



## Southern Atlantic Coast Section American Association of Physics Teachers

### Letter from the President

My fellow citizens of the Land of Physics of the planet Education!

As the newly elected President of The Southern Atlantic Coast Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers (SACS AAPT) I appeal to you to support my vision to develop an interaction among Physics Educators to empower our success in bringing light of knowledge about the physical Universe to the wider community.

The mission of the SACS AAPT is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment for physics teachers of all ranks to improve their teaching methods and skills through an exchange of experience, which in turn fosters self-confidence and professional growth for better teaching.

We live in a wonderful time of revitalization of society's interest in Physics. Being named "Latin of the 1990's" because of decreased enrollment, Physics now takes back its deserved place among disciplines as "Latin of all times" carrying the load of the immortal values among all disciplines. Physics is interdisciplinary; there is no natural science not based on the laws of Physics.

We continue to promote relating Physics principles to other disciplines. We encourage teachers of other disciplines to use Physics principles and reasoning in their teaching. We welcome instructors of other disciplines (especially High School natural science teachers) to join our organization and to relate their teaching to physics and to use our experience in their disciplines.

We may not take for granted the wonderful country in which we live, as it is the result of sacrifices of numerous heroes. Neither may we take for granted the great success that our country achieved in Education, as it is the result of the heroic sacrifices of our colleagues, educators of all times.

Education is the powerful instrument for people to study the Universe and to make our world become a better place in which to live. There is no stronger pleasure than the joy of cognition! By providing our students with an education we fulfill their right to the pursuit of happiness, one of the basics of the Declaration of Independence.

It takes a village to raise a child into a citizen.

It takes a College to raise a freshman into a graduate. It takes a University to raise, out of hundreds of graduates with a BS in Physics, a few graduates with a MS in Physics and a few graduates with a PhD in Physics.

It takes Humankind to raise Einstein...

If at least one of the Top Ten Reasons to be Named Physics Educator applies to you - join us at SACS AAPT. Join us in our attempts to make every student love Physics. Join us in our efforts to convince all students that acquiring knowledge is the true pleasure. We need you to join us!

If you are a member of SACS AAPT and National AAPT, then be more active, if you are not a member yet - join us, become a member!

This is not only about what SACS AAPT can give to you, it is also about what you can give to SACS AAPT and all the Physics Teachers of The Southern Atlantic Coast States.

Join us in our attempts to achieve our high mission!

Sincerely yours,

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