

## Honors Day 2016

### Glenn Young Named Distinguished Alumni Awardee

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Alumnus Glenn Young does not, it turns out, hold a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee, despite graduating with majors in physics and math. He's actually a Bachelor of Arts graduate. This in no way deterred the physics department from honoring him with the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award, however, at the annual Honors Day talk on April 25.

Young, who gave the Honors Day address, explained that the university's undergraduate catalog changed his senior year and getting a B.S. would mean taking an Art History course, so he opted for the B.A. instead. He then walked through the highlights of his career, including a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 29 years at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where he headed the heavy ion reactions group for 16 years and the Physics Division for seven. His expertise in nuclear physics led him to experiments at ORNL, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Michigan State, CERN, and Brookhaven National Lab. In 2009 he moved to Jefferson Lab to lead the effort to build the physics detectors for the 12 GeV Upgrade Project there, a position he still holds. The department was pleased to honor him "For outstanding leadership in the design and construction of large-scale nuclear physics experiments at ORNL, CERN, BNL, and Jlab."



#### Glenn Young

Glenn Young (right, with Department Head Hanno Weitering) is a native of Kingsport, Tennessee. He is a Dobyms-Bennett High School alumnus (1969) and graduated from UT in 1973 with majors in physics and math. He earned a Ph.D. in 1978 from MIT with a thesis in nuclear physics. Dr. Young spent 29 years on the Oak Ridge National Laboratory staff working in nuclear physics and doing experiments at ORNL, LBNL, MSU, CERN, and BNL. He headed the heavy ion reactions group for 16 years and the

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The student/teaching awards for 2016 were as follows. (Read background on the awards [here \(http://www.phys.utk.edu/honors.html\)](http://www.phys.utk.edu/honors.html), or click through the [photo album \(../events/2016-honors-day/photo-album/index.html\)](http://www.phys.utk.edu/honors-day/photo-album/index.html).)

Outstanding First Year Student

Kevin Kleiner

Robert Talley Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research	Blake Erickson
Robert Talley Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Leadership	Brooke Carter
James W. McConnell Award for Academic Excellence	Daniel Shyles
Douglas V. Roseberry Award	Ryan Whitehead
Robert W. Lide Citations	Brandon Barker, Taylor Stevenson
Outstanding GTA Award	Ann Jennings
Outstanding Tutor Award	Will Moffitt
Colloquium Award	Krishna Koirala
Stelson Fellowship for Beginning Research	Blaine Heffron
Stelson Fellowship for Professional Promise	Adam Holt
Fowler-Marion Award	Zhiling Dun
James E. Parks Award	Phil Dee
Wayne Kincaid Award	David McCallister
Society of Physics Students Teacher of the Year Award	Christine Natrass
Sigma Pi Sigma Inductees	Carrie Elliott, Steven Taylor, Chima McGruder, and Louis Varriano