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**Tom Chau, PhD, PEng** gave the Cathleen Lyle Murray Award Lecture entitled "*Listen to Me. I have Something to Say*" – *Enabling the Right to Communication Through Body and Brain-Machine Interfacing*. Professor Chau, the Vice President of Research at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and Professor of Engineering at the University of Toronto, uses advanced computerized systems to enable individuals with disabilities with the ability to communicate. He and his colleagues have enabled some individuals with limited muscle control to communicate via brain-machine interfaces that use facial movements and head movements, humming, and even thoughts to control computerized communication devices. Throughout his presentation, he demonstrated astounding examples of children and young adults connecting with loved ones using these advanced computerized devices.

**Ann Kawamura, MD** and colleagues received the Best Demonstration Poster Award for their work entitled "Hip Surveillance in Cerebral Palsy: Developing a Care Pathway at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, Toronto, Canada."

**Heather Roberts, OTR-L, PhD** and colleagues received the Best Scientific Poster Award for their work on "Augmenting Constraint Induced Movement Therapy with the Armeo Spring Pediatric: A Comparative Study."

**Vedant Kulkarni, MD** received two awards, the Fred P. Sage Award for best audiovisual presentation and the Mac Keith Press Promising Career Award, for the development and scientific presentation on a mobile device application called HipScreen that enables a community-based approach to early detection of hip disorders in children with cerebral palsy. The app is available for free download without any commercial content from [www.hipscreen.org](http://www.hipscreen.org).

**Tasneem Karim, Rebecca Leonard, and Anup Chaudhary** were honored for their inspirational photographs in the Life Shots Photo Contest, sponsored by the Weinberg Family Cerebral Palsy Center at Columbia University.