



BEST @ Cornell

Events for April 2017

Science Policy Events

Take a Politician to Work Day: Mayor Svante Myrick lab tours 4-5 pm | 4-12

Contact [Leah Pagnozzi](#) or [Sabrina Solouki](#) to attend lunch with the mayor or to volunteer your lab for a tour.

Poster/sign crafting for March for Science or your lab - Big Red Barn 3-6 pm | 4-11

March for Science in Washington DC and Ithaca NY | 4-22

Congregate on the National Mall at 8:00 am and for those attending the Ithaca event, on the Ithaca Commons at noon.

Science Communication Events

ComSciCon Cornell 2017 [apply](#) by 3-31. Held July 14 & 22.

Meet leaders in science communication from across the Upstate New York community, learn from and interact with a remarkable group of invited experts, and produce an original work communicating scholarly research.

Communication as Key to Better End of Life Care 173 Warren Hall 6 pm | 4-12

Hosted by the Engaged Cornell course: Cancer research presentations and discussions (BIOMS 5665) with Dr. Holly Prigerson

Industry, Entrepreneurship, and Management Events

The Inventor's Role: Understanding the Tech Transfer Process 153 MVR 12 pm | 4-4

Research Careers in Industry - [Register](#) for this ASBMB webinar 1pm | 4-6

Entrepreneurship@Cornell Celebration [RSVP here](#) | 4-26, 27 & 28

Creating and Owning Your Individual Development Plan 12 pm | 4-17

Create a first draft IDP and an action plan to facilitate conversations with your advisor or supervisor about career goals, current and desired skills, and development opportunities. Discuss how to define achievable goals, identify resources, and develop strategies for implementing and sustaining your plans. You'll begin by considering your current skills and career aspirations. Then, along with your peers, you will consider key features of effective plans.

423 ILR King-Shaw Conference Center. [RSVP here](#) to Navigate Your Future series

4th annual BEST Symposium Biotech G10 | 5-3 & 4

Join fellow BEST program members for two days full of career insights and networking opportunities. Science policy, communication, government, and industry professionals are among the invited speakers. A networking lunch is planned for both days, and Kenneth Gibbs Jr. will be the keynote speaker. Register [here](#).

For a complete list of events, see the [Events Page](#)

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Ethan Sanford, Editor

Member Spotlight: Siddarth Chandrasekaran



Siddarth Chandrasekaran is a Ph.D. student in Chemistry. Siddarth's research has focused on "developing and using electron spin resonance spectroscopy (ESR) to study biological membranes, particularly the interactions of proteins and lipids in membranes." His research has the potential to advance our understanding of a wide range of ailments ranging from allergies to viral infections. Siddarth, who is near to completing his Ph.D., credits the BEST program with revealing new career development opportunities, and as a member of the BEST program, Siddarth completed an internship with Cornell EHS's Biosafety Office. As for Ph.D. students who are just starting out on their degree paths, Siddarth offered this advice: "Expand your horizons... Cornell is a great place to get involved a wide variety of activities." And while academics are a priority, Siddarth says that he tries to manage work/life balance by engaging in recreational activities like badminton. After finishing his Ph.D., Siddarth plans to stay in Ithaca for a little while before exploring his career options, which include industry, consulting, and academia. Best, of luck, Siddarth!

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