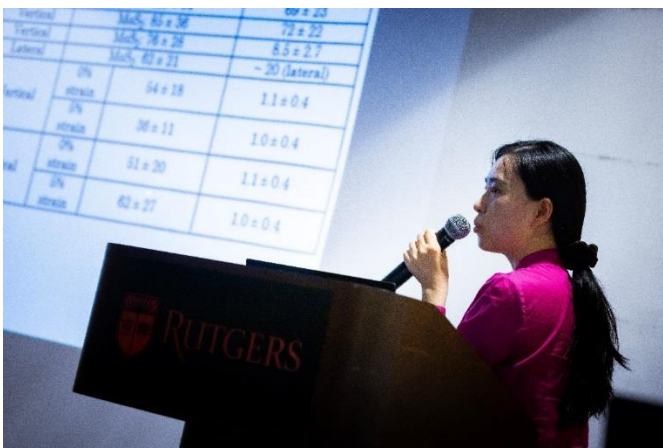


## NJ/NYM/P Section News

On March 30, 2023, the reconstituted New Jersey/New York Metro/Philadelphia Section of the American Ceramic Society held its inaugural event in conjunction with the Materials Science and Engineering Department at Rutgers University and the Ceramic Association of New Jersey (CANJ). The event was the Malcolm G. McLaren Symposium. This annual event recognizes a distinguished member of the ceramics community. This year the awardee was Dr. Benjamin V. Fasano, recently retired from IBM. Dr. Fasano gave the McLaren Lecture "Advances in Microelectronic Packaging over the Past 40 Years".



Other speakers at the symposium were Dr. Manuel Alvarez, NXE Architect, ASML, Wilton, CT "Changing the World One Nanometer at a Time", Prof. Shriram Ramanathan, Rutgers ECE and Rodkin-Weintraub Endowed Chair, Piscataway, NJ "Complex Oxides for Brain-Inspired Computing" and Prof. Xian (Annie) Zhang, Mechanical Engineering, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ "Tailoring the Thermal Transport in 2D Materials and Their Moiré Patterns for Flexible Electronics".



Dr. Ahmad Safari, President of the Ceramic Association of New Jersey (CANJ) presented the plaque to Dr. Fasano, with George McLaren, Barbara McLaren, and Lisa Klein, Department Chair.



Attendees filled the auditorium and viewed the student posters in the new Richard Weeks Engineering Building.



Best undergraduate and graduate student posters were announced by Dr. Safari.



followed by the awarding of undergraduate scholarships by Dr. Koray Akdogan, our Undergraduate Program Director.



Based on the enthusiasm generated by this symposium, the Section plans to host other events during the coming year.