Dear ,

PhysCon, the only national conference for physics undergraduates, will take place in Providence, RI November 14-16, 2019 and we [I], , would like to attend. This is an American Institute of Physics (AIP) supported meeting through its member organization - the Society of Physics Students (SPS). This meeting will be held at the Providence Convention Center and neighboring hotel. From past conferences, 1500 students are expected to be in attendance, which would make this conference the world’s largest for physics undergraduates.

The benefits are manifold and long lasting, including: workshops held on graduate schools, jobs, research, diversity within physics, physics demos and physics education, as well as chances to see excellent physics sites in the extended neighborhood — examples include MIT, Brown University, Harvard University, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, the US Naval Submarine Base New London, and Ladd Observatory at Brown University. We [I] will also have direct access to the plenary speakers:

* Dame Susan Jocelyn Bell Burnell - Honorary Chair, winner of the 2018 Breakthrough Prize and discoverer of pulsars,
* Sandeep Giri - Senior Google Engineer
* Dr. John C. Mather - Nobel Laureate in Physics 2006
* Dr. Jami Valentine Miller - First African American woman to graduate with a Ph.D. in physics from Johns Hopkins University and a national leader of diversity in physics
* Dr. Ellen D. Williams - Expert in surface properties and nanotechnology, was chief scientist for British Petroleum and director of ARPA-E (the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy)

Listening to and conversing with these luminaries in our [my] field of study gives us [me] insight into what the latest scientific breakthroughs are, the various applications physics has in the world, what a professional job entails (both from an industry perspective as well as in academia), and our [my] own potential to achieve great success within the field of physics. In addition, as [a] student[s], we [I] will have a chance to present our [my] research at poster sessions or by giving talks.

This conference offers an opportunity for SPS chapters to contribute to the exchange of research ideas, as well as chapter practices, building a sense of community by breaking boundaries in and amongst the chapters and schools nationwide. This is a great way to build enthusiasm amongst our [my] major[s] over the next year or so. We are asking for your generous support in funding our trip to PhysCon 2019. The cost to attend this conference for us [me] is [Refer to the PhysCon Fundraising tool] . We would be very grateful for any contribution you can make. For more information about PhysCon 2019 please visit: <https://www.sigmapisigma.org/sigmapisigma/congress/2019>. We would be happy to write a short follow-up report that includes pictures of our experience at the conference.

Sincerely,