

Arizona State University student chapter of Society for Biomaterials hosted 'Biomaterials Day' on February 13, 2026 at the Senita Ballroom at ASU Tempe Campus. The day conference consisted of a session of academic keynote affiliated with the national chapter of Society of Biomaterials, a panel of industry professionals, trainee presentations, networking breaks and student poster presentations.

The agenda for the day was as follows:

Time	Session	Information
10:00am - 10:15am	Opening Remarks	
10:15am - 11:15am	Academic Keynote: Dr. Maria M Coronel	This session focused on an academic keynote speaker with a presentation
11:15am - 12:15pm	Lunch	
12:15pm - 1:15pm	Industry Panel	This session involved 5 industry professionals across different stages designed to be attendee-driven discussion panel.
1:15pm - 2:05pm	Student Oral Presentations	This session focused on 5-minute rapid fire oral presentations by 7 students in total.
2:05pm - 2:30pm	Coffee Break	
2:30pm- 4:00pm	Student Poster and Networking	A total of 21 posters were presented by trainees including undergraduate and graduate students.
4:00pm - 4:30pm	Awards and Closing Ceremony	Thank you remarks and student awards were presented to top three places for both oral and poster presenters.

Our academic keynote by Dr. Maria M Coronel, highlighted current work ongoing within Dr. Coronel's team at University of Michigan where their research focus is on engineering programmable biomaterial systems to modulate immune cells. This was following by a short break for lunch.

For our afternoon session, we hosted Dr. Matthew Becker, CEO of Immunoshield Therapeutics; Dr. Derek Overstreet, CEO of Sonoran Biosciences; Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, CEO (Advanced Modeling PLLC) and Professor; Dr. Hanin Bearat, Sr. Program Manager at Medtronic and Gabriel Ganje, Hardware Engineer at Medtronic. The aim of this session was to drive discussion regarding career paths, current scope of respective fields, and allow panelists to provide a brief background on their journey and allow attendees to ask questions.

Overall, the conferences had 17 abstract submissions with 23.5% response being from undergraduate, 17.6% Master's and 58.8% being Ph.D. trainees

Seven students were selected for a 5 minute oral presentation and the top three presenters judged by a panel of judges were awarded with monetary prizes. The day ended with a poster session which was also evaluated by judges and the top three poster presenters were awarded with monetary prizes.

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