



Rush Graduate College Students Behind the Scenes at ComSciCon Chicago 2022

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ComSciCon is a workshop series organized by graduate level students for other graduate level students that focuses on enhancing science communication skills. This organization aims to increase student scientists' confidence and ability to better communicate science in their fields to a diverse audience. ComSciCon Chicago was held this past weekend at The University of Chicago in Hyde Park, with 20 selected attendees and over 15 professionals in the science communication sector to conduct panels and workshops. Rush Graduate College was a proud sponsor of ComSciCon Chicago 2022, granting the "[Funding for Professional Development Initiatives Award](#)" to a group of Rush Graduate College students involved in organizing the event.

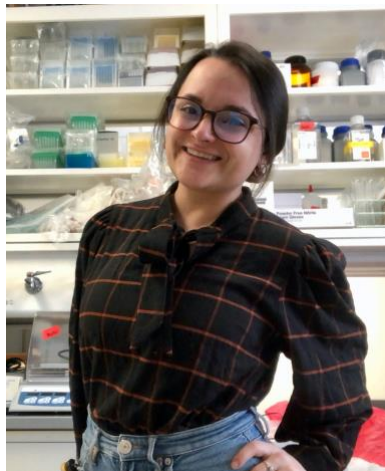
Behind the scenes of this incredible event were Rush Graduate College students who worked hard for months to make this happen! GC students Laura Tran (IBS PhD), Christina Nowicki

(IBS PhD), Darbaz Adnan (IBS MS), and Delia Alkhatib (IBS MS) worked together alongside graduate students from Northwestern University to plan this event. Rush Graduate College also had a speaker representative at the event, Dr. Sina Safayi, DVM, PhD, certified practitioner in both Cultural Intelligence and Unconscious Biases, that presented a workshop on “Communicating Across Cultures.”



Laura Tran, IBS PhD Candidate Rush GC

Laura was the artist behind the ComSciCon Chicago 2022 logo featured on all attendees' t-shirts! In addition, Laura managed the website component of the Chicago chapter for the event and was on the organizing committee for the science art workshops at the conference alongside Christina.



Christina Nowicki, IBS PhD Candidate Rush GC

Christina worked closely with Laura on developing the t-shirt design and website organization. She also used her creative side to create social media content for the event. Moreover, Christina worked to secure funding and equipment for event workshops.



Delia Alkhatib, IBS MS Candidate Rush GC

Delia helped navigate design initiatives for the Chicago chapter. She also worked with social media accounts to facilitate event posts and announcements to attendees.



Darbaz Adnan, IBS MS Candidate Rush GC

Darbaz played a significant role in the financial components of the event, securing funding that provided the event with the funds for things like event swag, breakfast and lunch for attendees, and workshop supplies. He also assisted in overall event organization and development.

For more information on ComSciCon Chicago, visit the [ComSciCon-Chi](#) website here! For more pictures of the event, visit their [Instagram](#). We encourage students interested in science communication initiatives to seek these sources, as well as our outstanding current chair members that attend Rush. We are very excited to see what events are forthcoming!