

Fall 2007

To All Physics 218 Students in All Sections:

We are pleased to announce the fall 2007 competition for the *Award for Exceptional Performance* in Physics 218. As many of you know, every semester there is a challenge exam given at the end of the semester to determine these awards. This exam is open to all students in all sections. It will cover the material from the first three exams in the regular Physics 218 sections, inclusively, and will in no way count towards your final class grade. It is, in some sense, simply for fun and a way to match your physics skills against the very best here at A&M.

This semester, the exam will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3, in classroom 202T of the Engineering Physics Building (ENPH)**. If you are interested in competing for this award (which includes a certificate, as well as a book and a monetary award), please contact Sandi Smith in ENPH Room 421, 845-7738, or smiths@tamu.edu, at your earliest convenience. Please include your name, instructor's name, major, UIN, and an e-mail address where we can reach you. We would appreciate your response no later than Friday, November 30, 2007.

As an added incentive, all students who perform well on the challenge exam will be named *Addison Wesley / Benjamin Cummings Mechanics Scholars* and be invited to a catered lunch in room 230 of the MSC December 6 (reading day), from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in their honor. In addition to lunch, we will have presentations by faculty members about potential careers for people with high levels of physics problem solving skills.

We hope to hear from you soon as only a limited number of seats for the exam exist. Thank you.

Physics 218 Awards Committee