The 2012 UKY-Purdue-Case Biomaterials Day (https://www.engr.uky.edu/biomaterialsday/) was an event that brought together many undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate researchers to share and discuss their groundbreaking research at the interface of medicine and engineering. The theme for this year's event was "From Applications to Understanding", and the goal was to intertwine these together by inviting a number of speakers from academia and industry to discuss their different research environments and cultures. The keynote speaker for our event was Dr. William Wagner from the University of Pittsburgh.

We had a final registration count of 120 people from 9 different universities and 5 companies, including:

Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland Clinic
Illinois Institute of Technology
Miami University at Ohio
Purdue University
Southern Illinois University
University of Kentucky
University of Tennessee
Vanderbilt University
Alltech, Inc
Catalant
Cook Biotech
CSL Behring
Orthopeutics

The invited speakers from academia were the following: Cleveland Clinic – Anand Ramamurthi Purdue University - Corey Neu Miami University at Ohio - Justin Saul Case Western Reserve University - Anirban Sen Gupta University of Kentucky – Bradley Berron

Additionally, we had multiple industry partners attend as invited speakers, including: Alltech, Inc – Stefan Kwiatkowski
Catalant – Ketan Gujarathi
Orthopeutics – Tom Hedman

While we attempted to attract many different sponsors from local companies, the only official sponsor was the Bose Corporation.

We awarded presenters from both oral and poster sessions for 1st and 2nd place. These winners were:

Samantha Meenach (University of Kentucky) - \$175 - 1st Place Oral Presentation for "Characterization and Optimization of Inhalable PEGylated Phospholipid Microparticles and Nanoparticles Containing Paclitaxel for Targeted Pulmonary Nanomedicine in Lung Cancer.

Shann Yu (Vanderbilt University) - \$75 - 2nd Place Oral Presentation for "Achieving Cancer Immunotherapy through RNA Interference in Tumor-Associated Macrophages via 'Click,' Mannosylated Polymeric Nanoparticles."

Renay Su (Purdue University) - \$175 - 1st Place Poster Presentation for "Characterization of Modular Resilin-based Proteins for Applications in Cartilage Engineering."

Martina Miteva (Vanderbilt University) - \$75 - 2nd Place Poster Presentation for "A novel pH-responsive mixed micelle for siRNA delivery,"

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