement was that UC Berkeley has officially joined our community. After countless back and forth emails with SPE, UC Berkeley was

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This year marked a new direction for the annual SPE GGS flagship event as a means of promoting plastics education in the Bay Area. Instead of a takeover at a local restaurant, this year was the first where an industry sponsor - gold sponsor to be correct! - proudly hosted the event.

The event started with a short networking session over some wonderful Mediterranean food to warm everyone up for the main event. Afterwards, both Chico State and SJSU had their time to shine with a brief overview of what their programs have accomplished throughout the term year.



*This year's poster session included a total of four posters. Let's aim for even more for next year's edition!*

status and welcomed by SPE GGS. Armed with an official document and a seal of approval, welcome to the family!



*UC Berkeley's Student Chapter is officially here!*

Right before the poster session, our sponsor Exponent provided a brief presentation about the company. Guest speaker Dr. Timothy Bogart described how as a technical consulting firm, Exponent brings together expertise in failure analysis, root cause assessment, and litigation and expert testimony duties. Some great examples of Exponent's previous work included working on the 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger where they were called upon to investigate the O-ring failures. Tim described Exponent's charm in one sentence - "We hope to solve your problem and not have you show up to sue us back!"

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members and invited judges had an opportunity to engage with the presenters and find out about the trials and tribulations related to their research projects. Everyone did a great job but we could only choose a few winners.

The Best Poster Awards were as follows: 1st place went to Dana Wong (SJSU) and 2nd place to Zhe Mi (SJSU). Following that was the big prize of the night: the Louis Temesvary Memorial Scholarship. The applicant who most demonstrated the spirit in remembrance was Dana Wong. In addition, SPE GGS also provided scholarship money to each student chapter to help fund their activities!



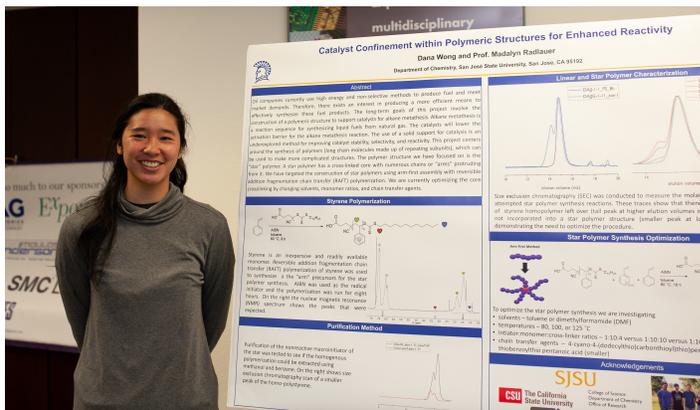
*Chico State Chapter attendees - Will Browning, Cody McGrew, Gavin Laughlin*



*2nd Place Poster Prize - Zhe Mi (SJSU)*



The SJSU Chapter welcoming the UC Berkeley Chapter!



The big winner of the night, 1st Place Poster Prize and the recipient of the LTMS. Congrats Dana Wong (SJSU)!

Thanks again to all who attended! A special thank you to Exponent for hosting us. Thank you so much Dr. Timothy Bogart and Dr. Jessica Vargas! Looking forward to an even better event next year!

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