Sanjay Rebello Receives 2010 AAPT Distinguished Service Citation

College Park, MD April 22, 2010— According to the Kansas State University website, “Sanjay Rebello does not just teach his students -- he wants to get into their minds.”

This associate professor of physics focuses his research on physics education. Rebello has been an active member of AAPT since 1995. He is currently serving on the Committee Graduate Education in Physics, and has served on the Committee on Educational Technologies. He hosted the 2003 Arkansas-Oklahoma-Kansas (AOK) section meeting at Kansas State University and is always working on some project that leads to better physics education. He organized the 2004 PER Conference at the National AAPT Summer meeting.

An active member of the AOK Section, Rebello brings his graduate students to section meetings where they always present the latest physics education research that the Kansas State University PER group is conducting. He is the kind of "champion" that a local AAPT section needs to maintain its presence in the greater organization. Without him, the AAPT AOK Section might be lost among the wind blown prairies.

Rebello promotes good educational practices in the classroom and he practices what he preaches. His students rave at his ability to assist them in understanding physics at both a conceptual level and at even greater depths. Many of his graduate students have continued the tradition of physics education as they have moved on to their own teaching careers, giving talks at the various AAPT meetings around the nation. This is probably the most significant and essential part of what Sanjay Rebello has meant to AAPT.

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