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Best Physics Award



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What does this award mean to you?

As a final year PhD student, a lot of time and effort has gone into this work; for it to be recognised and appreciated fills me with pride and honour. It gives me motivation and reaffirms my belief in my own abilities.

To whom would you like to dedicate your award?

I'd like to dedicate this award to my supervisor, Dr Wouter Vogel. His positivity and guidance have been invaluable in my PhD trajectory. Without him, this work would not have been possible.

What started your interest in science?

I cannot recall anything in particular that sparked my interest in science. I've always been curious and science answers that curiosity. The ability to probe our environment, to understand the true nature of things and then manipulate them to the benefit of humanity is truly awesome.

Did your parents encourage you in your career, or would they rather you had done something else?

My parents knew from the beginning that I would choose such a career path. They have always encouraged me in my endeavours, even if it meant studying and settling abroad, far away from them. They take pride in my success and I am grateful to them.

If you hadn't been a scientist, what would you like to have been?

I would love to have been a professional violinist. I learned to play the violin for many years and then abandoned it, but I did not fully appreciate what I'd given up until later in life. Unfortunately, professional violin playing requires a lifetime of practice and dedication, and that leaves little room for much else.

What do you do in your spare time?

I enjoy social activities with friends, working out at the gym, cooking, learning languages, watching movies and playing video games.

