Dear colleagues,

I am writing to invite you to encourage promising students from backgrounds or identities that are underrepresented in physics and astronomy to participate in a two-day online event, sponsored by the Stanford Physics Department. The program will be held October 23-24, 2020 and will prioritize students who are applying for graduate programs in physics this fall. Information about the program — and a flyer — appears below. I would appreciate it if you could inform your students & faculty of this opportunity.

Best regards,

Shamit Kachru Chair, Stanford Physics

The Stanford Physics, Identity, and Equity (PIE) program seeks to encourage and enable students who may face barriers while navigating the graduate school application process. The goal of this program is to support candidates from underrepresented groups in physics who have aspirations to apply to doctoral programs and become future leaders in the scientific community. This two-day program will provide prospective applicants with information and guidance on the graduate experience, the PhD application process for physics and astrophysics programs, and the various research interests at Stanford. Students will have the opportunity to interact directly with Stanford faculty, postdocs, and graduate students.

The application for the program is due October 16, 2020 and is intended to be very simple and accessible to enable the broadest participation. Applicants that are not selected to be full participants will still be invited to register for the program, and all registrants will have access to the graduate and faculty panels. Applicants that are selected for the program will also be able to engage in small group and one-on-one conversations with current graduate students and other members of the Stanford Physics community.

Further information about the program can be found here: <u>https://physics.stanford.edu/about/equity-and-</u> <u>inclusion/stanford-pie</u>. Please circulate to students who are considering applying to graduate programs this fall.

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