

**New Faculty Workshop** 

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# Departmental Ecosystems: Recruitment, Retention, Mentoring, Diversity, Leadership, and More

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- Take out a piece of paper
- What is the biggest issue you are facing or have recently faced in your department, or think you will face soon (but not time or money)





## In affinity groups:

- What has been the most successful in addressing your issue(s)?
- What has failed?
- What was the best idea to come out of the discussion?



## Physics Teacher Education Coalition (PhysTEC)

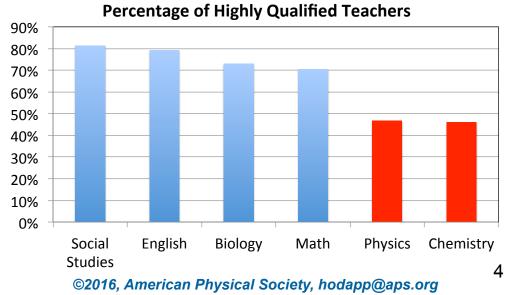
**Goal:** Increase the number of highly qualified high school physics teachers; Build a national coalition of universities engaged in this work

**Strategy:** Encourage and support physics departments to work proactively to recruit and educate future teachers. Provide best-practices and advocate for successful strategies (national meeting: 17-18 Feb 2017)

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Support: NSF-0108787, 0808790, 1646913

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URL: www.phystec.org

www.aps.org

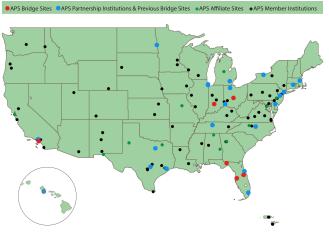


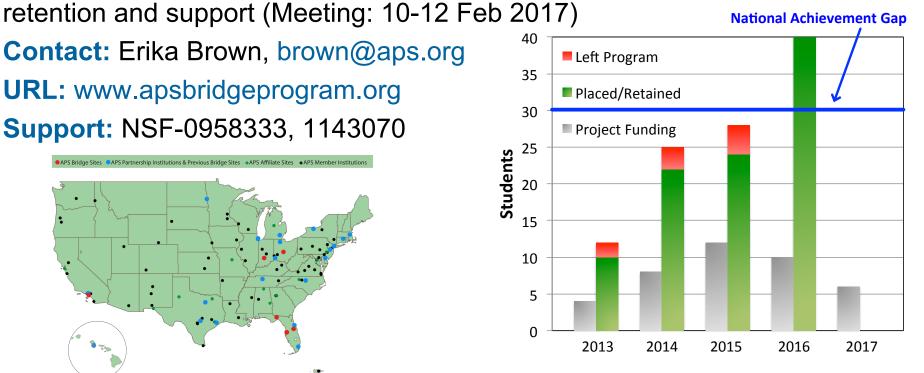
## **APS Bridge Program**

Goal: Increase the number of underrepresented (URM) students earning a PhD in physics or astrophysics

**Strategy:** Collect applications from URM students not admitted, and make available to departments. Provide best-practices in admissions, mentoring,

**Contact:** Erika Brown, brown@aps.org **URL:** www.apsbridgeprogram.org Support: NSF-0958333, 1143070





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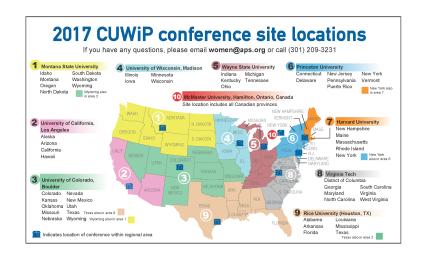


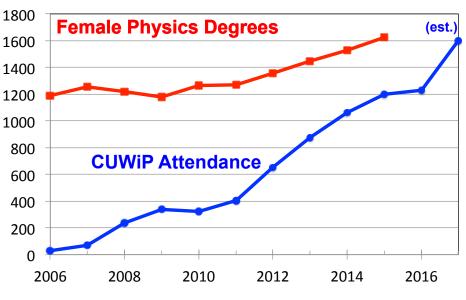
#### **Conferences for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP)**

**Goal:** Three-day regional conferences for undergraduate physics majors, to help women continue in physics by providing them with information about graduate school, professional career advice, and networking opportunities with other women in physics (Next events: 13-15 Jan 2017)

Contact: Renee Michelle Goertzen, goertzen@aps.org Support: NSF: 1346627, 1622510; DOE: DE-SC0011076

URL: www.aps.org/cuwip





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## **Society of Physics Students**

**Goal:** Support the professional development of undergraduate physics majors

**Strategy:** Sigma Pi Sigma – the physics honor society; leadership opportunities; department cohesion; scholarships; internships; outreach awards; undergrad research; conferences

Strategy: Careers Toolbox

**Contact:** Brad Conrad, bconrad@aip.org

**URL:** www.spsnational.org



### **Public Outreach**

**Goal:** Build excitement in populations beyond the physics/astronomy community for physics and science

**Strategy:** Mini-grants for outreach (\$10,000); comic books, posters, and science kits for middle school classrooms (PhysicsQuest); blogs and social media posts on "cool" science

Contact: Becky Thompson, thompson@aps.org

URL: www.physicscentral.org

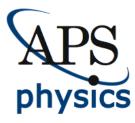


Goal: Increase the number of African American, Hispanic American, and Native American undergraduates obtaining physics bachelor's degrees Strategy: Connect students with local faculty mentors and provide support and resources. Launching emergency financial aid fund to mentees. National recognition of mentoring service (coming). Contact: Kathryne Woodle / Arlene Modeste Knowles, nmc@aps.org URL: www.aps.org/nmc



### **Grad School Shopper**

Goal: Provide information on physics / astronomy graduate programs
Strategy: Online resource with data, and comparisons
Contact: Bo Hammer, hammer@aip.org
URL: gradschoolshopper.com

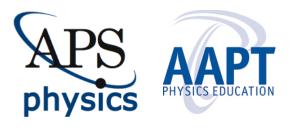


## **Physics InSight Slideshow**

**Goal:** Provide a careers-oriented hallway slideshow for recruitment **Strategy:** Slideshow comes out ~2x/semester and features profiles of physicists in industry, national labs, and other non-academic (mostly) careers; focus on individuals without PhDs (students already get information on academic careers); editable to include local information; hundreds of slides available

**Contact:** Crystal Bailey, bailey@aps.org

URL: www.aps.org/careers/insight



## **National Reports**

**Goal:** Provide best-practice advice on topics relevant to improving and supporting physics departments

- **SPIN-UP:** Increase number of majors www.aps.org/programs/ education/undergrad/faculty/spinup/spinup-report.cfm
- T-TEP: Improve teacher education www.phystec.org/webdocs/ TaskForce.cfm
- Phys21: Enhance career readiness of majors www.compadre.org/ JTUPP/report.cfm
- LGBT+: Improve climate for LGBT physicists www.aps.org/ programs/lgbt/
- GradEd: Improve graduate education www.aps.org/programs/ education/graduate/conf2013/report.cfm



#### **APS Policy Statements**

**Goal:** Advocate for physicists, and the broader community **Topics:** Education Ethics and Values **Human Rights Internal Policy National Policy Education Topics: Undergraduate Research Statement** K-12 Education Statement **Career Options for Physicists** Advocacy for Science Education Improving Education for Professional Ethics, Standards and Practices Assessment and Science **Research in Physics Education URL**: www.aps.org/policy/statements





**Goal:** Provide data to help faculty and departments understand the national picture and make comparisons

- AIP SRC: Comprehensive data on faculty, students, careers, and diversity www.aip.org/statistics
- APS: Graphics, data, and presentation-ready slides using national sources to inform departments on students, women, minorities, and trends; comparison tool to rank your department www.aps.org/programs/education/statistics



#### Portal: Introductory Physics for the Life Sciences

**Goal:** Transformative web site for sharing, testing, and disseminating materials for IPLS and related courses. Being developed by AAPT and eight colleges and universities. Up and running by mid-2018

**Contact:** Bob Hilborn, rhilborn@aapt.org

URL: www.compadre.org/ipls/

Support: NSF-1624185



## Partnership for Integrating Computation into UG Physics

**Goal:** Survey of the current usage of computational work in undergraduate physics programs (report available early 2017). Annual Computational Physics Faculty Development Workshop. Computational Physics workshops at AAPT section meetings, and APS and AAPT national meetings

Contact: Bob Hilborn, rhilborn@aapt.org

URL: www.compadre.org/picup

Support: NSF: 1432363, 1524963, 1505278



## Physics Research Mentor Training Seminar

**Goal:** Help research mentors improve their mentoring skills

**Strategy:** Provide a guidebook and materials to facilitate a 10-week seminar for physics researchers. Includes guidance on how to run workshops, directed readings, and strategy tips

Contact: Monica Plisch, plisch@aps.org

**URL:** www.aps.org/programs/education/undergrad/faculty/mentor-training.cfm



## **Council on Undergraduate Research**

**Goal:** Advocating for faculty's role in providing undergraduate research opportunities for students

**Strategy:** Develop faculty networks, develop tools and resources that support faculty, assess impact of undergraduate research, advocate and pilot new ways to engage students in research

**Contact:** Terry Oswalt (ERAU), terry.oswalt@erau.edu

URL: www.cur.org



**Goal:** Enable women in physics and astronomy departments (particularly those who are isolated) to create their own eAlliance, a peer mentoring group of other women physicists or astronomers who share similar characteristics.

Contact: eAlliances@aapt.org

URL: ealliances.aapt.org

Support: NSF-1500529



#### Professional Skills Development Workshops

Goal: Improve the negotiation and communication skills for women Strategy: 1-day workshop at national APS meetings; facilitation by nationally recognized leaders in negotiation and communication strategies Contact: Miranda Bard, bard@aps.org Support: NSF-0347210, 0752540, 1012585, 1419913 URL: www.womeninphysics.org



## **CSWP Site Visits to Improve the Climate for Women and Minorities**

**Goal:** Improve the climate for underrepresented individuals in physics departments

**Strategy:** 1-2 day site visits resulting in a formal report to the chair; 1-year follow up; focus on Research Universities, National Laboratories, Scientific Collaborations; 79 visits over last 25 years; best-practices in hiring, retention, climate, etc. available on the website; led by the APS Committee on the Status of Women in Physics (CSWP)

**Contact:** Miranda Bard, bard@aps.org

**URL:** www.womeninphysics.org



## **Women in Physics Groups**

**Goal:** Improve recruitment and/or retention of women in physics (WiP)

**Strategy:** Provide mini-grants (up to \$1,000) to build, improve, or sustain WiP groups; collect and share ideas on activities

**Examples:** Workshops on careers, communication, negotiation, leadership, dealing with bias, other skills; high school or middle school classroom visits; lab tours or field trips; research expos; book club or journal club; group lunches, dinners, or social events

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## Undergraduate Curriculum Taskforce White Papers

**Product:** AAPT recommendations for the Undergraduate Physics Laboratory Curriculum

**Product:** AAPT recommendations for Computational Physics in the Undergraduate Physics Curriculum

**Source:** Both available on your USB drive

Contact: Ernie Behringer, ebehringe@emich.edu

URL: www.aapt.org



#### Guide for Program Assessment, Improvement, and Review

**Goal:** Develop a working document to guide departmental review, assessment, and improvement

**Strategy:** Convening a national task force to design, write, vet, and disseminate a guide along with its inherent review structure; although not accreditation at this time, it will form the basis of a document that could be used in this fashion; first beta-test sections likely to come out next summer with the full guide released in 2018.

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