

## Speakers

**Dr. William G. Buckman, Sr.**

*Professor of Physics Emeritus, WKU  
Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Buckman Jet Drilling Inc.*

**Dr. Dwight P. Russell**

*Associate Professor of Physics  
Baylor University – Waco, TX*

**Melissa Smith Rudloff**

*SKyTeach Master Teacher  
Western Kentucky University*

**Dr. Idelfonso J. Guilaran**

*Associate Professor of Physics  
Union University – Jackson, TN*

**Dr. Gavi E. Begtrup**

*Congressional Science Fellow  
Office of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona*

## Thank You

The WKU Department of Physics and Astronomy along with our chapters of the Society of Physics Students and the Sigma Pi Sigma honor society are extremely grateful for the support that you have shown through your attendance at tonight's event. To read more about our student award winners and tonight's speakers please visit the WKU SPS web site at <http://physics.wku.edu/sps/2010/03/50th-sigma-pi-sigma-banquet/>.

We hope that you will sign the online guestbook leaving a comment about tonight's banquet. Also, we will soon post the photographs that were on display along with photos taken at tonight's event at the same location given above.

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## *Sigma Pi Sigma* *The Physics Honor Society*



## *Western Kentucky University* *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet*

*April 24, 2010*

Welcome to the

## Western Kentucky University

### *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sigma Pi Sigma Banquet*

Kentucky Library and Museum

April 24, 2010

6:00 p.m.

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#### Appetizers

#### Group Photographs

Departmental Award Winners ..... 6:20

New WKU Sigma Pi Sigma Inductees ..... 6:20

All WKU Sigma Pi Sigma Alumni ..... 6:25

#### Buffet Dinner

Welcome..... Doug Harper

Invocation ..... Scott Cassady

#### Program

Introduction of Special Guests ..... Doug Harper

Department Awards Presentation ..... Richard Gelderman, Keith Andrew

Guest Speakers: WKU Sigma Pi Sigma Alumni

1960's: Dr. William Buckman ..... Intro by April Pease

1970's: Dr. Dwight Russell..... Intro by Kyle Cook

1980's: Melissa Smith Rudloff ..... Intro by Mayme van Meveren

1990's: Dr. Fonsie Guilaran ..... Intro by Jacob Baxley

2000's: Dr. Gavi Begtrup ..... Intro by Schuyler Wolff

Reception of New Members ..... Doug Harper, Keith Andrew

Introduction of New SPS Officers..... April Pease

Closing Remarks ..... Schuyler Wolff

#### Buffet Menu

Tossed Mixed Greens with Assorted Dressings

Supreme of Chicken Cafe Au Lait

Sage Roasted Pork Loin with Apple Chutney

Herb Roasted New Potatoes

Southern Style Green Beans

New York Style Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping

#### Departmental Award Winners

Doug Humphrey Award for Outstanding Service ..... Kyle Wayne Cook

Randall Harper Award for Outstanding Research ..... Schuyler Grace Wolff

George Page Award for Outstanding Scholarship ..... James Robert Phelps

#### Sigma Pi Sigma Members Elect

Jacob Daniel Baxley

Kyle Wayne Cook

James Robert Phelps

Schuyler Grace Wolff

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