

Greetings,

On behalf of the Association of Chemical Engineering Graduate Students (ACES) at the University of Washington, I would like to invite you to the **5<sup>th</sup> annual Chemical Engineering Graduate Symposium on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the UW**. The Graduate Symposium is a forum for our graduate students to showcase their cutting edge research to colleagues, faculty, and representatives from industry and elsewhere. Oral presentations and posters at the Symposium will cover a wide range of topics including alternative energy, biotechnology, and molecular engineering. By attending the Symposium, **you will learn about novel ideas and techniques of interest to your organization, help to improve the quality of graduate education at the UW by providing valuable feedback to our students, and meet future research leaders and potential colleagues and collaborators.**

The Chemical Engineering Graduate Symposium is an all-day event that includes research talks and a poster session featuring the work of current upper level UW graduate students. In addition, the Symposium will feature a **keynote address by Dr. Montgomery Alger, Chief Technology Officer of Air Products and Chemicals, a Fortune 500 company and leader in the chemical industry.**

ACES is committed to providing our students with opportunities for professional development and outreach beyond those typically encountered during graduate studies. The Symposium allows for the exchange of knowledge between our student presenters and professional attendees like you. We encourage attendees to assist in the evaluation of the talks and posters so that outstanding presentations may be recognized. Effective communication is integral to a successful PhD and career, and your feedback will assist our students in polishing their skills and better prepare them for post-graduate employment.

The cost of attendance for the entire day is \$30. This includes access to all talks as well as a light breakfast, lunch, and poster session mixer. If you would like to attend or have any questions about the event, please contact John Katahara at [aces@cheme.washington.edu](mailto:aces@cheme.washington.edu). We will update the following link with a list of the day's events and presentation topics once they have been decided: [http://www.cheme.washington.edu/events/symposium\\_2012.html](http://www.cheme.washington.edu/events/symposium_2012.html). I hope that you are able to join us for the Symposium, as I believe it will be a valuable experience for both you and our students. Together with your support and attendance, we will be able to advance the quality of work being done both at the UW and at your workplace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Katahara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

John Katahara  
ACES Chair of Professional Development