Distinguished Service Citations

Wednesday, July 23 • 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. • Horowitz Theatre

Dean Baird
Rio Americano High School, Sacramento, CA
Dean co-authored several conceptual physical science lab manuals and contributed to Paul Hewitt's Conceptual Physics. He has served on the AAPT High School Examinations Development Committee and developed and evaluated questions for use in AAPT’s Physics Bowl and the Physics Olympiad. Dean has an extensive website that contains, among many other things, his unique textbook, The Book of Phyz.

Anne Cox
Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL
Anne is a well-known innovator in the effective use of technology for physics teaching. She served as President of the Florida Section of AAPT, hosted two Florida Section meetings at Eckerd, and has organized sessions at regional and national AAPT and APS meetings. In 2006 she won a Florida Section Distinguished Service Award two years after she received a Distinguished Teacher Award at Eckerd College.

Harry Manos
Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA
Harry is a highly respected AAPT representative in the international community. In addition to his local and national work, he took a leadership role in the Inter-American Conferences on Physics Education in Argentina, Brazil and Cuba, and also the USA/Japan/China Conferences held in Hawaii, Japan and China. In May he was presented the “2008 Spangler Excellence in Mentoring Award” at Los Angeles City College.

Karen Jo Matsler
Education, Assessment, and Training, Inc. and Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, TX
Karen Jo has served on AAPT’s Committee on Physics in High School and as Vice President of the Texas Section of AAPT. She has given short courses at meetings of the National Science Teachers Association and is heavily involved in the AAPT Physics Teaching Resource Agents (PTRA) program, where she plays a key leadership role.

Steve Shropshire
Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID
Steve served on AAPT’s Pre-High School Education Committee for five years, chairing it for two. He was Vice president of the Idaho/Utah Section and has served as its Section Representative since 1998. Steve was awarded the Idaho State University Outstanding Public Servant Award in 1996, 1999, 2001, and 2003, and the Salvation Army Community Hero Award in 2000 and 2003.

Richard Zitto
Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH
Dick served as President of the Northern Ohio Section of AAPT. He was on AAPT’s Committees on Physics in High Schools and the History and Philosophy of Physics, and has been an AAPT workshop presenter. His participation in Northeastern Ohio’s PTRA program led to formation of the Youngstown Area Physics Alliance, for which he served as co-Director for 18 years.