



Chemical Engineering Students Finalists in SWE National Conference

TAMPA, Fla (November 1, 2013) Cheryl McCane, an undergraduate in the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, earned second place in the Undergraduate Collegiate Technical Poster Competition during the Society of Women Engineers National Conference (WE13) held October 24-26, in Baltimore. McCane presented on "Effect of crystalline structure of TiO_2 and $\text{TiO}_2\text{-InVO}_4$ composites for photocatalytic decomposition of organics."

McCane and **Ummuhan Cimenler**, a graduate student in chemical engineering, were finalists selected nationwide for SWE's Collegiate Technical Poster Competition. The competition is designed to emphasize the ability of students to deliver visual presentations. Presenters received a travel stipend, complimentary conference registration, and one year's collegiate membership. McCane and Cimenler are both advised by John Kuhn, assistant professor of chemical and biomedical engineering.

Annually, more than 6,000 engineers, technologists and students attend the SWE National Conference. The conference is a national venue for both experienced professionals and collegians. USF's SWE Student Section received travel support from Student Government Association and the USF Engineering Alumni Society to attend the conference.

Engineering students attended professional development / leadership workshops and interviewed with representatives from nearly 300 corporations (including ConocoPhillips, Exelon, Intel, Exxon, Kimberly-Clark, Northrop Grumman, and Pacific Gas & Electric) for internships/co-ops and full-time employment opportunities.

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