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American Association of **Physics Teachers**
Enhancing the understanding and appreciation of physics through teaching

College Park, Maryland, United States, July 10, 2020—The 2020 AAPT Fellows Awardee has been announced. The criterion for selection of Fellows is exceptional contribution to AAPT's mission, to enhance the understanding and appreciation of physics through teaching. Fellowship is a distinct honor signifying recognition by one's professional peers. Any AAPT member who has maintained an active membership for at least 7 years is eligible for nomination for Fellowship. Nominations are evaluated by the AAPT Awards committee and approved by the AAPT Board of Directors.



The 2020 Summer Fellow is:

Jose D'Arruda, University of North
Carolina Pembroke, Pembroke, NC

Physics professor Jose D'Arruda has been selected as a 2020 Summer Fellow by the American Association of Physics Teachers.

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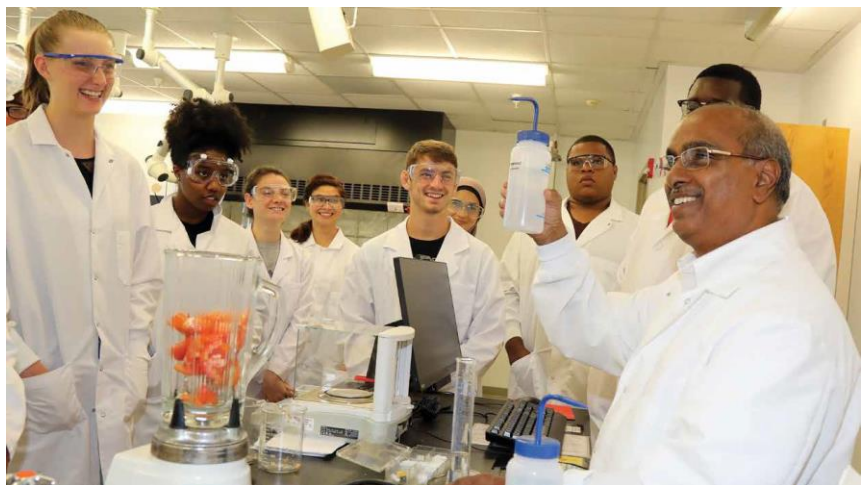
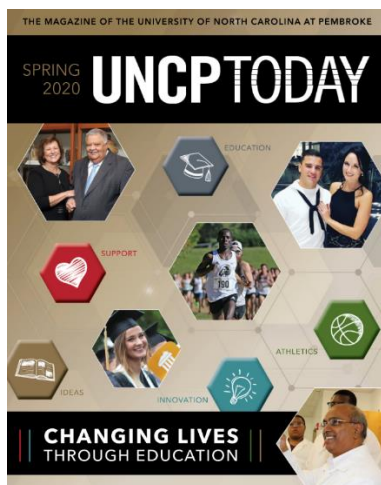
AAPT is an international organization for physics educators, physicists and industrial scientists—with members worldwide. D'Arruda has been an AAPT member since 1975. Among the longest-

serving professors at UNCP, he has taught in the Chemistry and Physics Department for 45 years, serving 23 years as department chair.

Dr. D'Arruda established UNCP's degree program in applied physics, founded the Region IV Science Fair and was instrumental in creating the 3-plus-2 engineering program with N.C. State University. He also serves as director of the UNCP astronomical observatory and advisor for UNCP's high-powered rocket competition team. In 2018, he was presented with the Homer L. Dodge Citation for Distinguished Service to AAPT.

Congratulations, Dr. D'Arruda!

DR. SIVANADANE MANDJINY: A LIFE WELL INVESTED



As chair, Dr. Mandjiny works hard to make everyone feel good about what they are doing, always keeping the students as our main focus, which is evident when you see students lining up outside of his office to talk with him.

*Check out the story in the **SPRING 2020 UNCP TODAY** written by *Eleanor Johnson**

Congratulations, Dr. Mandjiny!

SELF-CARE BAG STUFFING



The Division of Student Affairs had made 7,000 self-care bags filled with masks, sanitizer, wipes, and thermometers, etc., to distribute to students as they return to campus. Volunteers were asked to help stuff the bags on July 16th at the UC Lawn. Thank you to the volunteers who helped from our department: Dr. Rachel Smith, Dr. Cornelia Tirla, Ms. Sally Vallabha, Hope Bullock, and Carolyn Oxendine.

UNCP HEROES: MOLLY WOODARD

A collage featuring a photo of Molly Woodard, a young woman with long blonde hair and glasses, smiling. To the right of the photo is the UNC Pembroke logo, which includes a building icon and the text 'UNC PEMBROKE'. Below the logo is the text 'THANK YOU FRONT-LINE HEROES' in large, bold, black letters. At the bottom of the collage is a black banner with the text 'Molly Woodard '15' in white.

Molly Woodard graduated from UNCP in May 2015 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She currently works part time for Robeson County EMS as a paramedic. Her future goal is to become an emergency nurse practitioner.



Welcome back Faculty, Staff, and Students!