In the news...

Beyond Center Director Paul Davies was recently announced to be one of ASU’s 2011 Regents’ Professors.

ASU Physics Staff Members Maura Weidl-Giles, Jill Kolp & Natalie Rand participated November 12, 2011 in the Light the Night Walk for Team ASU Maura.

Professor Lawrence Krauss was in ASU News for his book: A Universe From Nothing. Additionally, Quantum Man is one of Physics World’s 2011 Books of the Year.

ASU Physics Welcomes New staff member Adam Farni as Undergraduate Program Coordinator. Farni is responsible for undergraduate advising services for the department and brings previous student support and coordinator experience from ASU.

Professor Peter Rez was part of a PBS NewsHour segment about radiation concerns from controversial body scanners now used in US airports.

ASU Physics Alumna Dr. Marianne Engel (Stefanini) and Dr. Don Engel ranked 2nd in the DARPA Shredder Challenge!

Professional Science Master’s in Nanoscience Capstone Conference

2011 has been an eventful year for the Professional Science Master’s (PSM) in Nanoscience Program at ASU. It grew to 13 current students and 13 alumni while also launching an Integrated BS Physics/PSM in Nanoscience degree program by the start of the Fall 2011 semester. Fall 2011 culminated with the PSM in Nanoscience Capstone Conference where graduating students were invited to share their Applied Projects and celebrate their success.

The Capstone Conference was bustling with about 35 current and prospective students, alumni, faculty, administrators, advisory board members, and interested community members in attendance. Congratulations to 2011 PSM in Nanoscience graduates: James Brandon Hepler, Michael Mosher, Matthew Ricketts, Rhet Stinson, Christopher England and Derek Mangelsdorf!

A special thank you to Carol Lynch, Senior Scholar in Residence and Director of PSM Program with the Council of Graduate Schools in Washington, D.C. for her short presentation on the development of PSM degree programs from a national perspective at the Capstone Conference.

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A Remarkable Fall Graduation

The end of the year brings time for appreciation, reflection and thoughts for the future. ASU Physics had a remarkable Fall Graduation Ceremony. Thirteen students received a physics BS degrees. In addition, our graduate program had what appears to be a record number of graduates. We welcomed two Professional Science Masters in Nanoscience graduates, two graduates received the Master in passing, and 18 PhD recipients (including two from the summer). This group of amazing individuals are skilled researchers, published authors and innovators in their respective research areas. They have all worked closely with faculty mentors most of whom attended the ceremony to show their appreciation of the student’s accomplishments and dedication. I greatly enjoyed recognizing each student as they crossed the stage at the CLAS Convocation. All of these students have grown from their experiences at ASU. We wish all of them well and look forward to hearing of their successes. Job well done to each graduate!

In the years ahead, we expect to see changes to the breadth and interests of our graduates. Our undergraduate program is poised to launch a new BS degree in Biophysics, and we are building new tracks to extend our PSN-Nanoscience program. Our faculty are exploring new research directions, and many of our future PhD students will center their dissertation research in these areas.

Let me take this moment to thank everyone for their help and support of ASU Physics. We appreciate the tremendous accomplishments of our dedicated students, the commitment of our faculty and staff to guide each student, and the support of our students’ family and friends, and we are grateful to all of our alumni and friends who have helped where they could and enjoyed the progress of our students and faculty.

Sincerely,
Bob

Faculty Trivia

How well do you know your physics faculty? Try your hand at the trivia question below:

This professor has gone scuba diving about 90 times...

Click here to submit your guess and discover the answer.