

SPS Wins Blake Lilly Prize

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The UT Society of Physics Students (<http://www.utksps.org/>) has brought their enthusiasm for science to Market Square downtown as well as local schools, and that outreach has won them a Blake Lilly Prize from the national organization. This is the second such honor for UT's SPS chapter, which won the award in 2004 for TECOP, the Tennessee Cosmic ray Observatory Project.

SPS helped start a "Saturday Science Club" at Pond Gap Elementary School to encourage kids' interest in science.



The prize recognizes SPS chapters who "make a genuine effort to positively influence the attitudes of school children and the general public about physics." The honor was established in 1996 by the family of the late Blake Lilly, a student at Georgia Tech, and is given in his honor.

National SPS attention has been commonplace for the UT chapter in recent years. They have been recognized as an Outstanding Chapter three times since 2011, with one Honorable Mention. For their outreach work and the corresponding Lilly Prize, they will receive a three-volume set of *The Feynman Lectures on Physics*.

More information on the prize is available at the SPS Website:

<http://www.spsnational.org/programs/awards/lilly.htm>

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