

SOUTHWEST SOCIETY OF COSMETIC CHEMISTS

Newsletter

WHAT YOU'LL FIND?

**SWSCC Events
Pictures**

Formulator on the Spot
Meet Shamola Jaiyeoba!

Get ready for the SWSCC Golf Tournament on April 22!



We're looking forward to seeing everyone at Cowboys Golf Club!

Bring your best swing and a great attitude as you connect with fellow members and enjoy a fun, relaxed day on the course.

It's shaping up to be a fantastic event, and we can't wait to see you there!

MESSAGE FROM THE SWSCC CHAIR ELECT 2026



I'm genuinely excited about the year ahead for the Southwest Society of Cosmetic Chemists. Our industry moves fast, and the value of exchanging ideas and perspectives has never been clearer. Sometimes the best insights happen outside the lab, during a coffee break or a casual conversation.

I don't come from a traditional scientific, formulation, or raw materials background, but I'm proud to bring a different perspective—one focused on engagement, community, and creating spaces where ideas can flourish. Innovation isn't only in the lab; it happens through conversation, collaboration, and sharing experiences across roles.

Inspired by the thoughtful direction Mauricio shared earlier this year, I encourage everyone to stay connected and find ways to get involved—attend meetings, support students, volunteer, or simply introduce yourself to someone new. Those small connections often spark the strongest ideas.

Celebrating our 50th anniversary last year reminded us of the strong foundation and lasting legacy of this section. I'm honored to serve alongside such a talented and passionate community, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish together this year.

Thank you,

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EDUCATION MEETING FEBRUARY

Speaker: Chris Boone, EverCare.






Topic: Sun Protection: The Evolving Role of Zinc Oxide.

The presentation reviewed the evolution of sun protection, highlighting the role of zinc oxide in sunscreen formulations. It traced developments from early human adaptation to UV exposure and ancient cosmetic practices to key scientific milestones, including the discovery of ultraviolet radiation, its link to skin damage, and the regulation of sunscreen ingredients in the 20th century. Zinc oxide, recognized since the 19th century as a skin protectant, had become a key ingredient due to its broad-spectrum UVA and UVB protection and strong safety profile. The presentation also covered advances such as micronization, which improved aesthetics and consumer acceptance, as well as current trends like clean beauty, sustainability, and inclusivity. It concluded with insights from Chris Boone, a personal care innovation professional, and reflected on future directions for zinc oxide in sun care.





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EDUCATION MEETING MARCH



Speaker: Evan Waddell, Dow's Personal Care & Paola Alfonso, Univar Solutions

Topic: Comprehensive Analysis of Heat Protection Treatments for Hair: Safeguarding the Cortex and Cuticle

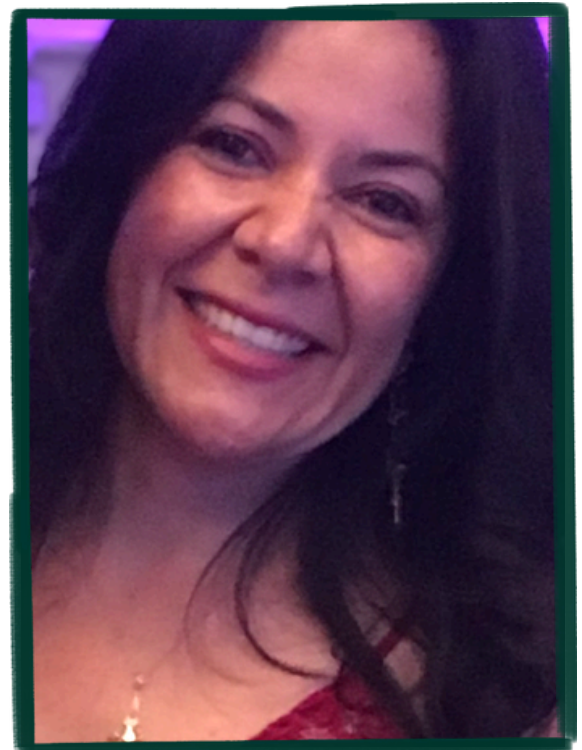
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The presentation examined the effects of high heat exposure on hair, focusing on both surface and internal damage to the cuticle and cortex.

It described how such degradation was analyzed at the micro level using imaging techniques and differential scanning calorimetry, as well as at the macro level through sensory and processing change.

The study evaluated the role of various polymeric hair care ingredients in providing heat protection, aiming to help formulators select the most effective agents for their specific needs.





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Formulator on the Spot



Hi, I'm Shamola!

Hello! I'm Shamola Jaiyeoba, the Educational Co-Chair for SWSCC. I work as a Formulation and Technical Sales Chemist at SPI Inc. in Arlington, Texas.

I enjoy exploring SPI's catalog of specialty materials and advising on ingredient selection using clinical and technical data, product design, and innovation. I also support regulatory compliance for raw materials and work on formulation and prototype development in the lab.

A significant part of my role at SPI is helping clients solve formulation and compatibility issues with their existing skin and hair care products.

About me

After earning my MSc in Organometallic Chemistry from the University of Windsor, I started teaching college chemistry. I then transitioned to the personal care industry by earning my MSc in Cosmetic Science from the University of Cincinnati in 2024. July will mark my first full year in the personal care industry.

My passion for skincare science motivated me to publish my cosmetic science thesis on infant skincare in the Journal of Tissue Viability, and I also achieved 2nd place at the SCC Annual Scientific Meeting & Showcase – Student Poster Session (SCC'78). At SPI Inc., I have been fortunate to contribute to successful product development and launches.

I'm always seeking opportunities to learn and grow in this industry, which is why I joined the SCC Next Gen Mentorship program. I look forward to collaborating, sharing knowledge, and giving back. I would love to see more STEM programs focused on cosmetic science!

Fun facts!

- I'm an introvert!
- I taught African dance in college.
- I speak two and a half languages.
- I have difficulty telling the colors yellow and orange apart!
- Outside the lab, I'm a Boston Celtics fan, love dancing, and just started learning kickboxing!

Upcoming events.

2026

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GOLF OUTING

Location: Cowboys Golf Club
1600 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051

Time: 1:30 pm Shotgun Start

Arrive by noon to register and eat lunch.

It's included in the price!

MAY

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SWSCC EDUCATION MEETING

Details: to follow

SEP

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SUPPLIERS' DAY

Details: to follow

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SWSCC EDUCATION MEETING

Details: to follow

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SWSCC EDUCATION MEETING

Details: to follow

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SWSCC DINNER DANCE

Details: to follow



2026 SWSCC SUPPLIERS' DAY

Save the date!

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

**Venue: Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas
Hotel: The Westin Irving Convention Center at
Las Colinas**

**Additional details—exhibitor information,
sponsorship opportunities, and attendee
registration—will be shared soon.**



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The Southwest logo, featuring a green geometric icon of a cube with a white 'S' inside, followed by the word 'Southwest' in a green sans-serif font and a small green bird icon.



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