

Homework Assignment #1, Evaluating Scientific Presentations

This assignment consists of *two* parts. Be sure to complete both!

Part 1: Attend the **12th Annual Physics Undergraduate Research Symposium** in lieu of class on Friday, January 25. The symposium begins promptly at 1:00 PM in Room 141, Loomis Laboratory. (If you have a class conflict and cannot come until 2:00 p.m., let us know ahead of time.)

Listen critically and analytically to the student speakers and ask questions during the Q&A. Then write a brief summary evaluation of each presentation using the [review evaluation form](#) posted on the course website. Pay attention not only to the physics content of the presentations but also to the speaker's effectiveness in communicating his or her main ideas. Make sure your criticisms are honest but constructive and would provide useful feedback to the speaker.

Part 2: On the last page of the evaluation sheet, rank the three best speakers and justify your opinions (two or three sentences for each speaker).

Due: **Friday, February 1, 6:30 PM**. Put your completed assignment in the PHYS 496 homework box. Assignments submitted after the deadline will be downgraded.

This assignment is not eligible for rewrite points.

Total—50 points