



BEST @ Cornell

Events for December 2017/January 2018

Science on Tap! | 12/13/17, 7:00PM-8:00PM

Experience an example of science communication to share scientific findings with the general public in Science on Tap, designed to bring together community members and academics. In "Next Gen Cyborgs: Soft robots with a sense of touch" Prof. Rob Shepherd will illustrate how his group designs bio-inspired soft robotic prosthetics to enhance human-robot interface enabling feedback and control, allowing for natural motion and function. Join us for some good food, good drinks and good science.

Location: Casita Del Polaris, 1201 N Tioga Street

Patent Law Review Panel | 1/19/18, 11:00AM-1:00PM

Join the ASAP and BEST programs to hear about the field of intellectual property. This will be a formal discussion panel featuring patent agents, examiners and attorneys who all started off in a STEM field and transitioned to patent law. A very promising and diverse panel includes alumnus & Cornell Professor Oskar Liivak (PhD Physics), Raymond Parker (PhD Chemistry) Ulysses Williams (JD) & Roshni Ghosh (PhD Developmental Genetics).

Location: 226 Weill PLEASE RSVP for lunch sponsored by BEST and GPSAFC

2018 Startup Symposium | 1/24/18, 5:00PM-8:00PM

Weill Cornell Medicine Dean's Entrepreneurship Lab and Entrepreneurship at Cornell will join forces to host an exciting evening showcasing innovation and startups that are shaking up the life sciences space. Hear from scientists and entrepreneurs themselves about what it takes to innovate in the life sciences, identify and invent compelling products, and ultimately build a company. BESTies can be sponsored.

Location: Uris Auditorium, 1300 York Ave. New York, NY

Catch up on the BEST news

Entrepreneurial Trek to Silicon Valley Co-sponsored by the College of Engineering and BEST. [Read more](#)

Transitioning to Industry Careers Panelists from GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca, Nature Source Improved Plants and Lucro shared their tips and insight. [Read more](#)

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Member Spotlight: Ismail El Baggari



December's BESTie of the month is Ismail El Baggari, a Ph.D. student in the Kourkoutis lab in Cornell's School of Applied and Engineering Physics. Broadly, Ismail is interested in harnessing the imaging power of electron microscopy to better understand the atomic structure and properties of materials—and, by extension, to be able to better manipulate the electronic properties of those materials. As a member of the BEST program, he has been able to serve as a TA in a science policy course, and actually went to Washington on a science policy expedition. He enjoys being at the intersection of science and society. When it comes to career goals, Ismail was very clear: he wishes to pursue an academic career. Like many of us, his motivation to pursue academia stems from his desire to collaborate with others, and to achieve some measure of independence in the questions he pursues, all the while contributing to a larger body of knowledge.

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