



Department of Physics and Astronomy

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To Science Teachers,

It would be most appreciated if you could contact students at your institution who are considering applying to college to study physics and/or astronomy in order to inform them of the following unique and very special opportunity.

Columbia, SC is the largest city on the East Coast (and the third largest city in the US) close to the center line of totality where you can observe the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. The Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of South Carolina will be leading eclipse events across campus to help visitors and their families safely observe the eclipse and learn about the science and history of total eclipses.

Rising seniors at your institution who are planning to be in Columbia, SC that day, are invited to join us for the eclipse viewing activities and a special reception in the Physics and Astronomy Department at 4:00 pm, after the eclipse. Further details will be posted at <http://physics.sc.edu/eclipse/reception> as we get closer to the event. At this reception, visiting students will get a short (15 minute) introduction to the department and will then meet and talk with faculty members and graduate students. The faculty will then conduct a tour of the labs and discuss courses and other learning opportunities. One-on-one meetings with particular faculty members can be arranged on request.

Students and teachers who are interested should please contact **Mr. Sam Beals** via **phone** at (803) 777-8105 or **e-mail** at [beals@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:beals@mailbox.sc.edu), and RSVP, even if tentative.

Sincerely,

The Department of Physics and Astronomy  
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