

each staffer now has an individual fax number that ties into the computer system. The numbers for direct phone lines to individuals remain the same.

President David Pye was on hand for an informal ribbon-cutting ceremony when the Society took possession of the suite. "In the spring," he said, "after all the boxes are unpacked, we will have an official dedication of the new headquarters."

The lease on the new space runs through April 30, 2013.

The new address for ACerS is:
The American Ceramic Society
600 N. Cleveland Ave., Suite 210
Westerville, Ohio 43082

NanoMaterials Poster Competition

Desikan Sundararajan of the University of Toledo was awarded first place in the Student Poster Competition conducted during the Commercialization of Nanomaterials meeting held by ACerS and TMS in November in Pittsburgh. His work is entitled, "The Gradiator™—Functionally Gradient Nanocatalyst Reformer Module." The award carries a \$1,000 prize. Sundararajan is a student of Abdul-Majeed Azad, who is also listed as an author of the poster. Azad, an associate professor of Chemical & Environmental Engineering, has been a member of ACerS since 2002.

Second place and its \$300 prize was awarded to "Nanoporous Silicon Photonic Film-Based Gelatinase Sensor for Rapid Cancer Screening," by Liangliang Cao. Coauthors are Lizeng Gao, Njideka Mbonu, and Di Gao of the University of Pittsburgh.

Placing third and winning \$200 was "Extremely Durable Antimicrobial Water Repellent Coatings," by Varun Sambhy. Sambhy's coauthor is Ayusman Sen of The Pennsylvania State University. Sen joined The American Ceramic Society in 2007.

New England Vendor's Night



ACerS President L. David Pye (at far left) with Adam Scotch, chair of the New England Section, and meeting organizer Susan Munyon.

The New England Section of the American Ceramic Society held its 13th Annual Vendor's Night October 17. Since its inception, this event has drawn some of the highest participation of any of the Section's meetings. This year's event extended that streak. A turnout of more than 60 attendees enjoyed raffle prizes which included numerous gifts donated by the Section Corporate Sponsors and the Society. Active participation by the Section Corporate Sponsors contributed to a very fruitful meeting.

Registered vendors took this opportunity to showcase their busi-

ness strengths with tabletop exhibits and booth spaces during the two-hour forum prior to dinner. Each vendor had three minutes to introduce its company, products and business opportunities.

The evening's feature presentation was delivered by L. David Pye, dean and professor emeritus at Alfred University and the newly elected president of The American Ceramic Society. He cheered the Section's past accomplishments and challenged the section to come up with a plan to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the Society.



Each vendor was allowed a maximum of three minutes to make a presentation.