

UCSD student receives Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship award

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UCSD STUDENT RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Jeffrey Ostrick, a University of California, San Diego junior studying physics, is a 1990-91 recipient of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation Award.

Ostrick is one of 118 college juniors to receive the award from a field of approximately 700 mathematics and science students nominated by the faculties of more than 450 colleges and universities nationwide.

The scholarship, based on academic merit, covers eligible expenses for tuition, fees, room/board and books, to a maximum of \$7,000. Scholarship recipients are eligible for two years of support.

Ostrick is involved in a joint research project between UCSD and the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory which writes computer programs to monitor the performance of an experiment's triggering system. He will spend the summer at the Fermi Laboratory in Batavia, Ill., working with Hans Kobrak, a UCSD research physicist.

Of his UCSD work with Kobrak, Ostrick notes that "for the first time, I discovered physics in action. The exposure to experimental research has been a rewarding and challenging experience for me." Indeed, Ostrick believes it confirmed his decision to study physics.

Today he has aspirations to obtain a Ph.D., possibly in experimental high energy physics, so he eventually can teach physics at the university level.

Coming to UCSD may have "opened up this opportunity," but Ostrick originally chose the campus because he felt it was "more personable" than many of the other universities he contacted.

In addition to his academic interests, Ostrick also finds time to play tennis and learn Shaolin kung fu. He views his father, grandfather and great-grandfather as inspirations for his success, although none of them received a college diploma. Instead, each followed a "family tradition of working to achieve the best he could." And Ostrick intends to pursue his academic career with the same vigor.

He grew up in Pacific Palisades, Ca., where he attended Palisades High School.

The Goldwater Foundation is a federally endowed agency established by Congress in 1986 "to foster and encourage outstanding scholars to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics and the natural sciences."

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