

Homework Assignment #1, Evaluating Scientific Presentations

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

Part 1: Attend the **14th Annual Physics Undergraduate Research Symposium** in lieu of class on Friday, January 30. The symposium begins promptly at 2:00 PM in Room 141, Loomis Laboratory. Attendance is mandatory.

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 results presented (content) but also to the speaker's effectiveness in communicating his or her main ideas (style). Make sure your criticisms are thoughtful and constructive and 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).

Your rankings will be tabulated and used to determine the annual "People's Choice Award" winner for the symposium.

Due: **Friday, February 6, midnight**. Email your evaluations as a single Word or PDF document to Celia (cmelliot@illinois.edu). Please name your file (and all future files for PHYS 496) using the following naming convention: yoursurname_P496_HW x , with x being the number of that assignment (in this case, 1). Assignments submitted after the deadline will be downgraded.

This assignment is not eligible for rewrite points.

Total—50 points