

## Physics Claims Seven Chancellor's Honors

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The physics department was well-represented April 8 at the annual Chancellor's Honors Banquet, taking home five student and two faculty awards.

**Professor Lee Riedinger** was recognized with **the L.R. Hesler Award** (<http://chancellor.utk.edu/honorsbanquet/2013/hesler.shtml>), which is awarded to faculty members who demonstrate outstanding teaching ability and service to the university community. Riedinger is a former department head and is founding director of the **Bredesen Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Education** (<http://bredesencenter.utk.edu/index.php>). This is one of many honors in Riedinger's distinguished career, including a 2008 Macebearer Award, UT's top faculty honor.

**Assistant Professor Norman Mannella** was honored for **Professional Promise in Research and Creative Achievement** (<http://chancellor.utk.edu/honorsbanquet/2013/promise-research.shtml>). Mannella, a condensed matter experimentalist, won a **National Science Foundation CAREER Award** ([http://www.phys.utk.edu/news/2012/news\\_mannella\\_06192012.html](http://www.phys.utk.edu/news/2012/news_mannella_06192012.html)) in 2012 for his research, in which he studies complex electron systems as part of a broader effort to understand and develop novel materials.

Physics students were also acknowledged for their efforts. The College of Arts and Sciences had 19 students honored for either Extraordinary Academic Achievement or Extraordinary Professional Promise, and 5 of those honorees were from the physics department. **Alex Perhac** was recognized for Extraordinary Academic Achievement. Among the students honored for Extraordinary Professional Promise were **Emily Finan, Nirmal Ghimire, Stanley Paulauskas, and Alex Woods**.

Every spring the university hosts the Chancellor's Honors Banquet to recognize students, faculty, staff, and friends of the university both for their achievements and their contributions to the UT community. More information about this year's honorees is available at the Chancellor's Web site: <http://chancellor.utk.edu/honorsbanquet/2013/> (<http://chancellor.utk.edu/honorsbanquet/2013/>).