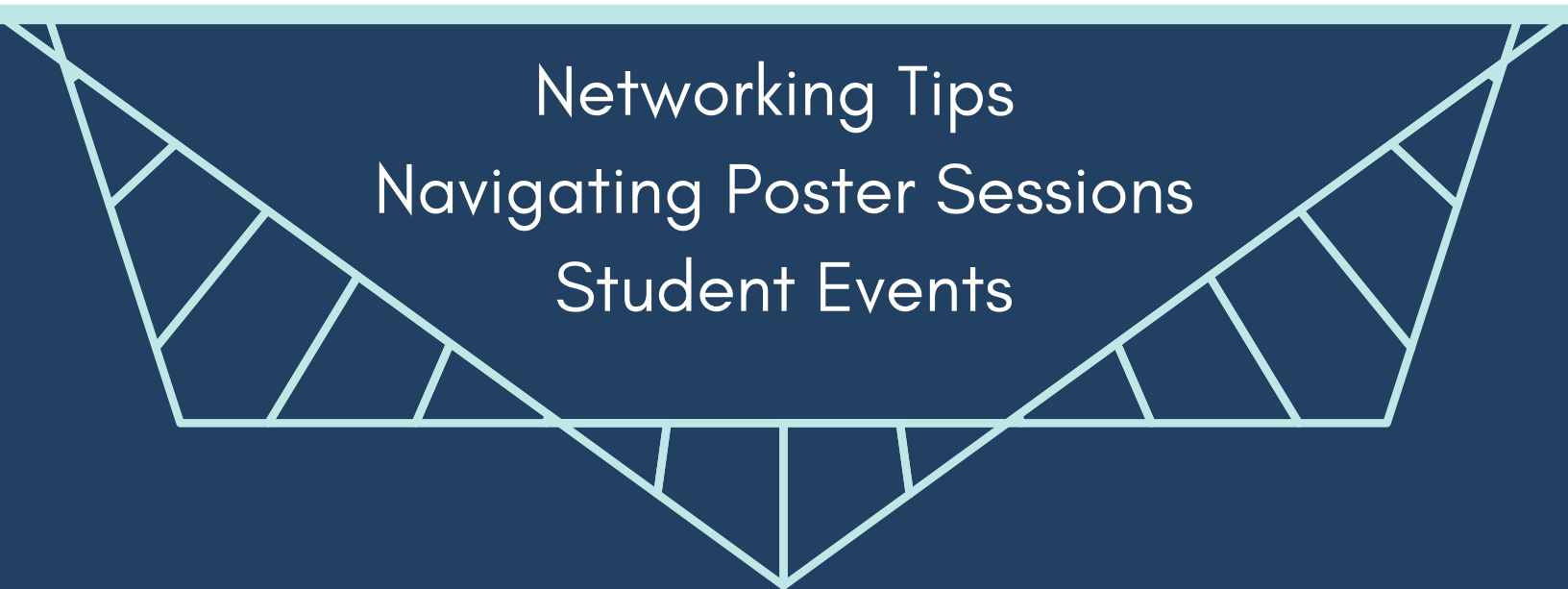


***THE PCSA***  
***STUDENT***  
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***GUIDE***  
**EMA 2023**



Networking Tips  
Navigating Poster Sessions  
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# ABOUT THE PCSA

The President's Counsel of Student Advisors (PCSA) is a committee comprised of both undergraduate and graduate students who aim to help the American Ceramic Society.



Leadership workshops  
Outreach opportunities  
Help organize ACerS conferences



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# NETWORKING TIPS



Starting a conversation with a stranger can be daunting, but you can follow these steps to have a less awkward interaction.

## Introduction

- Remember that the people at a conference are there to network in the first place, so approaching someone new is not that strange. Acknowledge the value of that person's time.
- Introduce yourself, your school, and who you work with.
- Specify a time limit when talking with someone new, this relieves pressure that the other person might feel in a new interaction. *Example: Can I talk to you for a few minutes before the next presentation?*

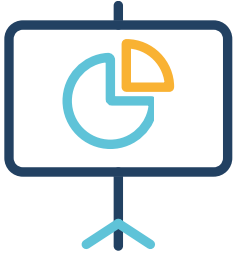
## During the Conversation

- Be genuinely interested in what they have to say.
- Ask them questions that are different. Everyone is always asked "What do you research", instead you could ask them about their favorite talk.
- Don't be afraid to also talk about your work and your interests. This gives them opportunities to ask you questions or to find something that you have in common to talk about.

## Exiting the Conversation

- Don't ask for their email or number to talk at a later time. Instead try asking if you can connect with them on LinkedIn. This provides a more casual and non-committal ending to the conversation. If they want to give more contact details, then they will do so, but it is ultimately their decision.

# GENERAL CONFERENCE TIPS



Conferences can be overwhelming, especially for students. Here is some general advice for how to make the most out of your conference experience.

***Go to the student events.*** Connecting with other students is the easiest way of expanding your network.

***Don't try to go to every talk.*** Committing yourself to over 8+ hours of talks each day will quickly drain you especially if conferences are week-long events. It also makes it more difficult for you to want to network since you will be too exhausted. Aim to sit through only a few hours of presentations spread out through the day. Use the downtime in between to network.

# ***STUDENT EVENTS***

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EMA has an excellent set of networking and student-oriented events, more information can be found here <https://ceramics.org/student-events-ema23> .

***All times in EST.***

## ***Wednesday Jan. 18***

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM - Industry Panel for Students and Young Professionals. Citrus A/B (Main Hotel)

## ***Thursday Jan. 19***

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Student and Young Professional Networking Mixer. Harbor Terrace (Tower Conference Center)

# ***INTERESTING TALKS***

Not sure where to start? Below are a list of talks given by current PCSA members, Alumni, and notable speakers that are a good place to start.

***All times in EST.***

## ***Plenary Speakers***

**Wed 1/19, 8:30-9:30** - Discovery and design of electronic materials using high-throughput experimental methods

*Speaker:* Dr. Andriy Zakutayev

*Session:* Plenary 1, Majestic 4/5 (Palms Conference Center)

**Thur 1/20, 8:30-9:30** - Interfacial transitions at grain boundaries

*Speaker:* Dr. Jeffrey Rickman

*Session:* Plenary 2, Majestic 4/5 (Palms Conference Center)

## ***Current PCSA Members***

**Thu 1/19, 4:45-5:00** - Advanced analysis of reflection high energy electron diffraction data

*Speaker:* Matthew Julian

*Session:* S2 Advanced Electronic Materials Processing Structures Properties and Applications

# ***WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH ACERS***

Another great way of networking is by getting involved in organizations. Don't be afraid to reach out to them.

***Apply to be part of the PCSA.***

***Join an ACerS chapter.***

***Join the Global Graduate Research Network (GGRN).***

***If you have questions, talk to any of the ACerS staff or PCSA members.***

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