



Chemical Engineering Student Takes First Place at NanoFlorida 2011

Michael Celestin takes first place in the best poster presentation.

TAMPA, Fla. (October 13, 2011) – Michael Celestin, doctoral student in chemical engineering took first place at the NanoFlorida 2011 conference for his poster titled “Current Trends in Micro and Nanotechnology-based Energy Harvestin.”

The goal of the NanoFlorida conference is to create a forum for researchers in the State of Florida for scientific exchange and to help identify emerging challenges at the frontiers of nanoscience and nanotechnology and to foster and encourage collaborative research efforts between academicians from different Florida universities and institutes and beyond. Researchers from institutions within and outside of Florida participated, resulting in over 100 oral and poster presentations.

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