



TENNESSEE SECTION OF AAPT

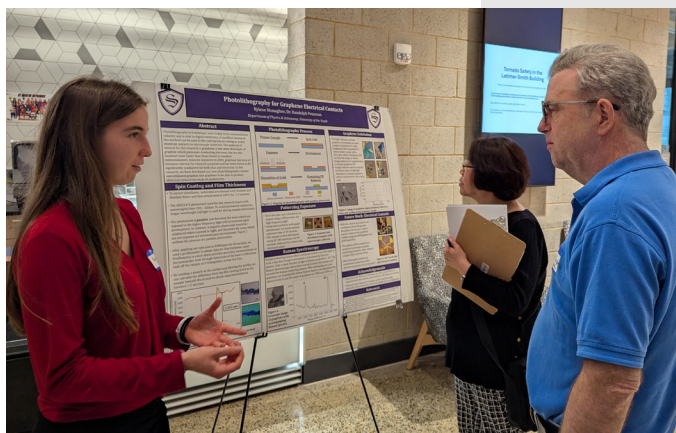
2025 Annual Activity Report

TAAPT 2025 Meeting

The annual meeting of the Tennessee section of the Association of American Physics Teachers (TAAPT) was held on April 4–5, 2025, at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The event began on Friday evening with registration at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The keynote speaker, **Dr. Peggy Hill**, Professor of Physics Emerita at Southeast Missouri State University, delivered a presentation titled “Making an Unlikely Connection: CATE2024 Team 017.”

Saturday’s session began with breakfast and registration at 8 a.m. Contributed talks took place from 9 to 10:30 a.m., followed by the business meeting from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. The student poster session and awards were held from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m., lunch from 12 to 1 p.m., and concluded with a tour of the Latimer-Smith Building. Attendees especially enjoyed a visit to the rooftop observatory.

Thirteen faculty and 26 students attended the meeting. There was a strong showing from students at UT Martin. The quality of student posters was admirable: 1st place award to **Kylene Monaghan** (University of the South), 2nd place to **Amaya Caudel** (APSU), and 3rd place shared between **Tiffany Decker** (UT Martin) and **Jeremy Gordon** (UT Martin).



Business Meeting



The following matters were discussed during the meeting:

- A. National Update:** Dr. Eugenii Donev, the section representative, shared updates from the national AAPT and encouraged greater faculty membership.
- B. Financial Report:** Dr. Pei Xiong-Skiba, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the organization's financial report. She expressed appreciation to members who contributed additional dues to support student activities, noting that TAAPT is on solid financial footing.
- C. Officers:** Dr. Tatiana Allen (University of Tennessee at Chattanooga) was elected Chair-Elect for 2025-2026 and host the 2026 meeting. Dr. Eugenii Donev and Dr. Pei Xiong-Skiba (Austin Peay State University) were re-elected as Section Representative and Secretary/Treasurer for 2024-2025.
- D. Future Meetings:** The 2026 TAAPT meeting will be hosted at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Dates will be announced. The 2027 TAAPT meeting will be hosted at Austin Peay State University.
- E. High School Teacher of the Year Award:** Ms. Kim Crews (Obion County Central High School) was honored for her outstanding teaching over the past two decades.

Special thanks to Drs. Jason Alexandra and Cahit Erkal, and the Department of Chemistry and Physics at UT Martin, for hosting the meeting. Despite severe weather alerts—including tornado, flood, and storm warnings—attendee enthusiasm remained high throughout the event.