



2013 CSChE Chemical Engineering Local Section Scholarship Winners

Andrew Toye Ojo
McMaster University

Andrew Toye Ojo is from Toronto although chose to pursue chemical and bioengineering at McMaster University in Hamilton, where he has excelled academically and developed into a strong leader in the chemical engineering community. When he isn't busy helping organize events with his undergraduate chemical engineering club, playing Frisbee, or helping his peers he can be found in the lab doing research. Research has always attracted Ojo because it provides the freedom needed to explore his areas of interests. Ojo believes that research has the ability to open numerous doors and that it will lead to new advancements and help restore broken opportunities. Ojo also thinks of research as a way of furthering possibilities and increasing his wealth of knowledge and he believes the most rewarding thing a person in a profession can do is to help others and make a good impact on their lives. His passion for positively contributing to people's lives coupled together with his interest in applying biological and chemical principles to solve problems will put him on the path to a career in pharmaceutical research.

Bo Zhang
University of Toronto

In Bo Zhang's first and second year, he was the events director for University of Toronto's CSChE Student Chapter. Building on the club's vision, he dedicated himself to develop new professional, academic and social outlets for his fellow students. By spearheading collaborations with other student organizations, he was able to create additional opportunities and resources for our students to participate in leadership and professional development activities.

In his third year, Zhang became the club's vice chair and managed his responsibilities extremely well even though he was off-campus doing his professional experience year. He would frequently take time out of his own personal schedule to ensure the club's initiatives were being planned and executed effectively. Through his leadership, the department was able to recruit and send over 40 students to the 2012 CSChE Conference in Vancouver. In addition, Zhang won second place in the Robert G. Auld Technical Student Research Presentation during the 2011 CSChE Conference.

On top of his commitment to CSChE, Zhang also assisted in the organization of the department's 2013 Chemical Engineering Week – a concentrated week filled with chemical engineering focused events, including: lunch and learns spotlighting industry professionals, plant tours, lab tours, and a scavenger hunt related to design and leadership tasks.