The year-end celebration of Georgia Southern research, the **14th Annual GSU Research Symposium**, was filled with chemistry. Nearly 20 undergraduate students presented posters at the affiliated College of Undergraduate Research poster session held the previous day, while five graduate students from Master's of Science in Applied Physical Science program, one undergrad, and three faculty members gave presentations as a part of the formal symposium. Of the three graduate student oral presentations, W. James Morgan took home first-place for the best oral presentation in the Natural and Physical Sciences Division for his work on the development of new theoretical methods for the treatment of rovibronic spectral signatures.

The presentations ranged from theoretical chemistry to biological chemistry with items from as varied research emphases as gold nanorods to the treatment of traumatic brain injuries.

Discussions were had across the span of research with showcase how chemistry is promoting the excellence of Southern. The exposure that students received gave the larger Georgia Southern community what their long produced. It also gave their research advisors moment invested in each student payoff.

The 2015 GSU Research Symposium was comprised of 107 poster presentations, 72 oral presentations, and two keynote addresses. Participants were largely from Georgia Southern, but other universities in the region also participated including: The University of North Georgia, Georgia Tech, Valdosta State, Kennesaw State, Georgia Southwestern, East Georgia, and Ogeechee Technical College.

Photos, from top: Hilary Bird (L) and Prof. John Stone (R); Tori Hicks (L) and Austin Atkinson (R); Jessica Rasdall; and Zach Lee (L) and Prof. Karelle Aiken (R). All photos are courtesy of Prof. Michele McGibony.