

[LaserFest]

Middle-School Teachers: Contact Us for a Free Laser Activity Kit

The “Laser Days in the Classroom” Activity Kit is sponsored by Lockheed Martin and LaserFest. It includes a series of easy-to-demonstrate laser-related educational activities that are targeted to middle-school students. The demonstrations illustrate how regular light differs from laser light; how to use a laser to transmit sound; and how to measure a hair’s width with a laser. Other classroom materials include posters, stickers, comic books, and playing cards.

Only 200 kits are available; we will give one kit per name and address in order to distribute the kit as widely as possible. Please send the following information to info@LaserFest.org: your name, shipping address, e-mail, phone number, the name of your school, and the grade level for which you intend to distribute the kit. For more information about LaserFest, visit www.laserfest.org.



[OSA Foundation News]

Congrats to Inaugural Jean Bennett Travel Grant Recipient

The OSA Foundation (OSAF) presented the first Jean Bennett Memorial Student



Travel Grant to **Tongcang Li** from the University of Texas at Austin, U.S.A. during the OSAF Chairman’s Breakfast, which took place during the Frontiers in Optics (FiO)

conference. This grant program was established in memory of **Jean M. Bennett**, a highly decorated research physicist and OSA’s first female president. Li was selected as the winner from more than 80 applicants who presented their work during the conference.

The OSAF congratulates Li and extends a special thank you to our contributors and to the 2010 Bennett Memorial Student Travel Grant Review Committee: Matthieu Baudelet, Joe Carroll, Wei Ding, Prasoon Diwakar, He Gao, Bahareh Haji-Saeed, Nan Hua, Xiaojing Huang, Haifeng Huang, Young-Jin Kim, Christopher LaFratta, Pengfei Lan, Yin-Wen Lee, Odile Liboiron-Ladouceur, Le Luo, Jeremy Murray-Krezan, Yoshi Okawachi, Prasanna Pavani, Jiahui Peng, David Scherer, Mohan Shankar, Liyang Shao, Rakesh Singh, Donna Strickland, Jeffrey Taylor, Fatima Toor, Victor Torres Company, Alessandro Vilar, Giovanni

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If you would like to support this program or other Foundation initiatives please visit: www.osa-foundation.org/give.

Rochester Local Section Hosts Science Educators’ Day

The Rochester Local Section of OSA worked overtime to ensure that teachers attending Science Educators’ Day (EDAY) 2010 had an excellent experience. This year, the EDAY event included demonstrations, hands-on workshops, raffle prizes, dinner, networking and a large bag full of education materials and lesson plans—all free to attendees. OSA’s membership and education department extends heartfelt thanks to David Berg, Jennifer Kruschwitz, Per Adamson, Amber Beckley, Ron Jodois, Andrew Berger, Marcelo Guimaraes, Jessica DeGroot Nelson, Thomas Brown, Andrew Davidhazy, Lukas Novotny and Judy Donnelly for their time and dedication.



[OSA Benefit Highlight]

Request Your OSA Senior Member Designation

OSA Senior Membership provides well-established individuals with the opportunity to request a designation that recognizes their experience, accomplishments and service within their field. In 2010, the OSA Board of Directors approved more than 160 OSA Senior Members. For details and to submit a designation request online, please visit the “Membership Categories” section of OSA.org. Requests must include two referrals from other OSA members. Completed submissions are due 28 February 2011 and will be reviewed by May 2011.

Check Out New OSA Foundation Website

The OSA Foundation launched a new website that features information about its many programs, grants and success stories. The site also describes ways that OSA members can help to inspire the next generation of science leaders through volunteer activities or by making a financial contribution. We hope you will visit us often at www.osa-foundation.org.