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AAPT Awards Special Presidential Citations to University of Washington and Whitworth College

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The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT; <http://www.aapt.org>) announced that a special honor was presented to both the University of Washington (Seattle) and Whitworth College (Spokane, WA). The AAPT Special Presidential Citation award was presented to these higher places of learning in recognition of their Physics Department, for achieving an exemplary increase in its numbers of physics majors. The awards were presented to physics department chairs, Dr. David Boulware, University of Washington, and Dr. Richard Stevens, Whitworth College, by Kenneth Heller, AAPT President, and Toufic Hakim, AAPT's new Executive Officer.

“The increase in the institution’s physic majors further demonstrates the interest and need to continue the AAPT mission of providing excellent support to physics teachers nationally and internationally and to future AAPT members” added Heller.

“We are very pleased with the institution’s success in increasing the number of physics majors systematically” said Hakim. “AAPT is ready to support and drive any effort that leads to increased interest in physics.”

The Presidential Awards Presentation took place on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at the joint meeting of AAPT and the American Astronomical Society (AAS) being held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, 5-10 January 2007, Seattle. It was featured as part of the first Symposium on Physics Education titled “Overcoming Gravity: The Critical Force of Physics Education in Boosting National Competitiveness.”

About AAPT

AAPT is the leading organization for physics educators—with more than 10,000 members worldwide. Our mission is to enhance the understanding and appreciation of physics through teaching. And we provide our members with many opportunities for professional development, communication, and student enrichment.

AAPT was founded in 1930 and is headquartered in the American Center for Physics in College Park, MD.

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