Gabriel Tong
PhD student Gabriel Tong presented his poster at the 2014 Center for Nanophase Materials and Sciences User Meeting at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory on August 1st, 2014.

Carla Guidi Azarola
Third year chemical engineering student Carla Guidi Azarola has been awarded University of Florida's Anderson Scholar of Highest Distinction Award. This award is the highest recognition bestowed on students for their first two years of coursework, and is a true mark of academic distinction for UF students. Carla has also been nominated another year for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund’s Scholar Award. The Hispanic Scholarship Fund is a non-profit organization that awards scholarships and opportunities to Hispanic college students who have high academic achievements, leadership, personal strengths and financial need.

Feng Zhang
The Morton M. Traum Surface Science Student Award was awarded to PhD student Feng Zhang for the best student poster presented in the poster session sponsored by the Surface Science (SS) Division at the AVS International Symposium. This is the oldest student award in AVS, and Feng won the award for his poster titled, "CO oxidation on PdO(101) during temperature programmed reaction spectroscopy: Role of oxygen vacancies".

Carmen Gil
For the Spring and Summer 2014 semesters, undergraduate junior Carmen Gil conducted theoretical research at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. Her research consisted of engineering the magnetic properties in two dimensional transition metal dichalcogenide materials like WSe2 for applications in novel nano-electronic devices. She published a first authored paper in the Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter, titled "An ab initio study of transition metals doped with WSe2 for long-range room temperature ferromagnetism in two-dimensional transition metal dichalcogenide", and will be giving a presentation at the Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in Washington, DC in February. The presentation is titled, "A theoretical investigation of ferromagnetism in doped transition metal dichalcogenide WSe2."
Shujun He
Undergrad Shujun He has won the 2014 UF International Student Award. His advisor is Dr. Fan Ren. The College of Engineering recognized Shujun at the Outstanding International Student Award Ceremony on November 17th at the Reitz Union Auditorium. The Outstanding International Student Awards Ceremony was initiated to highlight the accomplishments of international students at the University of Florida. The awards are designed to recognize students who not only meet exemplary academic achievement, but also a wide range of accomplishments and contributions.

Surojit Ojha
Surojit Ojha, along with poster mate, Rahul Chatterjee won the best poster award in Advance Chemical and Biological Process Laboratories (Summer 2014) Poster Presentation. As one of the top four presenters, Surojit also presented this poster at the 75th Anniversary event.

Unit Ops Poster Competition

Congratulations to Andrew Alvarez and William Cuadra for winning first place in the Unit Ops II Poster Competition with their poster titled: Design and Management of High Performance Drilling Fluids. The competition was hosted during the spring semester by Dr. Fan Ren.

Rob Damitz won the inaugural "What's Your Big Idea" as a part of a team

Ph.D. Candidate Rob Damitz, along with two fellow Gator Engineers, were awarded the grand prize of $25,000 as winners of the "What's Your Big Idea" Business Plan Competition on Friday, April 25th. The competition was organized by the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Warrington College of Business Administration and was open to all UF students. Over 140 business plans were submitted for the inaugural competition.

ChE Undergraduate Earns 1st Place in Paper Competition

Paul Rosenberger, ChE senior, earned first place in the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) student paper competition.

Former student becomes faculty member in Korea

Jiyeon Lee, a recent PhD graduate from the department has become a faculty member in Korea Institute of Science and Technology. Her research area is in Nano-biotechnology. Congratulations!
UF Student Receives Buick Achievers National Scholarship

Carmen J. Gil was awarded The Buick Achievers National Scholarship. This scholarship is a very competitive award which is based on academic performance and community service throughout high school and college. There are thousands of applicants and only 100 students are awarded the National Scholarship of up to $25,000 every year for up to a 5 year engineering degree. Congratulations Carmen!

UF Students Win Best Conference Paper

The Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE) awarded its 2012 Best Conference Paper to the University of Florida Association of Cuban Student Engineers team. Tony Diaz (Mechanical/Aerospace Eng.), Jhon Cores (Chemical Eng.), Alex L. Arias (Materials Eng.), and Will Rodriguez (Electrical Eng.), were awarded for their joint paper entitled "Evaluation and Design of a Decentralized Alternative to Conventional Wastewater Infrastructure in Cuba." Their paper will be published in the conference proceedings and they'll present their work at the ASCE Conference which will take place August 2-4th in Miami. The team was advised by Environmental Engineering graduate student Miguel Morales. N. Montague (Tulane University) and J. Hutt (Harvard University) came in second and third place.

Three in a row!

Justin Hill has received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. ChE alumni have now won this prestigious award 3 years in a row. Justin completed his PhD in 2010 under the guidance of Prof. Ziegler.

Chemical Engineering students at the University of Florida receive prestigious NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

Congratulations to Sheryl Chocron and Alex Diaz De Arce who received the prestigious NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. The fellowship recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited US institutions.
PhD student David Lovett has received the Ruska Award
The Ruska Award is an annual award given for the best student presentation at the Southeastern Microscopy Society conference. Congratulations David!

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Chemical Engineering Undergraduate Jhon Cores Helps UF Engineering Team to Victory!
On Saturday, February 25, 2012, the Association of Cuban-American Student Engineers, a UF student group, competed in an engineering design competition called the Cuba Infrastructure Challenge against UM and FIU and took home first place! The team was made up of Chemical Engineering undergraduate senior, Jhon Cores, Antonio Diaz (Aerospace Eng.), Alex Arias (Material Science Eng.), William Rodriguez (Electrical Eng.), and graduate advisor Miguel Morales (Environmental Eng.). The UF team won for their work entitled: “Evaluation and Design of a Decentralized Alternative to Conventional Wastewater Infrastructure in Cuba.” The competition included a paper and oral presentation which will be posted on YouTube sometime soon. The group’s work concluded that compost toilets are a cost-effective and superior alternative to traditional wastewater treatment. These findings are applicable outside of Cuba and throughout most of the world. Congratulations Jhon!

UF Chem-E Car – 1st place at AIChE
UF’s hydrogen powered Chem-E Car wins 1st place at AIChE regional conference, an all time best in department and chapter history.