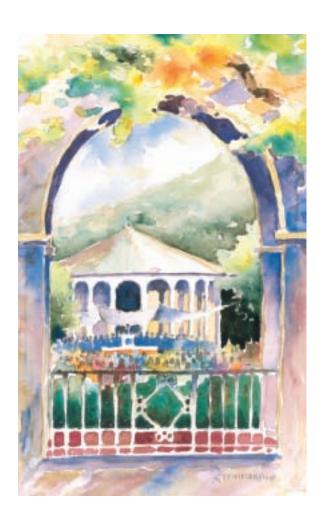


# CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE of TECHNOLOGY

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One Hundred Twelfth
Annual Commencement

Friday Morning at Ten O'Clock June Ninth, Two Thousand Six  $I_{\rm N}$  HIS DIARY ENTRY of September 1, 1891, Pasadena philanthropist Amos Throop wrote, "Planted potatoes, cleaned a water pipe, husked the corn . . . . In afternoon, saw Mr. Wooster and rented his block for five years . . . and hope I have made no mistake." Were he here today, Throop could rest assured in his decision, for the building of which he wrote, the Wooster Block, was rented for the purpose of establishing Throop University—the forerunner of Caltech.

In November of that year, Throop University opened its doors to 31 students and a six-member faculty. Could anyone have imagined then that the school would become a world center for science and engineering research and education? Perhaps, for in the first year, the board of trustees began to reconsider the mission of the school. In 1892, they decided to emphasize industrial training, and in 1893, reflecting this new focus, renamed the school Throop Polytechnic Institute.

Throop might have remained just a good local school had it not been for the arrival in Pasadena of George Ellery Hale. A faculty member at the University of Chicago and a noted astronomer, Hale settled here in 1903. From that time until his death in 1938, he made significant contributions to Pasadena and Southern California: he established the Mount Wilson Observatory, raised funds for Palomar Observatory and its 200-inch telescope, participated in the creation of the Huntington Library and Art Gallery, helped design the Civic Center in downtown Pasadena, and—perhaps his single greatest achievement—

set the course for the development of Throop into the California Institute of Technology, a school he envisioned as a scientific institution of the highest rank.

In 1913, Hale convinced Arthur Amos Noyes, professor of chemistry and former president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to join him in Pasadena. With the arrival in 1917 of Robert Andrews Millikan, professor of physics at the University of Chicago, Hale had assembled the founders of the new institution. The world center of scientific and engineering research and education he had imagined soon took shape under a new name, the California Institute of Technology, administered by Millikan and enriched with the scientific talents of Noyes and his faculty colleagues.

Caltech today has a 124-acre campus and operates seven off-campus astronomical, seismological, and marine biological facilities, and administers NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory as well. At present, the Institute has an enrollment of some 2,100 students, more than half of whom are in graduate studies; about 280 professorial faculty members, including five Nobel laureates and three Crafoord laureates; and more than 100 research faculty members. Today Caltech will award 247 students the B.S. degree; 120 students the M.S. degree; and 177 doctoral candidates the Ph.D. degree, for a total of 544 graduates—quite a leap from the one man and one woman who constituted the first collegiate graduating class of Throop Polytechnic Institute.

#### Please note:

Video footage of commencement may be viewed on the Caltech website at http://www.caltech.edu/commencement. Broadcast is scheduled to begin by the end of the day.

 $T_{\rm HESE\ TRIBAL\ RITES}$  have a very long history. They go back to the ceremony of initiation for new university teachers in mediaeval Europe. It was then customary for students, after an appropriate apprenticeship to learning and the presentation of a thesis as their masterpiece, to be admitted to the Guild of Masters of Arts and granted the license to teach. In the ancient University of Bologna this right was granted by authority of the pope and in the name of the Holy Trinity. We do not this day claim such high authority.

As in any other guild, whether craft or merchant, the master's status was crucial. In theory at least, it separated the men from the boys, the competent from the incompetent. On the way to his master's degree, a student might collect a bachelor's degree in recognition of the fact that he was half-trained, or partially equipped. The doctor's degree was somewhat different. Originally indistinguishable from the master's, the doctor's gradually emerged by a process of escalation into a super magisterial role—first of all in the higher faculties of theology, law, and medicine. It will come as no surprise that the lawyers had a particular and early yen for this special distinction.

These graduations and distinctions are reflected in the quaint and colorful niceties of academic dress.

Of particular interest is the cap or mortarboard. In the form of the biretta it was the peculiar sign of the master. Its use has now spread far beyond

that highly select group to school girls and choir boys and even to the nursery school. *Sic transit* . . .

The gown, of course, is the basic livery of the scholar, with its clear marks of rank and status—the pointed sleeves of the bachelor, the oblong sleeves of the master, the full sleeves and velvet trimmings of the doctor. The doctors, too, may depart from basic black and break out into many colors—Harvard crimson or Yale blue or the scarlet splash of Oxford.

Color is the very essence of the hood: color in the main body to identify the university; color perhaps in the binding to proclaim the subject of the degree—orange for engineering, gold for science, the baser copper for economics, white for arts and letters, green for medicine, purple for law, scarlet for theology, and so on. Size is a further variable, as the hoods tend to lengthen from the three feet of the bachelor to the four of the doctor. So the birds are known by their plumage.

With this color and symbolism, which is mediaeval though mutated, we stage our brief moment of pageantry, paying homage to that ancient community of scholars in whose shadow we stand, and acknowledging our debt to the university as one of the great institutional constructs of the Middle Ages. While looking back, however, we also celebrate the achievements of this present generation of students and look forward to the future of these our younger colleagues, whom we now welcome to our midst.

David C. Elliot Professor of History, Emeritus David Baltimore has stood post as Caltech's seventh president for nearly nine years. During his tenure, a fund-raising initiative for the biological sciences came to a close, marked by the construction and dedication of the Broad Center for the Biological Sciences, and the Institute launched the current \$1.4 billion campaign, which has included receipt of the largest gift to higher education, \$600 million from Gordon and Betty Moore and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. In addition to working toward increasing diversity at Caltech, Dr. Baltimore appointed the first full-time vice president for student affairs and initiated a \$3 million fund to improve the quality of undergraduate life.

Born in New York in 1938, Dr. Baltimore first became interested in biology when, as a high school student, he attended a summer program where he "discovered that the frontier of knowledge was actually very close and very accessible." In 1960, he earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Swarthmore College and four years later earned his Ph.D. in biology from the Rockefeller University. Postdoctoral positions at MIT and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine followed, as did a three-year stint at the Salk Institute in La Jolla. He then returned to MIT as an associate professor in 1968 and was named full professor in 1972.

Dr. Baltimore's early investigations focused on questions about the relationships between DNA and RNA in a cell's internal functions—specifically, on how cancer-causing RNA viruses manage to infect healthy cells. One result of this research was the first identification of an enzyme that allowed a molecule of RNA from a cancer-causing virus to change into DNA and then splice itself to

the DNA of a host cell. The mystery enzyme was dubbed reverse transcriptase, and its discovery greatly expanded scientists' understanding of cancer, AIDS, and the molecular basis of the immune response. For his landmark research, Dr. Baltimore was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1975.

Along with his laboratory colleagues, Dr. Baltimore has since tackled such questions as how white blood cells decide which antibodies to manufacture and how proteins called transcription factors turn genes on and off while DNA is being assembled in a cell. Throughout his tenure as president of Caltech, he has maintained an intense research program in his lab, which has established a new methodology to help fight cancer and developed a new gene therapy that is highly effective in preventing HIV from infecting individual cells in the immune system.

Dr. Baltimore has also been actively involved with issues concerning administrative and public policy in science and technology. In the mid-1970s, he played an important role in creating a consensus on national science policy regarding recombinant DNA research, which helped to establish research standards that are still followed by the scientific community. In 1982, he became the founding director of MIT's Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, and in the early 1990s, he was one of the architects of the \$1 billion Human Genome Project. When in 1986 a national commission chaired by Dr. Baltimore found the government's attempts to deal with AIDS woefully inadequate, he became an early advocate of federal AIDS research. Ten years later, he was appointed to head the National Institutes of Health AIDS Vaccine Research Committee, a position he has continued to hold while president of Caltech. He has also been a strong advocate for stem cell research.

In addition to the Nobel Prize, Dr. Baltimore has been awarded the National Medal of Science and the Warren Alpert Foundation Scientific Prize, among many others. As a researcher, educator, administrator, and public advocate, David Baltimore has left his mark on Caltech and the world. After stepping down as president this month, he will remain on the Caltech faculty, studying HIV and other dangerous pathogens with a \$13.9 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Chief Marshal
Cindy Weinstein, Ph.D.

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Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
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#### PROGRAM

Organ Prelude Leslie J. Deutsch, Ph.D.

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and Percussion Ensemble
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"Passing Through the Hourglass" President

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CHORAL SELECTION The Caltech Glee Clubs "There's Just One" Donald G. Caldwell, D.M.A.,

music by George Frideric Handel, lyrics by K. Giapis and D. Caldwell

(Lyrics are on page 53.)

CONFERRING OF DEGREES David Baltimore, Ph.D.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

President Baltimore

ALMA MATER
"Hail CIT"
by Manton Barnes

by Manton Barnes, BS '21 EE (The audience may join in; lyrics are on page 52.)

The Caltech Glee Clubs, The Caltech Convocations Brass and Percussion Ensemble, and Organ

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Organ Postlude Dr. Deutsch

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Thesis: Vibrational Entropy Contributions to the Phase Stability of Iron- and Aluminum-Based Binary Alloys.

Shervin Taghavi Larigani (Laridjani) (Electrical Engineering) Diplôme d'Ingénieur, Université de Paris XI 1999; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2001. Thesis: Theory, Fabrication and Applications of a Novel Archetype Semi-Ring Fabry-Perot (SRFP) Resonator.

Ao (Kevin) Tang (Electrical Engineering and Applied and Computational Mathematics) B.E., Tsinghua University 1999; M.E., 2001; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2002.

Thesis: Heterogeneous Congestion Control Protocols.

Min Tao (Applied Mechanics and Materials Science) B.S., Tsinghua University 1999; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2002.

Thesis: High Temperature Deformation of Vitreloy Bulk Metallic Glasses and Their Composite.

Cristian Țăpuș (Computer Science) B.S., California Institute of Technology 1999; M.S., 2004; M.S., University of Maryland 2001.

Thesis: Distributed Speculations: Providing Fault-tolerance and Improving Performance.

Mankei Tsang (Electrical Engineering) B.Sc., University of California, Los Angeles 2003; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2004.

Thesis: Classical and Quantum Nonlinear Optical Information Processing.

- Naotsugu Tsuchiya (Computation and Neural Systems) B.A., Kyoto University 2000. Thesis: Attention and Awareness: Visual Psychophysics and Aversive Conditioning in Humans.
- Robert Michael van Dam (Applied Physics) B.S., Queen's University 1996; M.S., University of Toronto 1998.
  - Thesis: Solvent-Resistant Elastomeric Microfluidic Devices and Applications.
- Saurabh Vyawahare (Applied Physics) B.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Madras 2001; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2003.
  - Thesis: Manipulating Fluids: Advances in Micro-Fluidics, Opto-Fluidics and Fluidic Self-Assembly.
- Dirk Walther (Computation and Neural Systems) Diplom (Physics), Universität Leipzig
   1997; Diplom (Computer Science)
   1998; M.Phil., University of Cambridge
   1999.
   Thesis: Interactions of Visual Attention and Object Recognition: Computational Modeling, Algorithms, and Psychophysics.
- Feiyu Wang (Electrical Engineering) B.A., B.S., Lafayette College 2001; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2003.
  - Thesis: Design and Analysis of High-Efficiency L-Band Power Amplifiers.
- Jiantao Wang (Control and Dynamical Systems) B.S., Tsinghua University 1998; M.S., 1999.
  Thesis: A Theoretical Study of Internet Congestion Control: Equilibrium and Dynamics.
- Rebecca Ann Washenfelder (Environmental Science and Engineering) B.A., Pomona College 1999; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2002.
  - Thesis: Column Abundances of Carbon Dioxide and Methane Retrieved from Ground-Based Near-Infrared Solar Spectra.
- Lisa Renee Welp (Environmental Science and Engineering) B.S., Indiana University 2000; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2002.
  - Thesis: Links between Carbon and Water Cycles in Northern Ecosystems: Constraints from Stable Isotopes.
- Kjerstin Irja Williams (Electrical Engineering) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2000; M.S., 2002.
  - Thesis: Multi-robot Systems: Modeling Swarm Dynamics and Designing Inspection Planning Algorithms.
- Fu-Ling Yang (Mechanical Engineering) B.S., National Taiwan University 2000; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2002.
  - Thesis: Interaction Law for a Collision between Two Solid Particles in a Viscous Liquid.
- Ya-Tang Yang (Applied Physics) B.S., National Taiwan University 1996; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2000.
  - Thesis: Phase Noise of Nanoelectromechanical Systems.

- Rongjing Zhang (Aeronautics and Applied Physics) B.E., Qinghua University 1997; M.E., Chinese Academy of Sciences 2000.
  - Thesis: Mechanical Characterization of Thin Films with Application to Ferroelectrics.
- Yizhen Zhang (Mechanical Engineering) B.S., Tsinghua University 2000; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2001.
  - Thesis: Engineering Design Synthesis of Sensor and Control Systems for Intelligent Vehicles.
- Matias Gabriel Zielonka (Aeronautics and Applied Computation) B.S., University of Buenos Aires 1998; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2002.
  - Thesis: Configurational Forces and Variational Mesh Adaption in Solid Dynamics.

#### DIVISION OF GEOLOGICAL AND PLANETARY SCIENCES

- Huirong Ai (Geology) B.S., Peking University 1996; M.S., 1999; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2001.
  - Thesis: Shock-induced Damage in Rocks: Application to Impact Cratering.
- Shabari Basu (*Planetary Science and Astronomy*) B.Sc., St. Stephen's College 2001; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2003.
  - Thesis: Simulations of the Martian Dust Cycle with a General Circulation Model.
- Selene Farrell Eltgroth (*Geochemistry*) B.S., University of California, San Diego 1998; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2003.
  - Thesis: Unraveling Deep-Ocean Connections to Climate with Deep-Sea Coral Records of Radiocarbon and Cd/Ca.
- Nir Yitzhak Krakauer (Geochemistry) B.S.E., The University of Michigan 2001; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2004.
  - Thesis: Characterizing Carbon-Dioxide Fluxes from Oceans and Terrestrial Ecosystems.
- Mao-Chang Liang (*Planetary Science and Astronomy*) B.S., National Tsing Hua University 1998; M.S., 2000.
  - Thesis: Chemical and Dynamical Processes in the Atmospheres of I. Ancient and Present-Day Earth, II. Jupiter and Galileo Satellite, III. Extrasolar "Hot Jupiters."
- Junjun Liu (Planetary Science and Applied and Computational Mathematics) B.S., Peking University 1997; M.S., 2000; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2004. Thesis: Interaction of Magnetic Field and Flow in the Outer Shells of Giant Planets.
- Qinya Liu (*Geophysics*) B.S., University of Science and Technology of China 2000. Thesis: Spectral-element Simulations of 3-D Seismic Wave Propagation and Applications to Source and Structural Inversions.
- J. Bruce H. Shyu (Geology) B.S., National Taiwan University 1994; M.S., 1999.
  Thesis: A Neotectonic Model of Taiwan, with a Focus on the Longitudinal Valley Suture.

Deborah Elaine Smith (*Geophysics*) B.S., Harvey Mudd College 1995; M.S., California Institute of Technology 1997.

Thesis: A New Paradigm for Interpreting Stress Inversions from Focal Mechanisms: How 3D Stress Heterogeneity Biases the Inversions toward the Stress Rate.

Eh Tan (Geophysics) B.S., National Taiwan University 1997.

Thesis: I. Multi-scale Dynamics of Mantle Plumes, and II. Compressible Thermochemical Convection and the Stability of Mantle Superplumes.

Ying Tan (Geophysics) B.S., Peking University 1999.

Thesis: Broadband Waveform Modeling Over a Dense Seismic Network.

#### DIVISION OF THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Jernej Čopič (Social Science) B. Math., University of Ljubljana 1997; M.A., Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona 2000.

Thesis: Robust Bilateral Trade and an Essay on Awareness as an Equilibrium Notion.

Brian W. Rogers (Social Science) B.A. (Economics) and B.A. (Mathematics), The University of Virginia 2001; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2003.

Thesis: Learning and Status in Social Networks.

#### DIVISION OF PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY

Anura Yamesh Abeyesinghe (*Physics*) A.B., Dartmouth College 2001; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2005.

Thesis: Unification of Quantum Information Theory.

Jessica Lynn Arlett (Physics) B.Sc., Queen's University 1998.

Thesis: Properties of Piezoresistive Silicon Nano-scale Cantilevers with Applications to BioNEMS.

Kevin Bundy (Astrophysics) B.A., University of California, Berkeley 2000.

Thesis: The Mass Assembly History of Field Galaxies.

Andrew Rosenberg Chatto (Physics) B.S., Yale University 1995.

Thesis: Experiments on the Self-Organized Critical State of <sup>4</sup>He.

Ching-Tzu Chen (*Physics*) B.S., National Taiwan University 1998.

Thesis: Scanning Tunneling Spectroscopy Studies of High-Temperature Cuprate Superconductors.

Chin-wen Chou (*Physics*) B.S., National Taiwan University 1999; M.S. 2000.

Thesis: Towards a Quantum Network with Atomic Ensembles.

Matthew Paul Dorsten (Physics) B.S., The Ohio State University 2000; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2002.

Thesis: Topics in Heavy Particle Effective Theories.

Alexei Dvoretskii (*Physics*) B.S., Novosibirsk State University 1997.

Thesis: Dalitz Plot Analysis of the Decay  $B^{\pm} \to K^{\pm} K^{\pm} K^{\mp}$ .

Dawn Karuna Erb (Astrophysics) B.S., University of Washington 2000.

Thesis: The Properties of Star-Forming Galaxies at  $z \sim 2$ : Kinematics, Stellar Populations, and Metallicities.

Oleg Evnin (Physics) B.S., Rostov State University 1998; M.S., 2000.

Thesis: On Quantum Ineracting Embedded Geometrical Objects of Various Dimensions.

Robert Burke Forster (Physics) A.B., Harvard College 1995.

Thesis: Population Dynamics in the Presence of Quasispecies Effects and Changing Environments.

Marat I. Gataullin (*Physics*) B.S., Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology 1996.

Thesis: Studies of Electroweak Interactions and Searches for New Physics Using Photonic Events with Missing Energy at the Large Electron-Positron Collider.

Matthew Thomas Gealy (Mathematics) B.A., M.S., The University of Chicago 2001.
Thesis: On the Tamagawa Number Conjecture for Motives Attached to Modular Forms.

David J. Grynkiewicz (Mathematics) B.A., Bates College 2001.

Thesis: Sumsets, Zero-Sums and Extremal Combinatorics.

Alejandro Jenkins (Physics) A.B. (Physics) and A.B. (Mathematics), Harvard College 2001; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2002.

Thesis: Topics in Theoretical Particle Physics and Cosmology beyond the Standard Model.

Attila Kovács (Physics) A.B., Harvard College 1997.

Thesis: SHARC-2 350 Micron Observations of Distant Submillimeter Selected Galaxies and Techniques for the Optimal Analysis and Observing of Weak Signals.

Benjamin Leonard Lev (Physics) A.B., Princeton University 1999.

Thesis: Magnetic Microtraps for Cavity QED, Bose-Einstein Condensates, and Atom Optics.

Xiaoyu Liu (Mathematics) B.S., Peking University 2001.

Thesis: On Divisible Codes over Finite Fields.

Nathan Eric Lundblad (*Physics*) B.A., University of California, Berkeley; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2002.

Thesis: All-Optical Spinor Bose-Einstein Condensation and the Spinor Dynamics-Driven Atom Laser.

Thomas Patrick Mack (*Mathematics*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2001. Thesis: Quasiconvex Subgroups and Nets in Hyperbolic Groups.

Raymond Timothy James McGarvey (*Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics*) B.S., United States Naval Academy 1986; M.A., University of Toronto 1992.

Thesis: Ultra-Sensitive Absorption Measurements through Cavity-Enhanced Spectroscopy.

- Stanimir Angelov Metchev (Astronomy) A.B., Harvard College 1999.
  - Thesis: Brown Dwarf Companions to Young Solar Analogs: An Adaptive Optics Survey Using Palomar and Keck.
- Stefan Mihalas (Physics) B.S., West University Timisoara 1997; M.S., 1999.
  - Thesis: Quantitative Model of Calcium/Calmodulin-Dependent Protein Kinase II Activation.
- Tejaswi Navilarekallu (*Mathematics*) B.S., Chennai Mathematical Institute 2001. Thesis: On the Equivariant Tamagawa Number Conjecture.
- Margaret Whei-Jie Pan (Astrophysics) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2001. Thesis: Slices of Theoretical Astrophysics: Solar System Dynamics and Relativistic Explosions.
- Yi Pan (Physics) B.S., Peking University 2000.
  - Thesis: Topics of LIGO Physics: Template Banks for the Inspiral of Precessing, Compact Binaries, and Design of the Signal-Recycling Cavity for Advanced LIGO.
- Naveen Ananta Reddy (Astrophysics) B.S., The University of Texas at Austin 2000.
  - Thesis: A Multi-Wavelength Census of Star Formation at Redshifts z Equals 2.
- Alexander Samuel (Physics) A.B., Harvard College 1995.
  - Thesis: Measurement of Branching Fractions and Mass Spectra of  $B\to K\pi\pi\gamma$  Decays.
- David Jerome Sand (Physics) B.S., University of California, Los Angeles 2000.
  - Thesis: On the Distribution of Dark Matter in Clusters of Galaxies.
- Graeme Stewart Baird Smith (Physics) B.Sc., University of Toronto 2001; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2004.
  - Thesis: Upper and Lower Bounds on Quantum Codes.
- Claus Mazanti Sorensen (*Mathematics*) Cand. Scient., Aarhus Universitet 2001. Thesis: Level-raising for GSp(4).
- Daniel Alexander Wagenaar (*Physics*) M.Sc., Universiteit van Amsterdam 1997; M.S., King's College London 1998.
  - Thesis: Development and Control of Epileptiform Bursting in Dissociated Cortical Cultures.
- Bahattin Yildiz (Mathematics) B.S., Bilkent University 2001.
  - Thesis: Weight Enumerators and Gray Maps of Linear Codes over Rings.
- Junhua Yuan (*Physics*) B.S., University of Science and Technology of China 1998; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2000.
  - Thesis: Progress towards a High Precision Measurement of the Neutron Spin–Electron Angular Correlation in Polarized Neutron  $\beta$  Decay with Ultra-Cold Neutrons.

#### PRIZES AND AWARDS

Prizes and awards are listed only for those students receiving degrees in 2006 and include prizes and awards received by them in previous years.

#### MILTON AND FRANCIS CLAUSER DOCTORAL PRIZE

Awarded to the Ph.D. candidate whose research is judged to exhibit the greatest degree of originality as evidenced by its potential for opening up new avenues of human thought and endeavor as well as by the ingenuity with which it has been carried out.

Name of recipient to be announced at commencement.

#### FREDERIC W. HINRICHS, JR., MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to the seniors who, in the opinion of the undergraduate deans, have made the greatest undergraduate contribution to the welfare of the student body and whose qualities of leadership, character, and responsibility have been outstanding.

2006 Kimberly Julia Popendorf

#### MABEL BECKMAN PRIZE

Awarded to an undergraduate woman upon completion of her junior or senior year in recognition of demonstrated academic and personal excellence, contributions to the Institute community, and outstanding qualities of character and leadership.

2006 Corinna Clio Markenscoff Zygourakis

#### SIGMA XI AWARD

Awarded to a senior selected for an outstanding piece of original scientific research.

2006 Patrick Anthony Hummel

The four prizes above are announced at the commencement ceremony.

# ROSALIND W. ALCOTT MERIT SCHOLARSHIP, UPPER CLASS MERIT AWARD, CARNATION SCHOLARSHIP, AND JOHN STAUFFER MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Each year Caltech awards these prizes for academic excellence to undergraduates. They are based solely on merit (selection is made on the basis of grades, faculty recommendations, and demonstrated research productivity) with no consideration given to need or any other nonacademic criteria.

Yelizaveta Aleksandrovna Gorstko

2002

2004	Ann Hinckley Bendfeldt	Mithun Diwakar	Dorota Zuzanna Korta
	Abigail Tinney Crites	Elena Fabrikant	Timothy Chieu Nguyen
	Adam Edward D'Angelo	Patrick Anthony Hummel	
2005	Adam Edward D'Angelo	Lea Hildebrandt	Timothy Chieu Nguyen
	Mithun Diwakar	Patrick Anthony Hummel	Laura Crosby Pruitt
	Christina Ann Dwyer	Dorota Zuzanna Korta	Trevor Miles Wilson
	Elena Fabrikant	Daniel Jacob Koslover	Phillip Gregory Zukin
	Joseph Edgar Gonzalez	Jeremy Michael Leibs	
2006	Derek Chang	Qinzi Ji	Akil Srinivasan
	Yang Chen	Dorota Zuzanna Korta	Leo C. Stein
	Adam Edward D'Angelo	Daniel Jacob Koslover	Martin Suchara
	Mithun Diwakar	Jeremy Michael Leibs	Amber Nicole Swenson

Milo Miaoyu Lin

Rachel Elizabeth Maire

James Ji-Chao Mao

Bart Hunter McGuyer

Timothy Chieu Nguyen

Jun Lu

Kuanshuan Helen Tai

Michael Christopher

Ruigi Rachel Wang

Trevor Miles Wilson

Michael Ke Zhang

Matyas Tamas

Villet

Wensi Xu

David James Hardee Lillian Jennifer Pan Lea Hildebrandt Yun-Chieh Peng Patrick Anthony Hummel Laura Crosby Pruitt

Christina Ann Dwyer

Jeremy Hugh Gillula

Joseph Edgar Gonzalez

Nicholas Wm Halpern-

Elena Fabrikant

Manners

#### AXLINE MERIT SCHOLARS

Awarded to selected freshmen whose record of personal and academic accomplishment is judged outstanding among incoming freshmen. These scholarships are renewable, contingent on academic performance.

2003 Jacob Samuels Burnim Jeremy Michael Leibs Zhizhang Xia
Timothy Allen Dong Milo Miaoyu Lin Miling Yan

Steven Song Gao Zhihao Liu Corinna Clio Markenscoff

Patrick Anthony Hummel Lisa Adelaide Seeman Zygourakis

#### CHARLES D. BABCOCK AWARD

Awarded, by vote of the aeronautics faculty, to a graduate student whose achievements in teaching or other assistance to students have made a significant contribution to the aeronautics department.

2004 Georgios C. Lykotrafitis

#### ROBERT P. BALLES CALTECH MATHEMATICS SCHOLARS AWARD

Awarded to the mathematics major entering his or her senior year who has demonstrated the most outstanding performance in mathematics courses completed in the student's first three years at Caltech.

2005 Trevor Miles Wilson

#### WILLIAM F. BALLHAUS PRIZE

Awarded to aeronautics students for outstanding doctoral dissertations.

2006 Daniel Lieberman

# ERIC TEMPLE BELL UNDERGRADUATE MATHEMATICS RESEARCH PRIZE

Awarded to one or more juniors or seniors for outstanding original research in mathematics.

2003 Patrick Anthony Hummel

2005 Patrick Anthony Hummel, Timothy Chieu Nguyen, Trevor Miles Wilson

2006 Timothy Chieu Nguyen

#### RICHARD G. BREWER PRIZE IN PHYSICS

Awarded to the freshman with the most interesting solutions to the Physics 11 "hurdles," in recognition of demonstrated intellectual promise and creativity at the very beginning of his or her Caltech education.

2003 Alexander Patrick McCauley

#### ROLF D. BUHLER MEMORIAL AWARD IN AERONAUTICS

Awarded to an aeronautics student for outstanding academic achievement in the Master's program.

2006 Phanish Suryanarayana

#### FRITZ B. BURNS PRIZE IN GEOLOGY

Awarded to an undergraduate who has demonstrated both academic excellence and great promise of future contributions in the fields represented by the division of geological and planetary sciences.

2005 Laura Crosby Pruitt

#### THE W. P. CAREY & CO., INC., PRIZE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Awarded to a student receiving a Doctor of Philosophy degree for an outstanding doctoral dissertation in applied mathematics or pure mathematics.

2006 Laurent Demanet, David Michael Goulet, Wuan Luo

#### BONNIE CASHIN PRIZE FOR IMAGINATIVE THINKING

Awarded each year to the entering freshman who has written the most imaginative essays in the application for freshman admission.

2002 Milo Miaoyu Lin

#### DONALD S. CLARK MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to two juniors in recognition of service to the campus community and academic excellence. Preference is given to students in the Division of Engineering and Applied Science and to those in Chemical Engineering.

2005 Melody Ellen Grubbs, Lea Hildebrandt

#### THE DONALD COLES PRIZE IN AERONAUTICS

Awarded to the graduating Ph.D. student in aeronautics whose thesis displays the best design of an experiment or the best design for a piece of experimental equipment.

2006 Rongjing Zhang

#### DEANS' CUP AND CAMPUS LIFE AND MASTER'S AWARDS

Two awards, selected by the deans, the director of campus life, and the master of student houses, presented to undergraduates whose concern for their fellow students has been demonstrated by persistent efforts to improve the quality of undergraduate life and by effective communication with members of the faculty and administration.

2005 Ryan Michael Farmer, Campus Life

2006 Angelina Marie Crans, Peter William Foley, Mary Helena Ollenburger, Timothy Frederick Tirrell, Campus Life John William Howard, Jeremy Michael Leibs, Dean's Cup

# DEMETRIADES-TSAFKA PRIZE IN BIOENGINEERING OR RELATED FIELDS

Awarded annually to a Ph.D. candidate for the best thesis, publication, or discovery in bioengineering or related fields during the past year. This prize is made possible by a gift from Anna Kokalis Demetriades and Sterge T. Demetriades (Eng. '58).

2006 David Allan Drummond

# DEMETRIADES-TSAFKA PRIZE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP OR RELATED FIELDS

Awarded annually for the best business plan or proposal, start-up, thesis, publication, discovery, or related efforts by student(s) in entrepreneurship or related fields. This prize is made possible by a gift from Anna Kokalis Demetriades and Sterge T. Demetriades (Eng. '58).

2006 John William Howard

# DEMETRIADES-TSAFKA PRIZE IN NANOTECHNOLOGY OR RELATED FIELDS

Awarded annually to a Ph.D. candidate for the best thesis, publication, or discovery in nanotechnology or related fields at the Institute in the preceding 12 months. This prize is made possible by a gift from Anna Kokalis Demetriades and Sterge T. Demetriades (Eng. '58).

2006 Michael Hochberg

#### EVERHART DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE STUDENT LECTURER AWARD

Awarded to a graduate student who has demonstrated exemplary presentation ability and graduate research.

2004 Houman David Hemmati

2005 Benjamin Leonard Lev

2006 Chin-wen Chou, David Allan Drummond

#### DORIS EVERHART SERVICE AWARD

Awarded annually to an undergraduate who has actively supported and willingly worked for organizations that enrich not only student life, but also the campus and/or community as a whole, and who has, in addition, exhibited care and concern for the welfare of students on a personal basis.

2006 Eva Rose Murdock

#### LAWRENCE L. AND AUDREY W. FERGUSON PRIZE

Awarded to the graduating Ph.D. candidate in biology who has produced the outstanding doctoral thesis for the past year.

2006 Baris Bingol

#### RICHARD P. FEYNMAN PRIZE IN THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Awarded to a senior on the basis of excellence in theoretical physics.

2006 Milo Miaoyu Lin

#### HAREN LEE FISHER MEMORIAL AWARD IN JUNIOR PHYSICS

Awarded to a junior physics major who demonstrates the greatest promise of future contributions in physics.

2005 Milo Miaoyu Lin

#### HENRY FORD II SCHOLAR AWARD

Awarded either to the engineering student with the best academic record at the end of the third year of undergraduate study, or to the engineering student with the best first-year record in the graduate program.

2005 Yang Chen, Patrick Anthony Hummel

#### JACK E. FROEHLICH MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a junior in the upper five percent of his or her class who shows outstanding promise for a creative professional career.

2005 Patrick Anthony Hummel, Corinna Clio Markenscoff Zygourakis

# GRADUATE DEANS' AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Awarded to a Ph.D. candidate who, throughout his or her graduate years at the Institute, has made great contributions to graduate life and whose qualities of leadership and responsibility have been outstanding.

2006 Michelle Margaret Meyer, Terrell D. Neal

#### GEORGE W. AND BERNICE E. GREEN MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded to the undergraduate student who, in the opinion of the division chairs, has shown outstanding ability and achievement in creative scholarship.

2003 Patrick Anthony Hummel

2005 Trevor Miles Wilson

2006 Po-Yin Samuel Huang

#### LUCY GUERNSEY SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to one or two students who have provided exceptional service to the Caltech Y and/or the community, are involved with service projects, have demonstrated leadership in community and volunteer service efforts, and who exemplify a spirit of service.

2005 Sidharth Jaggi, Eva Rose Murdock

#### ARIE J. HAAGEN-SMIT MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a sophomore or junior in biology or chemistry who has shown academic promise and who has made recognized contributions to Caltech.

2005 Mithun Diwakar

#### ALEXANDER P. AND ADELAIDE F. HIXON PRIZE FOR WRITING

Awarded annually in recognition of the best writing in freshman humanities courses.

2003 Elena Fabrikant, Emma Lynn Thomas

2004 Jacob Samuels Burnim

#### BIBI JENTOFT-NILSEN MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to an upperclass student who exhibits outstanding qualities of leadership and who actively contributes to the quality of student life at Caltech.

2005 Kimberly Julia Popendorf

2006 Dmitriy Kernasovskiy

# SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE STUDY IN MATHEMATICS

Awarded to continuing graduate students for excellence in one or more of the following: extraordinary progress in research, excellence in teaching, or excellent performance as a first-year graduate student.

2002 Matthew Thomas Gealy

2004 Matthew Thomas Gealy, Claus Mazanti Sorensen

# SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON GRADUATE DISSERTATION PRIZE IN MATHEMATICS

Awarded for the best graduate dissertation in mathematics.

2006 Matthew Thomas Gealy, Claus Mazanti Sorensen

#### SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON UNDERGRADUATE MATHEMATICS PRIZE

Awarded for the best graduating mathematics major. Special consideration is given to independent research done as a senior thesis or SURF project.

2006 Trevor Miles Wilson

#### D. S. KOTHARI PRIZE IN PHYSICS

Awarded to a graduating senior in physics who has produced an outstanding research project during the year.

2006 Bart Hunter M<sup>c</sup>Guyer

#### MARGIE LAURITSEN LEIGHTON PRIZE

Awarded to one or two undergraduate women who are majoring in physics or astrophysics, and who have demonstrated academic excellence.

2004 Amber Nicole Swenson

#### DOROTHY B, AND HARRISON C. LINGLE SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to an incoming freshman in recognition of interest in a career in science or engineering, outstanding academic record, demonstrated fair-mindedness, and unquestioned integrity. This prize is renewable, contingent on academic performance.

2003 Corinna Clio Markenscoff Zygourakis

#### THE HERBERT NEWBY McCOY AWARD

Awarded to chemistry doctoral students for outstanding contributions to the science of chemistry.

2006 Ian Kyle Mangion, Raissa M. Trend

#### MARY A. EARL McKINNEY PRIZE IN LITERATURE

Awarded to undergraduate students for excellence in writing in three categories: poetry, prose fiction, and nonfiction essays.

2004 Wensi Xu

2005 Christopher Brian George, Bingni Wen, Zhu Irene Ying

#### ROBERT L. NOLAND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to undergraduate students who exhibit qualities of outstanding leadership, which are most often expressed as personal actions that have helped other people and that have inspired others to fulfill their capabilities.

2006 Rebecca Abigail Adler, Ryan Michael Farmer, Meng-meng Fu, Matthew Hsing-Hung Walker

#### PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARS

Awarded to selected freshmen to promote the breadth and diversity of the Caltech undergraduate student body. The scholarships are renewable, contingent on academic performance.

2002 Javier Soliz

2003 Christopher Alika Ah New Alejandro Daniel Meruelo Nyssa Emiko Thompson Keris Elizabeth Allrich Gustavo Willy Olm Regina L. Wilpiszeski Michael Joseph Betancourt Javier Soliz Daniel Julian Stolarski

#### HERBERT J. RYSER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to undergraduate students for academic excellence, preferably in mathematics.

2004 Patrick Anthony Hummel, Timothy Chieu Nguyen

2005 Trevor Miles Wilson

Joseph Edgar Gonzalez

#### RICHARD P. SCHUSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded to one or more juniors or seniors in chemistry or chemical engineering on the basis of financial need and academic promise.

2005 Nicholas Wm Halpern-Manners

2006 Brandi Michelle Cossairt, Hannah Syeda Shafaat

#### ERNEST E. SECHLER MEMORIAL AWARD IN AERONAUTICS

Awarded to an aeronautics student who has made the most significant contribution to the teaching and research efforts of GALCIT (Graduate Aeronautical Laboratories of the California Institute of Technology). Preference is given to students working in structural mechanics.

2005 Rongjing Zhang

#### DON SHEPARD AWARD

Awarded to students who would find it difficult, without additional financial help, to engage in extracurricular and cultural activities. The recipients are selected on the basis of their capacity to take advantage of and to profit from these activities rather than on the basis of their scholastic standing.

2003 William Kratz Coulter Eugene Yanayt

2004 Jeremy Hugh Gillula Eva Rose Murdock Lara Crosby Pruitt

Esther Sunghee Lee Kevin Albert Peng

2005 Elena Fabrikant Meng-meng Fu Franklin Steevens Jirón

#### HALLETT SMITH PRIZE

Established in 1997 to commemorate Professor Smith's long career as one of the 20th century's most distinguished Renaissance scholars. The cash prize is given annually by the literature faculty to the undergraduate student who writes the finest essay on Shakespeare.

2006 Corinna Clio Markenscoff Zygourakis

#### JOHN STAGER STEMPLE MEMORIAL PRIZE IN PHYSICS

Awarded to a graduate student in physics for outstanding progress in research as demonstrated by an excellent performance on the oral Ph.D. candidacy examination.

2001 Ching-Tzu Chen

#### PAUL STUDENSKI MEMORIAL FUND PRIZE

A travel grant awarded to a Caltech undergraduate who would benefit from a period away from the academic community in order to obtain a better understanding of self and his or her plans for the future.

2005 Felicia Rachel Katz

#### FRANK TERUGGI MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to an undergraduate student who honors the spirit of Frank Teruggi's life through participation "in the areas of Latin American studies, radical politics, creative radio programming, and other activities aimed at improving the living conditions of the less fortunate."

2006 Mary Helena Ollenburger

#### MORGAN WARD PRIZE

Awarded for the best problems and solutions in mathematics submitted by a freshman or sophomore.

2003 Patrick Anthony Hummel

#### CHARLES WILTS PRIZE

Awarded to a graduate student for outstanding independent research in electrical engineering leading to a Ph.D.

2006 Masoud Sharif

### FREDRICK J. ZEIGLER MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to an outstanding sophomore or junior in pure or applied mathematics, for excellence in scholarship as demonstrated in class activities or in the preparation of an original paper or essay in any subject area.

2004 Trevor Miles Wilson

### Hail CIT

(Caltech Alma Mater)

by Manton Barnes, BS '21 EE

In Southern California with grace and splendor bound, Where the lofty mountain peaks look out to lands beyond, Proudly stands our Alma Mater, glorious to see; We raise our voices proudly, hailing, hailing thee. Echoes ringing while we're singing over land and sea, The halls of fame resound thy name, noble CIT.

In the oft practiced Baroque tradition of adapting a different text to the same music . . . .

# There's Just One!

G.F. Handel\*

#### Hallelujah!

In Pasadena, graduation, jubilation, the time has come.

Sounds of music, glorious cheering, exaltation, adulation, the time is now!

Graduates on this day we salute you!

Sing praises, you've done it, it's over, hallelujah!

For your accomplishments, we give honor.

Sing praises, you've done it, it's over, hallelujah!

Praise on this day of great celebration!

You've done it, you're through, no more take-homes, no problem sets, hallelujah!

No thesis, no flicking, no flaming, no more work, hallelujah!

No finals, no midterms, no more nights in the lab, hallelujah!

For there is life beyond quantum physics.

For there is life beyond the house alleys.

No research, no UASH, all-nighters are all gone,

No classes, no letters from the Dean!

Free weekends, real life begins!

With vision now go forth and seek a new horizon, and make your alma mater proud.

And she shall reign forever in science.

There's just one!

- in theories of protons, electrons and chem bonds.

Caltech can stun!

- in science with rigor, in research with vigor.

There's just one!

- in rockets, in astro, in seismo, in neurons.

Tech is the sun:

- with medals of science, with Nobel achievements.

There's just one!

- for ever exalted remember the Rose Bowl!

And now you're done, you have won, hail new alum.

And you shall spread Tech's passion for science.

New alum, Tech needs you, remit a sum, contribute!

For Tech to reign in science forever.

There's just one! A star of stars!

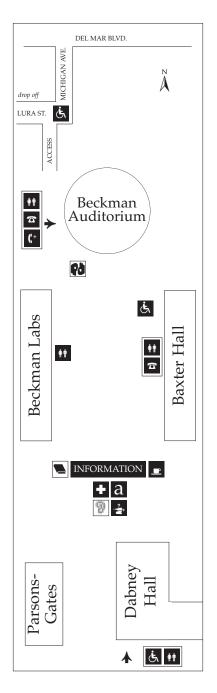
There's just one! Renown on Mars!

And Tech shall reign forever in science.

You've won the day, we shout hooray!

We honor your passion, your achievement, your triumph, hallelujah!

\*Music: September 1741, George Frideric Handel Text: April 2004, K. Giapis and D. Caldwell



### SERVICES FOR COMMENCEMENT GUESTS

- PUBLIC TELEPHONES are available in Baxter Hall and Beckman Auditorium.
- RESTROOMS are available in Baxter Hall, Beckman Labs, Dabney Hall, and Beckman Auditorium.
- Information about the nearest location for FIRST AID SERVICES is available at the Information Center.
- LOST AND FOUND items may be reported and/or claimed at the Information Center.
- Complimentary COFFEE and PUNCH (beginning at 8:30 a.m.)
- CALTECH BOOKSTORE sells souvenirs, film, and other items.

  ATHENAEUM luncheon tickets on sale 8–10 a.m.

### SPECIAL SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available at the Information Center. A driver's license or state-issued ID card is required.
- a LARGE-TYPE PROGRAMS (abridged) are available at the Information Center.
- AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) interpreters are stationed at the west front of the ceremony seating area.
- PEOPLE WHO USE WHEELCHAIRS, and their guests, will find a special section near the east front of the ceremony seating area.
- RESTROOMS ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WHO USE WHEELCHAIRS are located on the first floor of Dabney Hall and of Baxter Hall.
- AMPLIFIED TELEPHONE is available in Beckman Auditorium.