

**Syracuse University / University of Rochester**  
**Biomaterials Day – November 17 & 18, 2011**

Biomaterials Day began with a hands-on workshop where students used the biomaterials characterization facilities of the newly renovated Syracuse Biomaterials Institute. The workshops were entirely organized and hosted by the University of Rochester and Syracuse University's student chapters. Attending were 87 total participants from 13 area universities, colleges and high schools plus 8 companies.

The second day featured two concurrent morning and afternoon sessions with focus topics. Invited speakers began each session followed by four student talks per session. After each oral session there were poster sessions with the same themes.

Over lunch, representatives from industry participated in a panel giving students the opportunity to ask a variety of questions, including how to be more competitive in job markets and what opportunities await them at all levels post-graduation. After lunch there was an informal tour of the Syracuse Biomaterials Institute facilities.

David Putnam, the plenary speaker, gave a research talk which was followed by afternoon talks and posters. Biomaterials Day concluded with a short awards ceremony recognizing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in both posters and presentations.

The event was a success in giving area students an opportunity to learn, share their work, and network with each other.