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Research Park Hosts 17th Annual Capstone Competition

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Sarnia, ON – More than 50 students from the Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering at Western University will be in Sarnia later this week.

The Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park is hosting the 17th annual *Capstone Design Project Competition* as an in-person event on Friday, March 31.

Teams of students will make project presentations in one of three categories: *Biomass Thermochemical Conversion Processes, Carbon Dioxide Utilization and Hydrogen Production*, and *Chemical Production and Resource Recovery*. First and second place prizes will be awarded in each field.

"In many ways, *Capstone* is the apex of these students' learnings and the foundation for their career prospects," said Dr. Katherine Albion, Executive Director of the Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park. "Exciting discoveries occur all the time in the world of academia and the *Capstone* competition is an excellent opportunity for students to share in these innovative ideas and learnings with the Sarnia-Lambton community."

Presentations are scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. and will continue until awards are handed out at 1:00 p.m. The event is open to the public.

The Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park was created in November 2003 with the inception of the County of Lambton Community Development Corporation, owned by the County of Lambton. The Research Park manages and operates the property owned by the CLCDC. It boasts 270,000 square feet of leasable area. In addition to its labs and research space, it is home to a number of high profile tenants including Nova Chemicals, Enbridge, the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership, and Worley.

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