2012 Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Project Awards

The 2012 Sigma Pi Sigma (ΣΠΣ) Chapter Project Awards recognize chapter efforts to raise public awareness of the honor society, build ties between ΣΠΣ’s student and alumni communities, and promote interchapter activities. The winning chapters receive funds to help enhance their ΣΠΣ induction ceremony to include new activities as proposed by the chapter members. This year’s winners are listed below, along with a few excerpts from their award applications describing the events they have planned.

Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX: Honoring Physicists—Past & Present
We propose to hold an expanded version of our ΣΠΣ induction in spring 2012. The dinner will include recognition of outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students in our department. To put this honor in perspective, the program will also acknowledge the vital contributions of the three founders of the Physics Department and ΣΠΣ at Angelo State with ΣΠΣ Outstanding Service Awards. A presentation by a recent alumnus will complete the evening.

California State Univ., San Marcos, CA: Annual SPS Rocket Car Race and Recognition Ceremony
In the spring, we will host a Rocket Car Race, which will be followed by our ΣΠΣ and Graduating Seniors Recognition Ceremony. Students from our campus and our community colleges are invited to build and race rocket cars in a ladder-style tournament. We seek funding for building materials, food, and prizes.

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL: Induction Ceremony and Banquet
The University of Florida chapter of ΣΠΣ currently stands at an active membership of one student. In order to celebrate the reactivation of ΣΠΣ at the University of Florida and a renewal of induction activities for the chapter, a commemorative banquet has been planned.

University of North Alabama Florence, AL: 2012 Induction Ceremony
The University of North Alabama chapter of the ΣΠΣ honor society plans to host an induction ceremony for the spring 2012 semester. We are requesting funds to cover the cost of hors d’oeuvres and publicity for a public lecture at the event.

St. John’s University, Jamaica, NY: Physics Jeopardy with Students, Alumni, and Faculty
The ΣΠΣ chapter of St. John’s University plans to host its 2012 induction ceremony and invite students, alumni, and faculty for Physics Jeopardy. This event will promote the study of physics on the St. John’s campus and will foster interaction between current students, alumni, and faculty. In addition to inducting new members into ΣΠΣ, we will have a Jeopardy contest between three to five teams, each formed by a mix of current students, alumni, and faculty. The event will inspire students to appreciate the study of physics and the contributions made by the physics community to our society. In addition, it will promote fellowship among alumni, current students, and the faculty of our department. The award will be used to cover expenses for the Jeopardy prizes and the ceremony dinner.

Utah State University, Logan, UT: 2012 Induction Ceremony—“From the Past and Through the Future”
An induction meeting will be held to honor scholastic and outstanding achievement in physics for past and current students, increase awareness of involvement within ΣΠΣ, and to promote the increased representation of women in physics. To accomplish this, a formal induction and dinner will be held for alumni and prospective inductees to listen to a renowned and successful female physicist.

For more information about Sigma Pi Sigma Chapter Project Awards, including group photos, project reports, and application instructions, see: www.sigmapisigma.org/awards/chapter_projects.htm.