

ΣΠΣ Chapter Project Award Winners

SIGMA PI SIGMA CHAPTER NEWS

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Congratulations to the 2008 Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Project Award winners! These annual awards recognize chapter efforts to raise public awareness of the honor society, build Sigma Pi Sigma's student/alumni community, and promote inter-chapter activities. Here are the winners and their proposed projects, in their own words:



University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Funding was requested for a continuation of the previous year's induction ceremonies aimed at increasing public awareness and the sense of community of Sigma Pi Sigma members. The ceremony will feature several prestigious speakers from the faculty, the physics department, and Sigma Pi Sigma membership; a luncheon; and the formal

University of Central Florida
Left to right: Jarrad Pond, Kevin Thomas, and Sergio Tafur.

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induction of new members. The induction ceremony is one of the only formal ceremonies on campus in which prominent people from the University's higher administration participate.

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

The University of Louisville has not had a Sigma Pi Sigma induction in several years. We propose to hold a large induction ceremony with refreshments and a speaker in order to properly induct a large number of talented physics students and faculty into Sigma Pi Sigma. We also plan to use Sigma Pi Sigma funding to continue our growing outreach program to local schools.



Mesa State College

Left to right: Back: Dr. Bill Tiernan, Anton Neff, Demetri Falsone, Sherry Orton, Rick Johnston, Allison Cormier, and Dr. Chad Middleton.
Front: Clint Shelley.

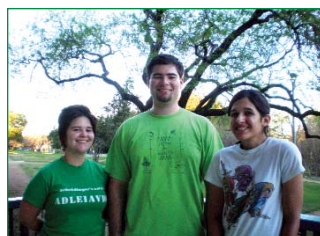
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Mesa State College, Grand Junction, CO

In order to facilitate the recruitment of new members, the Mesa State College chapter of Sigma Pi Sigma proposes to host an annual "egg-drop" competition for local high school students and to open our Sigma Pi Sigma induction dinner to all of our physics majors.

St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX

In an effort to revive the St. Mary's University Sigma Pi Sigma chapter, we propose to host a Sigma Pi Sigma induction ceremony and dinner during the same weekend as a public physics outreach performance hosted by our SPS chapter. A distinguished local alumnus will be invited to the dinner.



St. Mary's University

Left to right: Sara Rozinek, Chris Flores, and Gina Buffalo.
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ABOUT THE SIGMA PI SIGMA CHAPTER PROJECT AWARDS

Sigma Pi Sigma chapters are invited to submit grant proposals to the national office for funding of chapter inductions and events. Selected chapters may receive:

- ❖ A cash award of up to \$500 to help fund activities; and
- ❖ Recognition for chapter activities, whether funded or not, that succeed in one or more of the listed purposes.

PURPOSES:

- ❖ Raise awareness of Sigma Pi Sigma in the local community and the physics community.
- ❖ Build community among local alumni and new Sigma Pi Sigma members.
- ❖ Add greater distinction to induction ceremonies and other chapter events.

- ❖ Increase the number or new members inducted.
- ❖ Encourage fund raisers for chapters and scholarship funds.
- ❖ Encourage more inter-chapter activities.
- ❖ Recognize outstanding achievement at the chapter level.

Up to five proposals are awarded each year with grants up to \$500 each. Applications from past winners are encouraged, but chapters applying for the first time are especially welcome.

Interested in applying for a Chapter Project Award? Submit your proposal by November 15, 2008. Details can be found on the Sigma Pi Sigma website,

www.sigmapisigma.org