



Honors Day 2010

April 29, 2010

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Physics Honors Day 2010 Awards

The physics department gathered for the customary spring accolades on April 26 to celebrate the accomplishments of our students, faculty, and alumni. Dr. Soren Sorensen, professor and head, opened the festivities with the presentation of the [Distinguished Alumni Award](#).



Dr. Paul Huray (left) was honored as a distinguished alumnus at the 2010 Honors Day celebration.

The 2010 recipient is Dr. Paul Huray, who earned a bachelor's degree in engineering physics at UTK in 1964, followed by a Ph.D. in physics in 1968. He joined the physics faculty in 1969 and his many contributions include the creation of the Science Alliance, where he served as first director. After a distinguished tenure in the department, he went to Washington, D.C., where he chaired the FCCSET Committee on Computer Research and Applications—a team that created an Interagency Network that would eventually be called the Internet. He then moved to the University of South Carolina where he is currently a professor of electrical engineering. He maintains a strong research program that bridges industry and academe and encourages students to tackle challenges. As he said in his Honors Day address, "big ideas take time to mature."

The ceremony continued with the honors, awarded as follows:

(For background on the names behind the awards, please see the [Honors Page](#).)

Undergraduate Awards

- **Outstanding First Year Student**
Caleb Redding
- **Robert Talley Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research**
Geoffrey Laughon
Eric Martin
Oleg Ovchinnikov
- **Robert Talley Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Leadership**
George Duffy
- **Douglas V. Roseberry Award**
Adrian Sanchez

Outstanding Laboratory and Service Awards

- **Outstanding GTA Award**
Scott Carr
- **Outstanding Tutor Award**
Ben Graves
- **Wayne Kincaid Award**
Meagan White

Graduate Awards

- **Colloquium Award**
Matthew Bailey
- **Stelson Fellowship for Beginning Research**
Hua Chen
- **Stelson Fellowship for Professional Promise**
Stanley Paulauskas
- **Fowler-Marion Award**
Jun Zhao

Faculty/Teaching Award

- **Society of Physics Students Teacher of the Year Award**
Robert Compton