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Dear Samuel Mensah,

Congratulations to you and your chapter for your accomplishments during the 2017-18 academic year! We are consistently amazed each year at how much time, energy, and effort everyone devotes to their departments and local communities. It is with great pleasure that I inform you that this year the University of Memphis chapter has earned the designation of a **Society of Physics Students Outstanding Chapter!** This is the highest level of distinction given to our chapters and is received by less than 10% of our top chapters annually, with just 77 of 813 chapters so honored this year.

You and your chapter should be proud! A certificate suitable for display is enclosed and we hope that you do just that – show it off! Your accomplishment will be listed on the SPS website and in the winter issue of *The SPS Observer*. Please notify your university news office and your local press. You and your students have earned this moment of recognition. Your combined efforts supported the department, helped further student development, and strengthened the community.

Keep up the great work and continue writing reports that truly represent your chapter and department. Share your unique story and record your achievements as a starting point for future students. And, check out what other chapters are doing at www.spsnational.org/resources/chapters. We also recommend you contact your elected zone officials, Shannon Clardy at clardys@hsu.edu and Swapnil Bhatta at bhatta.swapnil@usm.edu, as resources.

Thank you for the time and energy you devote. I know the school year is very full but, from personal experience, I can attest that when an SPS chapter is thriving and integrated into the department environment, it is often a sign of an advisor who is committed and actively engaged with their students. To have your group named an **Outstanding Chapter** is a testament to your leadership skills and your ability to foster leadership among your students.

Please do not hesitate to contact the National Office if you have questions, or if we can be of any assistance in helping your chapter continue to flourish. Your chapter makes a difference in the lives of students.

Sincerely,

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