Honors and Emerging Scholars Poster Presentation

Learning Communities Theme-Based Poster Presentation

3rd Annual Student Research Conference

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 / 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, May 5, 2011 / 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Awards ceremony at 12:30 PM

KLITGORD GYM
AWARDS CEREMONY

May 5, 2011
12:30 PM
Klitgord Gym

WELCOME

Dr. Janet Liou-Mark
Director of Honors Scholars Program

GREETINGS

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President

Dr. Bonne August
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Pamela Brown
Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Estela Rojas
Director of Learning Communities

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3rd Annual City Tech Student Research Conference

May 5, 2011
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Lower Atrium Lounge

10:00 AM
Welcome
Dean Pamela Brown and Prof. Hans Schoutens

10:05 - 10:15
Hotel Security: The Missing Amenity
Sharada Parks (Hospitality Management)
Prof. Patrick O'Halloran

10:20 - 10:30
Glutathione Reducing Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) Rates and Decreasing the Length of Stay in Hospitals: A Post-Operative Research Proposal
Lazar Lazarovski (Health Services Administration)
Prof. Noemi Rodriguez

10:35 - 10:45
Dental Technology of Today and Tomorrow
Jennifer Crane (Restorative Dentistry)
Prof. Renata Budny

10:50 - 11:00
Advances in Dental Laboratory Equipment
Richard Greenidge (Restorative Dentistry)
Prof. Renata Budny

11:05 - 11:15
Using the Mediation Methodology to Analyze the Northern Ireland Communal Conflict
Renisa Ribeiro (Social Science)
Prof. Laureen Park

11:20 - 11:30
The “Pig-Dragon” in Ancient China
Elizabeth Mills (Humanities)
Prof. Susan Beningson

11:35 - 11:45
Predicting Seemingly Esoteric Probabilistic Distributions by Simulations and Confirming Their Validity by Theoretical Methods
Thomas Cheung and Thinh Le (Mathematics)
Prof. Satyanand Singh

11:50 - 12:00
Effects of Resveratrol on Hydrogen Peroxide-Induced Oxidative Stress in Tetrahymena Thermophila
Khalid Said (Biology)
Prof. Ralph Alcendor

Organizing Committee:
Hans Schoutens (chair), Alexander Rozenblyum (MAT), Ann Delilkan (HUM), Anna Do (ENG), Annette Saddik (ENG), Delaram Kahrobaei (MAT), Eric Rodriguez (SS), Giovanni Ossola (PHY), Laina Karthikeyan (BIO), Laura Ghezzi (MAT), Liana Tsenova (BIO), Oleg Berman (PHYS), Soyeon Cho (HUS), Thomas Johnstone (MAT), Tony Nicolas (CHEM), Tshombe Walker (AFR), Victoria Gitman (MAT), Zhao Chen (MAT)
**HONORS COURSES**

**MAT 1475H: Calculus I Honors**  
Prof. Satyanand Singh

**Seemingly Bizarre Functions: An examination of some of their properties**  
Ranjjan Agarwal, Quincy Blackman, Tramaine Duncan, Faisal Hashem, Farzana Matin, Ximena Morocho, Noreen Ramdut, Stephanie Trochez, Dopdyel Tseten, Ming Wei, and Bin Xu

*Abstract:*  
We will sketch some non standard functions with the Maple software and analyze some of their properties by considering special sequences, limits and continuity.

**LAW 4704H: Legal Technology Honors**  
Prof. Marissa J. Moran

**Death Penalty**  
Susan Decker, Samantha Jeffrey, Mandy McKinnon, Paula Siclari, and Kimber Warren

**Legal Technology: Trends, Issues, and Ethics**  
Roman Levites, Tasha Palmer, Wendyann Snagg, and Samuel Williams

**CMCE1204H: Statics and Strength of Materials II Honors**  
Prof. Gerarda Shields

Marcos Bueno, Jonathan Iza, Bousalah Mohamed, Vladimir Monpremier, Anthony Pozo, Jose Ramirez, and Seigfred Williams

**Cable Beam Analogy**  
Carlos Santana

*Abstract:*  
In analyzing beams, the conventional (and most frequent) way of analyzing it especially amongst students is to cut the beam by sections and from there find the bending moment (tendency to bend) of each section to check if the beam is stable or not. Bending Moment Diagrams are constructed after the aforementioned steps are done. One alternative to this especially when analyzing relatively simple beams is to take the load acting on the beam and treat the beam as a cable. It is beneficial to imagine the beam as a cable in this case because the cable can represent more or less the deflected shape of the beam. One scenario would be applying a point load in the middle of a telephone cord that is supported on both of its ends. The way the cord will deflect represents the shape that the Bending-Moment Diagram will have and most of all represent how a beam would look like in deflection after a concentrated load (as in the case described) is applied to it. There is a series of graphic representations that supplement the statements listed in this abstract.

**Catenary and its Application on Verrazano-Narrows Bridge**  
Dawid Janik, Hein Htet

*Abstract:*  
Research will be mainly focused on the topic of catenary and its applications in suspension bridges such as Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in Brooklyn, NY. Main tasks will cover mathematical and geometrical investigations of catenary as well as its importance in the structure itself. In the real life applications, topic of catenary is used by structural engineers who design suspension cables. These are the main structural components of suspension bridges, and proper analysis of these parts is crucial for its safety. That also brings the need to discuss the social role of the bridge itself, and the importance it plays in NYC’s transportation.

**Expansion and Renovation of the Jacob Javits Center**  
Siguel Brunache

*Abstract:*  
Since its opening in 1986, the Jacob Javits Center has been the center of entertainment in Manhattan hosting thousands of different shows. It’s not a surprise that it need a renovation. The Job Javits Center renovation and expansion is a $463 million project. The expansion will include Exhibition space will be expanded to 1.1 million square feet, the largest ballroom space in New York City at 75,000 square feet with the ability to subdivide into 3 separate rooms, a new convention hotel with 1,000 rooms and 50,000 square feet at 36th Street. The renovation part includes a modernization of entire facility and infrastructure. In the plans are the replacement of the roof with green materials, replacing the thousands of curtain wall panels and skylights, upgrading building systems and rehabilitating interior infrastructure. The fixes include replacing curtain wall where leakage has corroded the mullion system and interior structural frame that supports the 15-story Crystal Palace, and reinforcing skylights for snow and wind loads. There will be also an extension of the No. 7 subway line. This project will explore the different Statics and strength of materials topics use in this expansion and renovation.

**Stress and Strain of Major Members of a Specific Structure**  
Roberto Santos, Samden Lama

*Abstract:*  
To determine the stress and strain of a structure defines the structures ability to provide a safe environment. After determining such calculations, a conclusion will be drawn to examine the engineering process that the structure performs every day. The purpose is to take in consideration factors such as dead weight and movable weight. The final research will provide a general description of how a building structure works in respects to its safety.
ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition: Satisfying Design Regulations
Annette Cannizzaro

Abstract:
On April 24, 2010, students from the department of Construction Management and Civil Engineering Technology will participate in the annual Regional Steel Bridge Competition. Each team must design, fabricate and construct a bridge to enter the competition. The bridge is judged based on aesthetics, speed of construction, weight, serviceability and size limitations. These regulations and design parameters are specified by the sponsor of the competition, the American Institute of Steel Construction. The team has been preparing for this competition since the fall of last year. This poster highlights the competition regulations and how the team designed, fabricated and built the bridge to meet these requirements.

HONORS SCHOLARS PROJECTS

Edible Persuasion
Shayne Alexander
Prof. Stefanie Dash
ADV 2300: Communication Design I

Building a Digital Clock
Amirah Baksh
Prof. Syedrashid Zaidi
EMT 1250L: Digital Control Lab

Open Market Operation at the Federal Reserve System
Hend Bayoumi
Prof. Edward Kaplan
ECON 1101: Macroeconomics

Music and Spirituality
Laurie Caban
Prof. Laura Hapke
ENG 1121: English Composition II

Predicting Seemingly Esoteric Probabilistic Distributions by Simulations and Confirming Their Validity by Theoretical Methods
Thomas Cheung
Prof. Satyanand Singh
MAT 4872: Statistics III

Human Trafficking and the Safe Harbor for Exploited Children Act
Meihwa Chow
Prof. Sara Schechter
ENG 3401: Law through Literature

Celibacy and Abstinence: What It Means Today
Tiffany Clarke
Prof. Vandelette Ford
HEA 2110: Human Sexuality

CAD/CAM
Jennifer Crane
Prof. Renata Budny
RESD 1212: Fixed Prosthodontics II

Facilitating Online Feedback for Peer Writing
Tamrah Cunningham
Prof. Reneta Lansiquot
ENG 3773: Advanced Technical Writing

Sickle Cell Anemia
Neha David
Prof. Maria Ter-Mikaelian
BIO 2311: Human Anatomy and Physiology I

Warhol: Image Is Everything
Eduardo Davila
Prof. Michael McAuliffe
ARTH 1102: History of Art: Renaissance to Modern

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Deborah Dorcine
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The Bose-Einstein Condensation of Excitons in a Quantum Well in a Trap
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Pupillary Response to Complex Scenes
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Group Actions on a Soccer Ball and its Illumination of the Spectral Properties of Certain Carbon Molecules or Fullerenes
Luis Pineda
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Microbial Diversity in the Gowanus Canal
Kenneth Paneto
Prof. Nasreen Haque

Bose-Einstein Condensate of Trapped Excitons at Finite Temperatures
MD Rakhibuzzaman
Prof. Maria Ter-Mikaelian

Social Sound Production in Gerbils and its Processing in the Brain
MD Rakhibuzzaman
Prof. Maria Ter-Mikaelian
LEARNING COMMUNITIES
THEME-BASED PROJECTS

Becoming Life Long Learners:
A Learning Community in Math and English
Profs. Andrew Douglas and Ruth Garcia
Eloho Erhieyovwe, Tracy Montaz, and Chvelle Neil
Michael Larrea
Ana Puente and Mirasol Sukhu
Julia Rivera
Nora Vargas

MAT 1175: Fundamental of Mathematics
ENG 1101: English Composition I
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Two Tools - One Job: Merging Computer Technology
and Building Technology
Prof. Paul C. King

Cynthia Alonzo, Mario Alulema, Osmayni Cabrera, and
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Gareth Enahoro
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Nicholas Ingenito
Ermira Kasapi, Giancarlo Lopez, Carolina Marckwordt,
and Ivanna Marreto
Maria Minchala, Oscar Morales, Gin Pena, Brayan
Roman, and John Villafane
ARCH 1200: Architectural Drawing II
and
ARCH 1290: Architectural CAD
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National Museum of the American Indian (March 4, 2011)

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Finding the Closest Pair of Points
Alfredo Almonte, Michal Faryniaz, and Emil Ifraimov
Prof. Sandie Han
MAT 2540: Discrete Structures and Algorithms II

Heap Sort
Jesse Li and Wesley Yu
Prof. Sandie Han
MAT 2540: Discrete Structures and Algorithms II

RSA Cryptosystem
Frank Aline, Thomas Cheung, and Kelvin Gong
Prof. Sandie Han
MAT 2540: Discrete Structures and Algorithms II

The Hashing Functions
Damon Cham, Faith Tamisi, Yiu Leung Yung
Prof. Sandie Han
MAT 2540: Discrete Structures and Algorithms II

Fast Multiplication of Matrices
Lawrence Biles, Man Cheung, Victor Rijo
Prof. Sandie Han
MAT 2540: Discrete Structures and Algorithms II

Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources
Nani Adadyayeda, Mohammed Asgar, Sarai Marte,
Leanna Moore, Arielle Moxey, Ashante Salley,
Simone Smith, Siu Him Tang, Fiona Torres,
and Frank Tse
Prof. Reginald Blake
PHYS 1112: Principles of Science II

Remote Sensing of Air Pollution
Adrian Chapel, Jamal Chapman, Brayan Feliz,
Lillian Jimenez, Nicholas Lee, Alyson Leopold,
Eunice Salud, Marc St-Jou, and Georgette Wright
Prof. Reginald Blake
PHYS 1112: Principles of Science II

Satellite Remote Sensing of Hurricanes
Fabian Caesar, Donovan Chin, Danny Cruz,
Arthur Dieudonne, Victor Laroche, Synthia Marcillo,
Danielle Ng, Diana Rosa, and Jessica Tacuri
Prof. Reginald Blake
PHYS 1112: Principles of Science II

Investigating the Health Pages: Facebook
Ireen Bary
Prof. Justin Davis

Improvements in Dental Technology
Richard Greenidge Jr.
Prof. Renata Budny
RESD 1212: Fixed Prosthodontics 2

Zirconium Dental Restorations Made by CAD/CAM
Karein Sylvain
Prof. Renata Budny
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Management of the Classroom Computer Lab in Academic Environment
Thurman Jamison
Prof. Lyubov Viglina
CST 3507: Advanced LAN Concepts

Exploration of an Allometric Scaling Model
Elizabeth Mills
Prof. Holly Carley

Construction of MicroRNA Target Expression Vectors for Diagnosis of Specific MicroRNA Activities in Mammalian Culture
Ramnis Kaur
Prof. Shah Huq

Finding STEM in American History: Engineering Pop-ups of Our Nation’s Capitol
Anna Acevedo, Eliana Alonzo, Tony Chen, Tiffany Clarke, Tenzing Doma, Lauris Guzman, Gemma Hyacinth, Chantel Joas, Susan Lema, Jian Hong Li, Abdul Mateen, Leah McClean, Makeda McClean, Champa Nath, Hui Meen Ong, Emely Perez, Ivana Pulchan, Mohammad Rahman, Mohammad Uddin, and Yi Ming Yu
Prof. Renata Budny, Prof. Reneta Lansiquot, Prof. Janet Liou-Mark, and Ms. Laura Yuen-Lau
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Independent Study: Peer Leader Training
The Peer Assisted Learning Project is supported by the Black Male Initiative, CUNY; Perkins VTEA; and the National Science Foundation Grant # 0622493.

How can a leader model good skills to support workshop students’ learning?
Hend Bayoumi
Profs: A.E. Dreyfuss and Janet Liou-Mark

How can the Peer Leader’s motivation affect students’ preconceptions towards a mathematics course?
Amelise Bonhomme
Profs: A.E. Dreyfuss and Janet Liou-Mark

How can the Peer Leader support students with different prior knowledge?
Tony Chen
Profs: A.E. Dreyfuss and Janet Liou-Mark

How can knowledge of Perry’s Scheme be utilized in order to improve student performance in workshops?
Renee Clarke
Profs: A.E. Dreyfuss and Janet Liou-Mark

How can a peer leader help students achieve their goals?
Tenzing Doma
Profs: A.E. Dreyfuss and Janet Liou-Mark

How can a workshop help students to think more conceptually?
Juan Mejia
Profs: A.E. Dreyfuss and Janet Liou-Mark

How does Peer-Led Team Learning help change students’ assumptions about the quadratic formula?
Susan Lema
Profs: A.E. Dreyfuss and Janet Liou-Mark

How can the Peer Leader help students move from concrete representation to abstract understanding in Mathematics?
Rahman Bakare
Profs: A.E. Dreyfuss and Janet Liou-Mark

An Examination of Modules and Interactions in Embedded Workshops
Si Min Tan
Profs: A.E. Dreyfuss and Janet Liou-Mark

Collaborative High School Projects

Antibiotic Properties of Common Fruits and Vegetables
Mouramani Kaba (Science Skills HS) and Slimane Rabout (Life Academy HS)
City Tech BMI student mentor: Jurmain Wielingen
BMI Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ralph Alcendor (Biology)
Grant: BMI

Photosensitizers
Natalie Leon and Stacey Ortega (High School for Health Professions and Human Services)
City Tech BMI student mentor: Renee Clarke
BMI Faculty Mentor: Dr. Diana Samaroo (Chemistry)
Grant: BMI

Mechatronics Technology Center: Incubator for Innovative Hands-on Practical Design and Research Activities
High School Students: Fritzpatrick Roque, Carla Araile, Ali Harb, Anthony Francis, Za-y-va Lareche, and Bijan-Bayat Makhtari
High school collaborator: City Poly HS, Washington Irving HS, Francis Lewis HS, Far Rockaway HS, and Brooklyn School for Collaborative Study.
Faculty Mentors: Andy Zhang and Iem Heng
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