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Society of Cosmetic Chemists Announces 2026 Award Winners

October 21, 2026 - New York, NY — The Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) is pleased to announce the winners of the awards being presented during the Society's 80th Annual Scientific Meeting, December 1-2, 2026, at the JW Marriott LA Live, Los Angeles, CA.

"SCC is honored to recognize the scientific excellence, creativity, and dedication that drive progress in cosmetic science," said Erica L. O'Grady, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of SCC. "This year's award recipients exemplify the remarkable talent within our community, joining a distinguished group whose contributions have earned the recognition and respect of their peers."

MAISON G. DENAVARRE MEDAL AWARD, sponsored by [SCC](#) – the Society's highest honor, recognizing an individual for accomplishments in activity supporting the best interests of the cosmetic industry through technical contributions, presented to **Carl David D'Ruiz, MPH**.

FLORENCE WALL WOMEN IN COSMETIC CHEMISTRY AWARD, sponsored by [NYSCC](#) – recognizing a woman for significant accomplishments in the cosmetic industry through technical contributions, leadership skills, and business excellence, presented to **Kelly Ann Dobos**.

SCC Education Award, sponsored by [Symrise](#) – recognizing an SCC member who is making outstanding contributions to the field of cosmetic science education and mentorship, presented to **Meyer R. Rosen**.

ROBERT A. KRAMER LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD, sponsored by [SCC](#) – recognizing an individual who has given extraordinary service and distinguished leadership in Society activities over the course of their membership, presented to **Stephen J. Herman**.

SCC MERIT AWARD, sponsored by [SCC](#) – recognizing individual for their outstanding service, distinguished leadership, and exceptional contributions to the Society on a National level, presented to **Mark Chandler**.

GREEN STAR™ AWARD, sponsored by [SCC](#) – recognizing an outstanding green, sustainable formulation developed during the past 12-month period, presented to **Dr. Mireille Vega** for the Green Star™ product submission, *PLUS Boost Multi-Function Balm* by VGAM BIOME.

YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD, sponsored by [Catalyst Technologies, Inc.](#): Recognizing the Best Paper by a young scientist, under the age of 40, presented at the preceding SCC Annual Scientific Meeting, presented to **Raihaanah Safee** (University of Toledo) for the SCC79 presentation, *Application of Color Theory to Improve Foundation Aesthetics Across Skin Tones*.

HANS A. SCHAEFFER AWARD, sponsored by [SCC](#): Recognizing the Most Innovative Paper presented at the preceding SCC Annual Scientific Meeting, presented to **David Breslauer** (Bolt) for the SCC79 presentation, *Inside-Out Protection: Dual-Mode Biotech Silk Polypeptides for Hair Surface and Cortex Reinforcement*.

SHAW MUDGE AWARD, sponsored by [SCC](#): Recognizing the Best Paper presented at the preceding SCC Annual Scientific Meeting, presented to **Paul Lawrence, PhD** (Biocogent) for the SCC79 presentation, *Breaking the Conventional Code with New Developments in Small RNA-Based Actives*.

SOCIETY OF COSMETIC CHEMISTS AWARD, sponsored by [Hallstar](#): Recognizing the Best Paper presented at the preceding SCC Annual Scientific Meeting that made the greatest scientific contribution to knowledge in the field of protecting against or ameliorating damage to human skin caused by exposure to UV radiation, presented to **Eduardo Ruvolo** (Beiersdorf) for the SCC79 presentation, *From Erythema to Optics: The New Era of SPF Testing*.

ALAN B. & JEANETTE BLACK AWARD, sponsored by [Presperse](#): Recognizing the Best Paper on sustainable formulation technology published in the Journal of Cosmetic Science or presented at the preceding SCC Annual Scientific Meeting, presented to **Melissa Bergman** (Solabia) for the SCC79 presentation, *A novel bio-inspired glycolipid from plant holobiont: A biotechnological approach for targeting atopic-prone skin disorders*.

JOSEPH P. CIAUDELLI AWARD, sponsored by [Croda](#): Recognizing the Best Article published in the Journal of Cosmetic Science on the subject of hair care technology, presented to **Yu Zheng, Xiaojing Gao, Mei Ju, Jin Bu and Ruilian Ding**, [Hospital for Skin Diseases (Institute of Dermatology), Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and Peking Union Medical College, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China] for the article entitled, *Exploration of the Biomarkers of Scalp Psoriasis and Their Association With Immune Infiltration* (JoCS, Volume 76, No. 5).

DES GODDARD AWARD, sponsored by [SCC](#): Recognizing the Most Innovative Paper or Student Technical Poster on the topic of polymer science related to cosmetics or personal care presented at the preceding SCC Annual Scientific Meeting or published in the Journal of Cosmetic Science, presented to **Linh Dieu Do** (Sasol US) for the SCC79 presentation, *Sophorolipids for 2-in-1 conditioning shampoos: Surfactant-polycation interactions, complex formation, and deposition on hair*.

Celebrate this year's honorees and join your peers in recognizing excellence in cosmetic science by registering for SCC80 today at <http://www.sconline.org/SCC80>.

About SCC

Celebrating more than 80 years of advancing cosmetic science, the Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) is the oldest and largest non-profit membership organization serving the scientific and technical needs of the cosmetics and personal care industry. SCC headquarters provides unparalleled education, resources, and networking for more than 5,000 members globally and via 19 chapters across Greater North America. Visit www.sconline.org for more information.

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