

CTE Lab at the First Annual BMES Lab Fair

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On January 23, 2009, researchers from the Cartilage Tissue Engineering Lab helped launch the Annual UCSD Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) Lab Fair. Attended by 216 undergraduates, this Lab Fair served as an avenue to bioengineering research for students who were unsure of where to start looking.

The Lab Fair proved to be an excellent way for first- and second-year undergraduates to network with other undergraduates, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty. The event's reach proved to be broad: students from other majors such as Chemistry or Biology also attended.

The CTE Lab was represented by graduate students Greg Williams, Jean Wheeler, and Brad Hansen, and undergraduate Murray Grissom. They used knee models and posters to explain the CTE Lab's goal of creating bioengineering solutions to joint diseases. This generated significant interest, resulting in over 50 undergraduates leaving contact information.

The Lab Fair helped encourage students to broaden their educational horizons by participating in on-campus research. Both the CTE Lab and BMES are dedicated to the education of undergraduates in the Department of Bioengineering. For more information, please visit <http://cte.ucsd.edu> and <http://bmes.ucsd.edu>.