

2012 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Program

Dear Department Chair,

Thank you for promoting excellence in physics education by honoring your top teaching assistants. The American Association of Physics Teacher's is pleased to help you make this a meaningful award by providing a one year membership for your top two teaching assistants in recognition of outstanding performance as a physics educator.

The AAPT gift membership includes electronic access to our premier journals—the *American Journal of Physics* and *The Physics Teacher*, as well as *Physics Today*. Your outstanding teaching assistants also qualify for member registration rates at our national meetings and discounts from the Physics Store.

To activate the gift membership, the recipient will need to complete the Gift Membership form and return it to AAPT no later than June 30, 2012.

Please print the attached certificate and award letter on a color printer to enhance the visual impact of this award. We encourage you to present the certificate and award letter during a public assembly.

A sample press release is also enclosed. Public acknowledgement of your awardee's achievements showcases your school, your professional success, and generally increases public awareness of the role of physics education as critical to the nation's future.

Thank you again for your personal commitment to physics education.

Sincerely,



Marilyn B. Gardner
Director of Communications & Membership

2012 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Gift Membership

Congratulations! The American Association of Physics Teacher's is pleased to award you a one year membership in recognition of your outstanding teaching abilities.

Your AAPT membership entitles you to online subscriptions to both of AAPT's premier journals—the *American Journal of Physics* and *The Physics Teacher*, as well as *Physics Today*.

As a gifted young physics educator launching into professional life, these journals provide a balance of physics content and practical pedagogical application. You also qualify for member registration rates for our national meetings and member discounts from The Physics Store.

To activate your gift membership, please complete this form and return to AAPT Membership by fax or mail no later than June 30, 2012. After submitting your member information, watch for an introductory email from AIP Scitations (American Institute of Physics) giving you registration instructions for online journal access.

Best wishes on your future academic and professional endeavors,



Marilyn B. Gardner
Director of Communications & Membership

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Complete the following information and send to AAPT no later than June 30, 2012. All information is required to activate.

Name _____

School _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email _____ Daytime Phone _____

Dept. Chair _____

Expected Graduation Date: Month (MM) ____ Year (YYYY) _____

Note: Students who maintain an active AAPT membership are eligible for student rates for three years after graduation!

Sample News Release

Use this opportunity to publicize your physics program and highlight your successful teaching assistants. The sample news release below may be edited and submitted to your local newspapers before the award. News releases submitted on your school letterhead are more apt to be printed.

For release on: (Date) _____

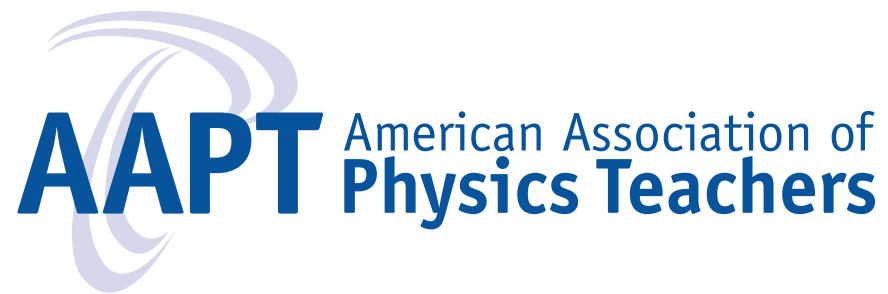
Contact: (Your name and contact information.)

Header: (School name) Presents Association Award to Outstanding Teaching Assistant(s)

(Student name) has been selected as the Outstanding Teaching Assistant at (School name). (Department Chair name) presented him/her with a certificate of achievement and a gift membership to the American Association of Physics Teachers at an award ceremony held (when) at (place).

(Student name) is the son/daughter of (Parent name(s), city). (Student's) activities and achievements include (e.g. consider the criteria used for selection to showcase their accomplishments)

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) is the world leader in promoting physics education. Each year the Association recognizes outstanding teaching assistants and grants them a one year gift membership.



2012 Outstanding Physics Teaching Assistant

Name

Institution

Date

Faculty Member

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill A. Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J".

Jill A. Marshall, President
American Association of Physics Teachers