



QuarkNet

Stories from the classroom

Alysia Flores took my physics class in high school. She sported keen intuition but only limited mathematical facility, finding it fun but very difficult. She joined in our QuarkNet Masterclass at the U of Minnesota Center. The sheer joy of "peeking into the mind of God" amidst such enthusiastic scientists and students in a college setting seriously hooked her on particle physics. Nobody in her family had ever attended college before. She created a project for the school science fair on modeling the Casimir effect. Her idea won her the fair, the subsequent regional fair and a free ride to the national fair. Alysia won honorable mention and Princeton University offered her a scholarship. She double-majored in physics and dance (her original interest)!

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