



RSPS XLIII
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Dear Colleague:

Enclosed is a poster publicizing the 43rd Annual Rochester Symposium for Physics, Astronomy, and Optics Students (RSPS). The Symposium will be held on Saturday, March 1st, 2025, at the City College of New York. We are pleased to announce that RSPS will serve as the Zone 2 Regional Meeting of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) for New York, Ontario, and Quebec.

Historically, the RSPS symposium is hosted by another regional college every third year. We are excited to partner this year's symposium with the SPS Cosmic Pathways event located at CCNY in New York, New York. We would appreciate it if you could post the enclosed poster and inform others in your department of the event, particularly undergraduate students in the physical sciences who might be interested in submitting abstracts to present a talk and/or poster.

The Symposium & Cosmic Pathways event is a one-day conference at which undergraduate students give ten-minute presentations on research projects in physics, astronomy, optics, and related fields. There will also be a poster session for the students to present their research. The subject matter is quite diverse, covering such areas as condensed matter, astronomy, nuclear physics, laser and optical physics, instrumentation and computers, acoustics, environmental physics, atomic physics, medical and biological physics, and particle physics. The format of the Symposium sessions is similar to that of APS meetings, except somewhat less formal. In partnering with Cosmic Pathways, this year's event will also include career panels, professional talks, career workshops, live demonstrations, graduate school representatives and networking opportunities.

To register for the event, visit the RSPS 2025 homepage at:

<https://www.sas.rochester.edu/pas/news-events/rsps/2025/>

The deadline for registration and abstract submission is **January 31st, 2025**.

Additional event information is available at: <https://cosmicpathways.org/>

We will provide hotel options in a following communication for delegates who plan to arrive Friday evening before the Symposium. There is no registration fee, and lunch will be provided.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Douglass, RSPS Chair