

2020 University of Denver Physics & Astronomy Graduation Party

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Congratulations graduates!!!

Physics BS

Josiah Aklilu
Austen Appleby
Ryan Davis
Hunter Gallegos
Will Holtzmann
Alejandro Magana
Ciara McCabe
Rebecca McCubbin
Lincoln Schafer
Irene Schimmel
Alex Werner
Emilee Wurtz

Physics MA

Charles Payne
Stephen Wedekind

Physics PhD

Amani Alfaifi
Wafa Aljuaid
Rachel Bennet
Andrew Fullard
Justin Pettuci



2020 University of Denver
Physics & Astronomy Graduation Party

Thank you for joining us! Please mute your audio and “find your seat” 😊
We will be starting in a few minutes.

2020 University of Denver
First (and last?) Online Physics & Astronomy Graduation Party

Zoom etiquette:

- Please mute your audio for now
- Feel free to show your video if bandwidth allows

Program

1. Shortest DU graduation speech ever
2. Introducing the Bachelor of Science in Physics grads
3. Undergraduate awards
4. PATOTY
5. Introducing the Master of Science in Physics grads
6. Introducing the Doctor of Philosophy in Physics grads
7. Closing remarks and breakout room instructions
8. **Party time:** mingling and congratulating the graduates

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Shortest DU graduation speech ever

Pomp and circumstance has *lyrics*! Chorus:

Land of hope and glory, mother of the free
How shall we extol thee, who are born of thee?

Verse:

Equal laws, by freedom gained,
By freedom gained and truth maintained

Graduates: you're good at listening – do it!

And stay in touch!

2020 graduates
Bachelor's of Science in Physics

Josiah
Aklilu

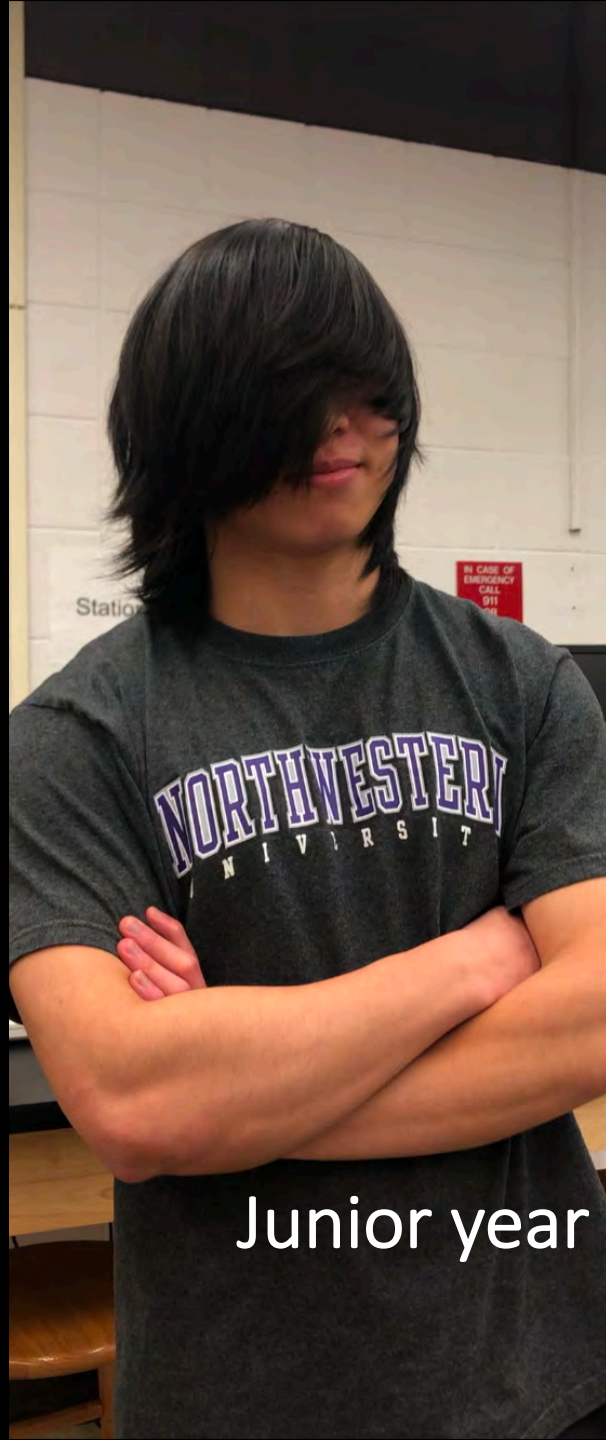
Summa Cum Laude



Austen
Appleby



Ryan Davis



Junior year



Senior year

Hunter
Gallegos



William
Holtzmann
Summa Cum Laude



Alejandro
Magana



Ciara
McCabe



Rebecca
McCubbin
Summa Cum Laude



Lincoln
Schafer



Irene
Schimmel



Alex
Werner



Emilee
Wurtz
cum laude



Physics awards

Outstanding Physics Graduate(s)

Josiah Aklilu

Ciara McCabe

Austen Appleby

Rebecca McCubbin

Ryan Davis

Lincoln Schafer

Hunter Gallegos

Irene Schimmel

Will Holtzmann

Alex Werner

Alejandro Magana

Emilee Wurtz

Distinction in the major

Will Holtzmann

Rebecca McCubbin

Lincoln Schafer

William Herschel Womble award for undergraduate research in astronomy

Lincoln Schafer

Irene Schimmel

TM Stephen Award

Established in 2007 in memory of Dr. Thomas M. Stephen (1957-2004), former Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Physics & Astronomy, in recognition of his scholarly contributions and extraordinary dedication to students. This award is presented to an outstanding physics major based on academic achievement.

2020 awardees...

Becca McCubbin

Aaron Fultineer

Graduates look back

- I am deeply appreciative to the physics department for being such a great place for me to learn and grow during the past four years. It is clear that each professor here cares deeply about their students.
- I am grateful for the awesome professor-student relationships in our small program.
- I'd like to say thank you to all the physics professors for being so helpful and dedicated to learning no matter how much help I've needed. And to all of my peers, because I've never seen another group that is so dedicated to the success of each other just as much as themselves. We just have a really great culture in the physics department and I'm glad I got to be a part of it for four years.
- My memories: homework, and not sleeping so that I can do more homework.
- I am incredibly grateful to everyone who helped me these past four years and for the support from the department!
- I would just like to say how absolutely wonderful this department is. Never once did I have a professor that I did not love learning from. Every single member of this faculty has been helpful, friendly, and encouraging over these last 4 years and I feel very lucky to have had had you all. DU, and this department specifically, has helped change me into the person that I take pride in being, and I would like to express my gratitude.

2019-2020
University of Denver
Distinguished
Teaching Award



Prof. Steven Iona

2020

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A_{nd}

A_{stronomy}

T_{eacher}

O_f

T_{he}

Y_{ear}



Prof. Jennifer Hoffman

2020 graduates
Master or Arts in Physics

Charles
Payne



Stephen
Wedekind



2020 graduates
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Amani Alfaifi

Investigating New
Methods to Improve
Perovskite Solar Cells

Advisor: Davor Balzar



Wafa Aljuaid

Thermally Driven Spin
Transport In
Ferromagnetic Metals

Advisor: Xin Fan



Rachel Bennet

2D Confinement of
Thermal Gradients in
Metallic Nonlocal
Spin Valves

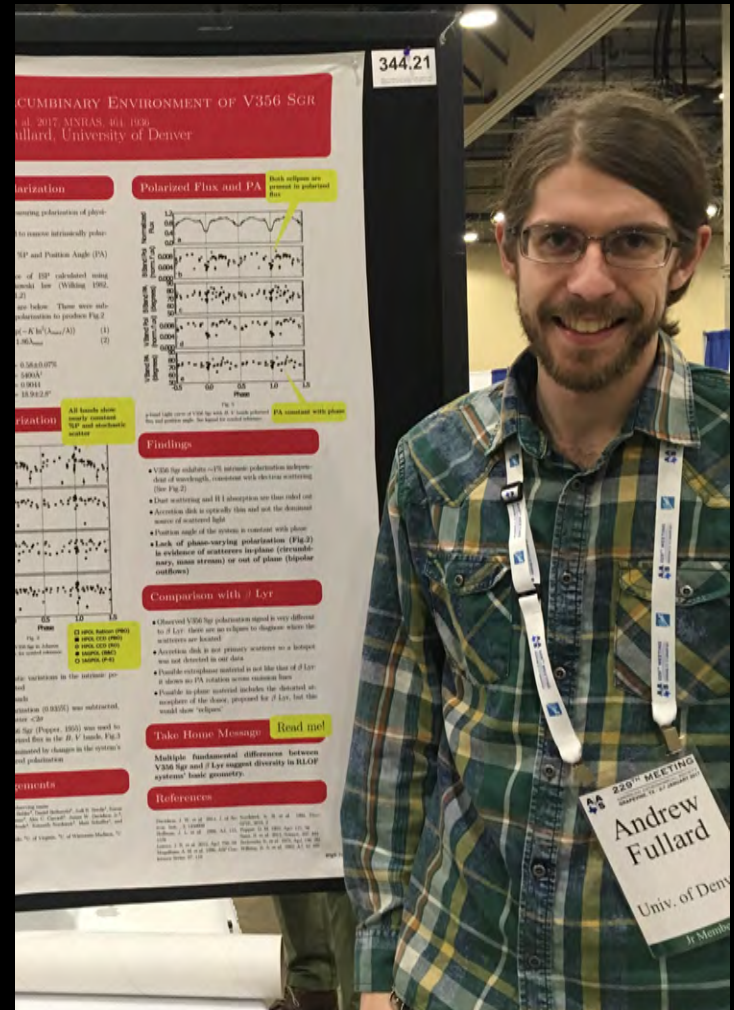
Advisor: Barry Zink



Andrew Fullard

A Spectropolarimetric Study of Southern WR+O Binaries

Advisor: Jennifer Hoffman



Justin Pettuci
Gas Adsorption in
Carbon Nanohorns:
Equilibrium and Kinetics
Advisor: Mercedes Calbi



2019-2020
University of Denver
Graduate Teaching
Assistant Awards

Department chair, Davor Balzar



Congratulations
class of 2020!



It's party time!

Please join us for informal conversation with the graduates and their families.

Unmute

You are welcome to unmute audio and video

Chat
rooms

You will be placed in a random breakout room. Feel free to move between rooms.

Help

Send a chat message to Davor Balzar if you are having trouble accessing rooms.