



## Honors Day 2012

April 23, 2012

The physics department recognized top students (and one top teacher!) on April 23 with the annual Honors Day celebration. Among those attending were Audrey T-S. Stelson, whose late husband Paul was the inspiration for the prestigious Stelson Fellowships; as well as representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, including Judy Miller, Director of Development, and Dr. Lynn Champion, Director of Communication and Public Engagement.

Dr. Jim Beene, an Oak Ridge National Laboratory Corporate Fellow and Director of the Holifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility, gave the opening remarks, reflecting on the HRIBF's history and its possible future.

The ceremony continued with the presentation of the department's student honors and the induction of new members into Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society. Those recognized were:

- **Outstanding First Year Student:** John Burnum
- **Robert Talley Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research:** Tucker Netherton
- **Robert Talley Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Leadership:** Richard Prince
- **James W. McConnell Award for Academic Excellence:** Caleb Redding and Geoffrey Laughon
- **Douglas V. Roseberry Award:** Eric Martin
- **Robert W. Lide Citation:** Eric Plemons
- **Outstanding GTA Award:** Joel Mazer
- **Outstanding Tutor Award:** David Morse
- **Colloquium Award:** Nick Sirica
- **Stelson Fellowship for Professional Promise:** Leland Harriger
- **Stelson Fellowship for Beginning Research:** Robert van Wesep
- **Fowler-Marion Award:** Jordan McDonnell
- **Wayne Kincaid Award:** Sarah Wood
- **Sigma Pi Sigma Inductees:** Emily Finan, Tucker Netherton, Caleb Redding, Ryan Sinclair, and Kubra Yeter

The students weren't the only ones honored at the ceremonies. The Society of Physics Students awarded their annual **Teacher of the Year** prize to **Dr. Norman Mannella**.

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