Hi all,

Please see the notification below about Blake Burghgrave being selected for the Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) award by the DOE Office of Science. This is a significant achievement - indeed a point of pride for all of us - as only 60-70 PhD students are chosen each year from all areas of science covered at all 10 DOE-funded national laboratories. I don't have the full statistics for this year yet, but last year 7 of the 65 awards went to Experimental High Energy Physics. As the awardee, Blake will continue his doctoral research looking for signs of new physics (production of charged Higgs bosons, to be specific) at ATLAS/LHC under my advisement, but also collaborate closely with Dr. Serban Protopopescu at BNL. He will move to BNL at the end of October for the following 10 months (he is expected to graduate by the end of summer 2017). During this time, he will receive a stipend of $3000/mo from the DOE. Further details about the program can be found at http://science.energy.gov/wdts/scgsr/.

While the praise in the notification below may be common to all awardees, I can attest to its appropriateness for Blake. He is one of several graduate students who have strengthened our ATLAS program over the years, winning prestigious recognitions along the way (although this one is arguably the highest honor yet). Indeed, they have been our greatest assets. Please join me in congratulating Blake on winning this well-deserved award and wishing him continued success in his future endeavors.

Best,
Dhiman

From: sc.scgsr@science.doe.gov <sc.scgsr@science.doe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2016 10:56 AM
To: Dhiman Chakraborty
Subject: SCGSR Award Notification to Primary Graduate Thesis Advisor

Dear Dhiman Chakraborty:

It is my great pleasure to inform you that Blake Oliver Burghgrave from Northern Illinois University has been selected to receive the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) award in response to the SCGSR Solicitation 2016 Solicitation 1. The award is for the proposed SCGSR research project, “Search for charged Higgs bosons at the Large Hadron Collider”, to be conducted at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), from 11/1/2016 to 8/31/2017. Blake Oliver Burghgrave has indicated in the SCGSR application that you are the Primary Graduate Thesis Advisor.

The selection of Blake Oliver Burghgrave for the SCGSR award is in recognition of outstanding academic accomplishments and the merit of the SCGSR research proposal, and reflects Blake Oliver Burghgrave’s potential to advance the Ph.D. studies and make important contributions to the mission of the DOE Office of Science. We greatly appreciate your support to Blake Oliver Burghgrave in the application and your ongoing support as the primary graduate thesis advisor during Blake Oliver Burghgrave’s SCGSR research project at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). As part of the eligibility requirements, SCGSR awardees must be enrolled full-time in a qualified doctoral program during each academic term throughout the award period. We will need your help to verify the full-time enrollment for Blake Oliver Burghgrave at the beginning of each academic term during the award period. About a week or so in advance of Blake Oliver Burghgrave's start date at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) will be in contact with you for verifying the full-time enrollment for Blake Oliver Burghgrave from DOE-SCGSR@orau.org. Should you have any questions about the DOE SCGSR Program and the award, please feel free to contact me, the SCGSR program manager, at ping.ge@science.doe.gov. Thank you very much for your support to the SCGSR Program, Sincerely, Ping Ge, Ph.D. SCGSR Program Manager Office of Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists Office of Science