



Undergraduate Commitment Equals Undergraduate Success

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C&B Press – Four dedicated undergraduate students gave up their Saturday of the Easter long weekend to represent the Department of Chemistry and Biology at the 41st Southwestern Ontario Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference (SOUSCC) at McMaster University. Undergraduate students from Ottawa to Windsor and as far North as Sudbury converged in Hamilton for this annual research symposium. This year, 162 students submitted abstracts (including 135 oral and 27 poster presentations), which made this the largest SOUSCC ever organized and clearly indicates the broad interest in continuing the tradition of this event.



Left to Right. Ryerson Undergraduate Chemistry Students. Nicholas Tulsiram, Omar Abdi, Tamara Al-Faouri and Burhan Hussein

Representing Ryerson were Nicholas Tulsiram, Omar Abdi, Tamara Al-Faouri and Burhan Hussein (pictured above). “Things went really well,” said Nicholas Tulsiram. “I had a professor from McMaster ask me a question I could not understand, but I went and talked to him right after my presentation was over. It was an awesome experience. Burhan, Tamara, and Omar also did really well. I heard Omar got a lot of compliments about his poster since it didn’t have a wall of text like the others.”

In fact, Omar Abdi won 3rd prize in this year’s poster session. Omar’s research took place in the Koivisto group working on next-generation dyes for photovoltaic light-harvesting applications. With Omar’s win, that makes it two years in a row that a Ryerson chemistry student has won an award at SOUSCC (Maja Chojnacka, 2012). Well done Omar!!!

CAB would also like to congratulate our fantastic hosts in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at McMaster University, and we look forward to the 42nd SOUSCC in March of 2014.