To All Physics 218 Students in All Sections:

We are pleased to announce the Spring 2011 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. More information can be found at [http://faculty.physics.tamu.edu/toback/MechanicsScholar/](http://faculty.physics.tamu.edu/toback/MechanicsScholar/)

The winners will win a book and a monetary award. As an added incentive, all students who perform well on the challenge exam will be named *Addison Wesley / Benjamin Cummings Mechanics Scholars* (which includes a certificate suitable for framing), as well be invited to a catered lunch 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.

This semester, the exam will be held at **4:00 p.m. on Friday April 29th in classroom 205 of the Mitchell Physics Building (MPHY).**

To sign up for this exam, go to [http://faculty.physics.tamu.edu/toback/MechanicsScholar/SignUp.shtml](http://faculty.physics.tamu.edu/toback/MechanicsScholar/SignUp.shtml)

We would appreciate your response no later than Wednesday April 27th, 2011.

We hope to hear from you soon. Thank you.

Prof. David Toback for the
Physics 218 Awards Committee