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Fermilab Student &
Postdoc Association

FSPA report

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54th Annual Fermilab Users Meeting
August 5th, 2021

- **F**orm deeper connections between early career researchers.
- **S**hare cultural events and activities from various backgrounds.
- **P**rovide support to the community of early career researchers at Fermilab.
- **A**ct as liaison between students and postdocs and the Fermilab directorate.



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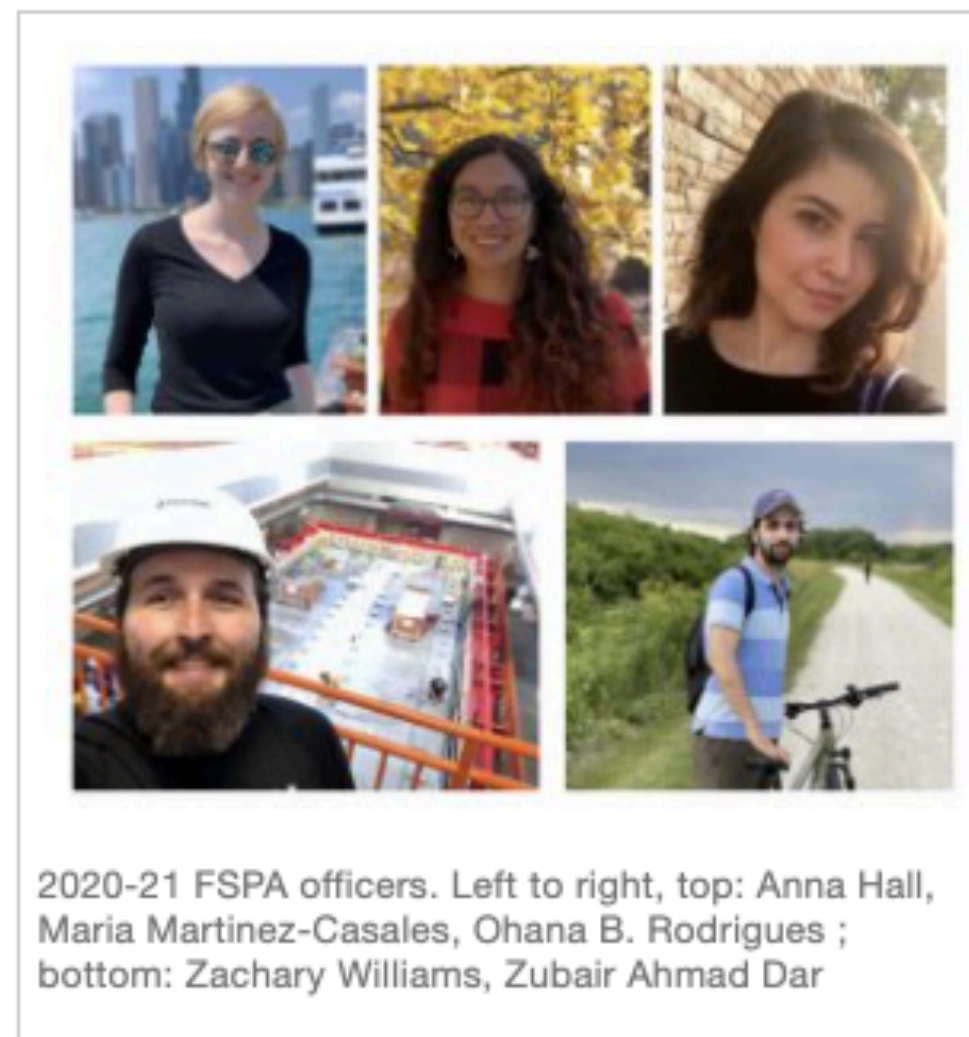
Who are we?

The Fermilab Student & Postdoc Association (FSPA) represents the community of early career researchers at Fermilab, including all students, postdocs, summer students, and interns.

What do we do?

We organize events throughout the year, including the New Perspectives conference and annual Fermilab vs. Argonne Soccer Match, and cosponsor many smaller social events designed to engage the community of students, postdocs, and other early career researchers local to Fermilab. FSPA also acts as custodian of long-lived documents, such as the Fermilab Guide to Life, and provides resources via the FSPA webpages.

And, we're a great resource that's available to you if you've got any questions or problems while you're at Fermilab. **If you have any questions for the officers feel free to send an email to fspa_officers@fnal.gov.**



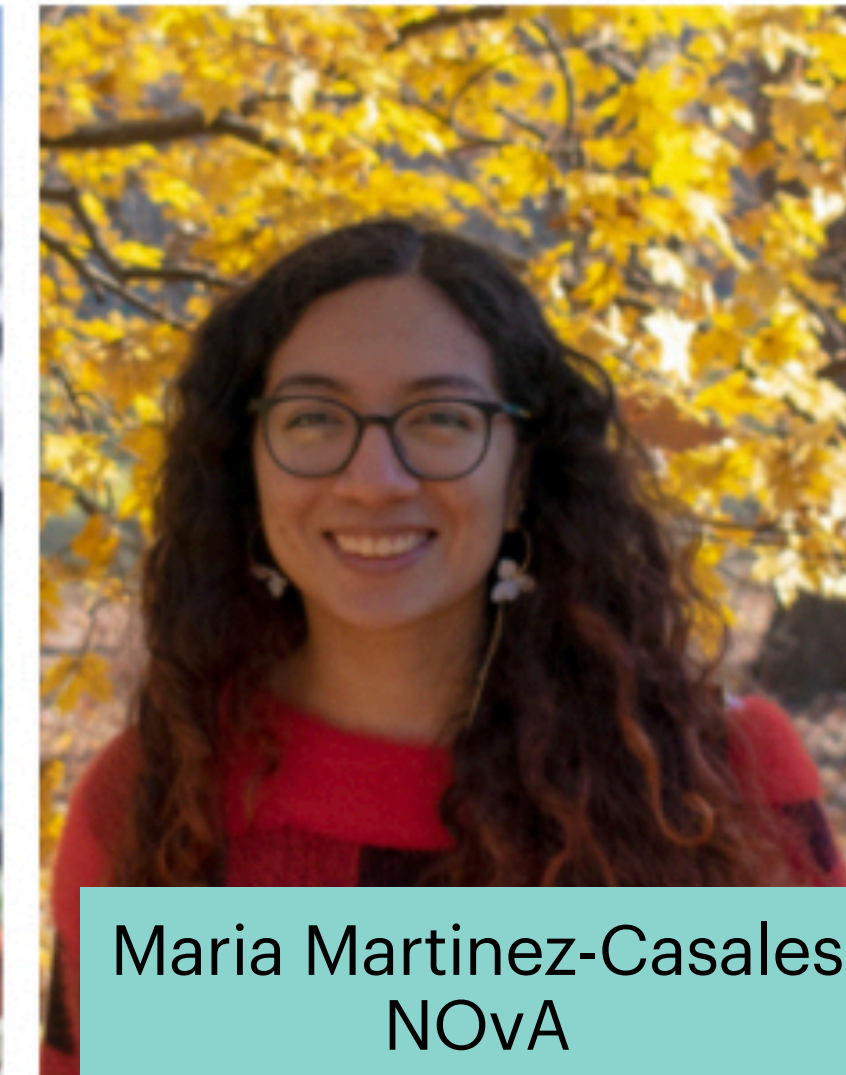
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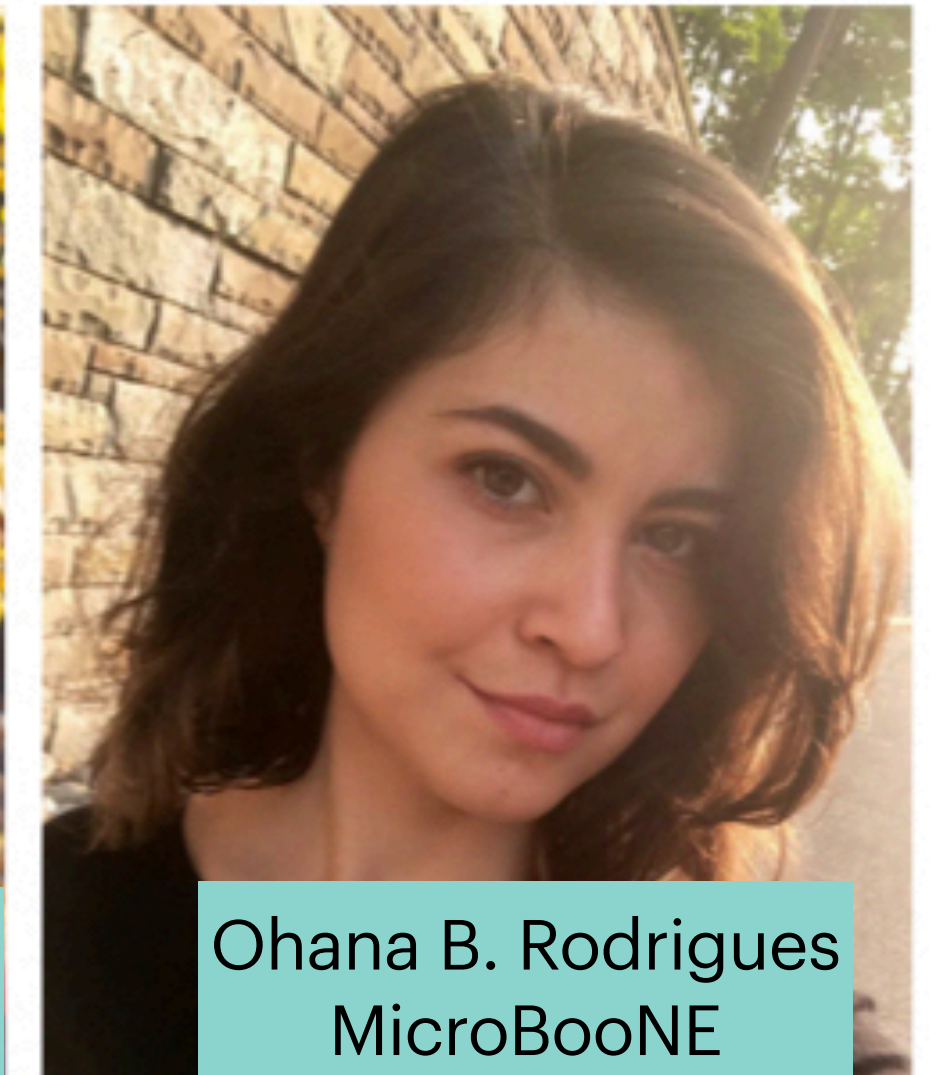
- FSPA is led by 6 officers democratically elected by the student and postdoc community each September.
- 5 new officers join one remaining member to provide continuity



Anna Hall
NOvA



Maria Martinez-Casales
NOvA



Ohana B. Rodrigues
MicroBooNE



Zachary Williams
MicroBooNE



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Our Mission

- Support the community of students, postdocs, and all other early career researchers at Fermilab by performing endeavors such as
 - Providing resources
 - Organizing social events and the annual New Perspectives Conference
 - Holding professional development activities
 - Organizing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion related activities
 - Act as a liaison between students/postdocs and the Fermilab directorate
- The FSPA Officers oversee the utilization of funds allocated to FSPA by the Fermi Research Alliance (FRA), via the Fermilab Directorate, to support this mission.

Social Activities

(Not possible this year)

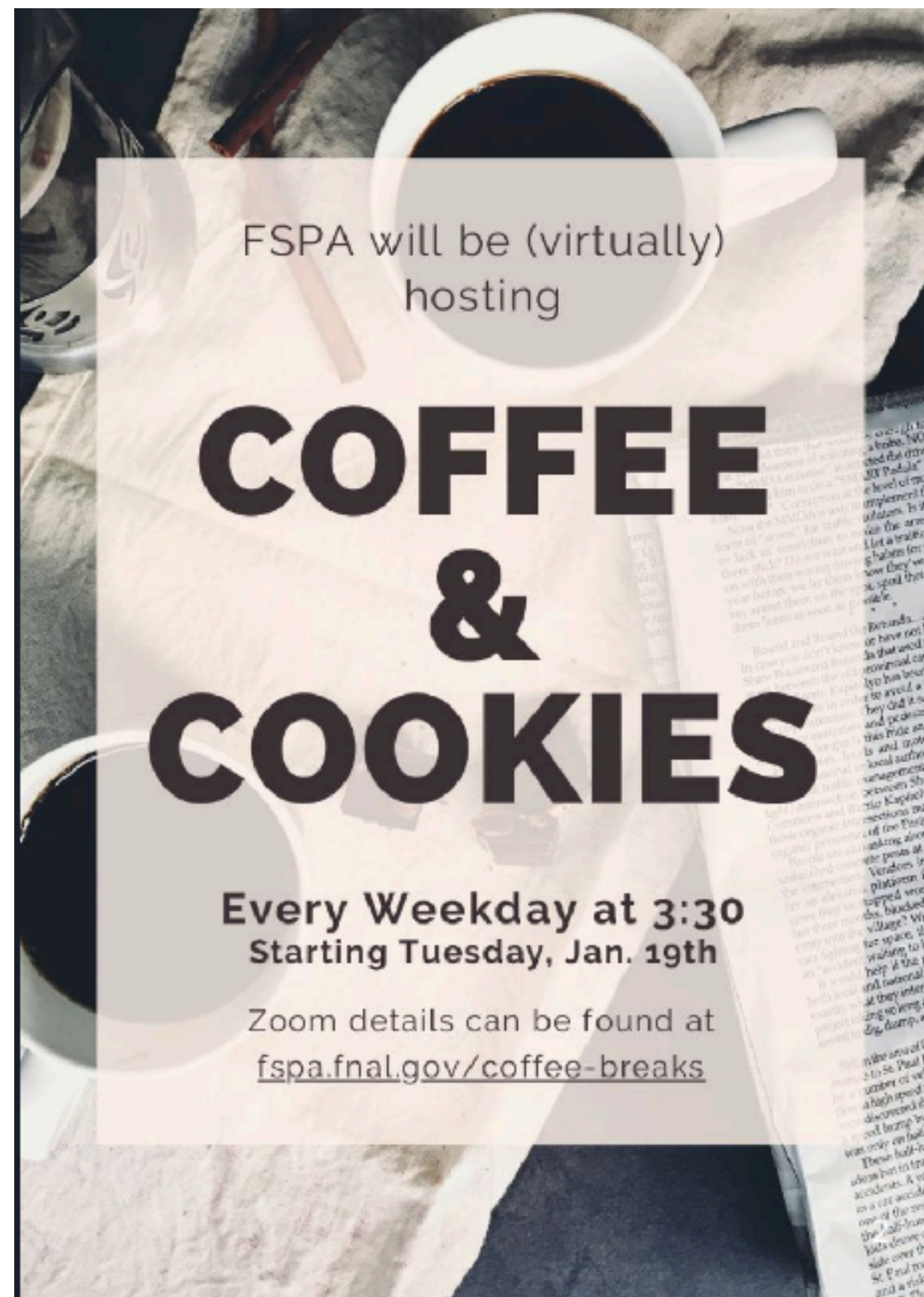
- Halloween Party
- Holiday Party
- Thanksgiving Pot-Luck (in association with Global Services)
- Spring Pot-Luck (in association with Global Services)
- Soccer Tournaments
- Brazilian BBQ
- Annual FNAL/ANL Soccer Match (in association with Soccer Group)



Social Activities

Virtual!

- Halloween virtual event: Jackbox games.
- Coffee Breaks: recreating Wilson Hall daily coffee and cookie break.



Community Development

Black History Month Celebration:

- We took interviews to highlight some of the young Black scientists at the lab before during the month of February.
- These were well received by collaborations.



Fermilab Student and Postdoc Association talks with Katrina Miller

FSPA officer Anna Hall talks with fifth-year University of Chicago Ph.D. student Katrina Miller, who works on MicroBooNE. They talked about how she became interested in physics, her work to make physics more accessible to marginalized communities, and overcoming adversity in her pursuit of a career in science.



Fermilab Student and Postdoc Association talks with Bryan Ramson

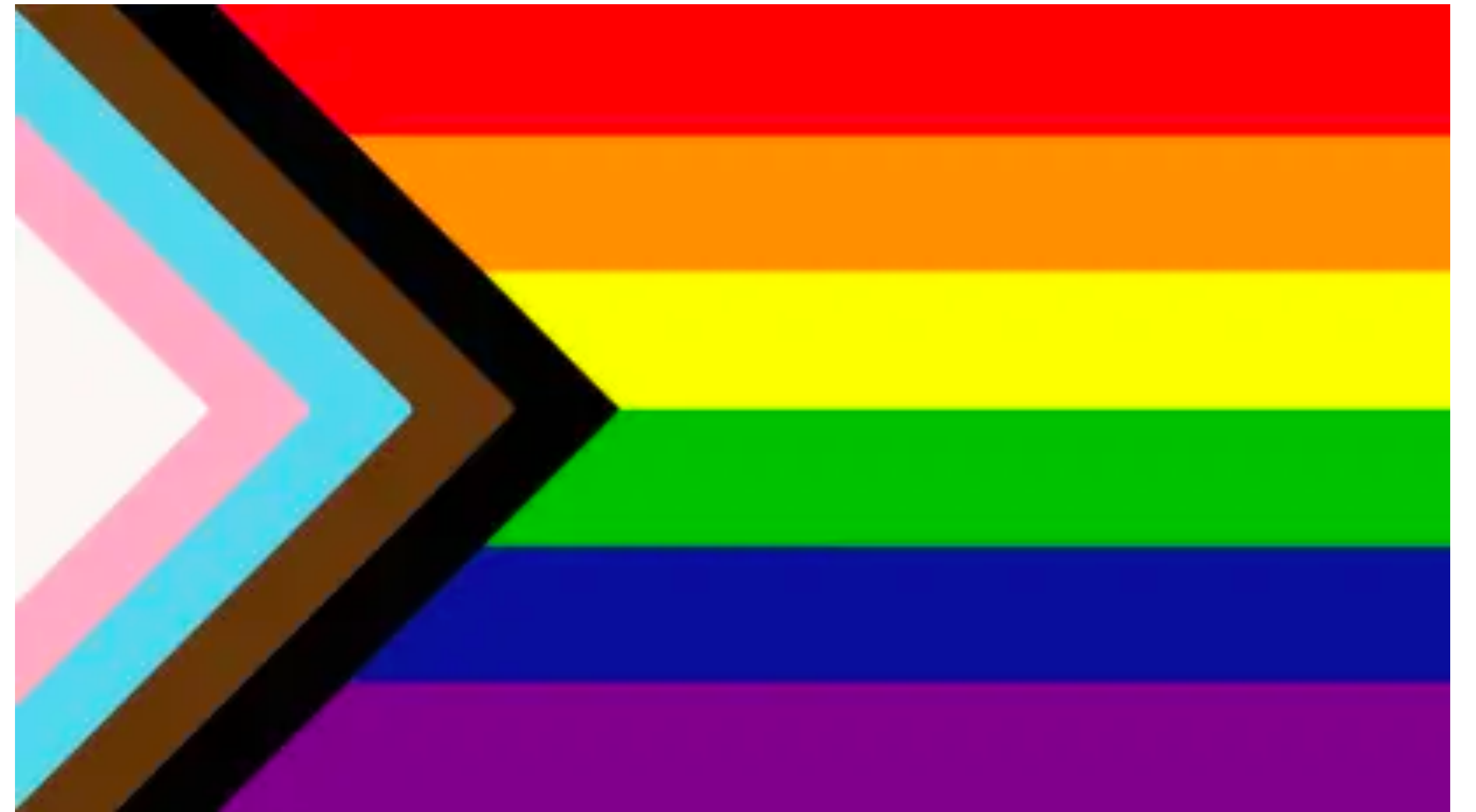
FSPA officer Anna Hall chats with scientist Bryan Ramson about his research, journey and experiences in the field of physics and the work he's done and is doing to improve the accessibility of physics, especially for underrepresented groups.

Read the interviews
[here](#) and [here](#)

Community Development

LGBTQ+ Physicist Virtual Panel

- We gathered 6 members of the LGBTQ+ Physics Community to discuss and answer questions about personal experiences they've had as LGBTQ+ Physicists, and to give advice for how to successfully navigate being a member of that community and being a physicist, or working in industry from a physics background.



New Perspectives Conference

August 16-19 Indico

- Unique conference — organized by early-career researchers, for early-career researchers.
- Usually, two days of talks in a relaxed, friendly environment, with the levels pitched to all attendees.
- Since 2020, the virtual format was extremely successful.
- The conference has grown allowed a larger number of contribution
 - We have ~20 hours of content over 4 days
 - 65+ abstracts submitted
 - 120+ registrants
 - **Career Panel : Wednesday August 18th 4pm**
 - Community development session
 - Social event (in lieu of Brazilian BBQ) (Time TBD)

More information: fspa.fnal.gov/new-perspectives-2021/ Photos: Fermilab, Maria M. Casales

Registration deadline: August 2nd
Abstract submission deadline: July 23rd

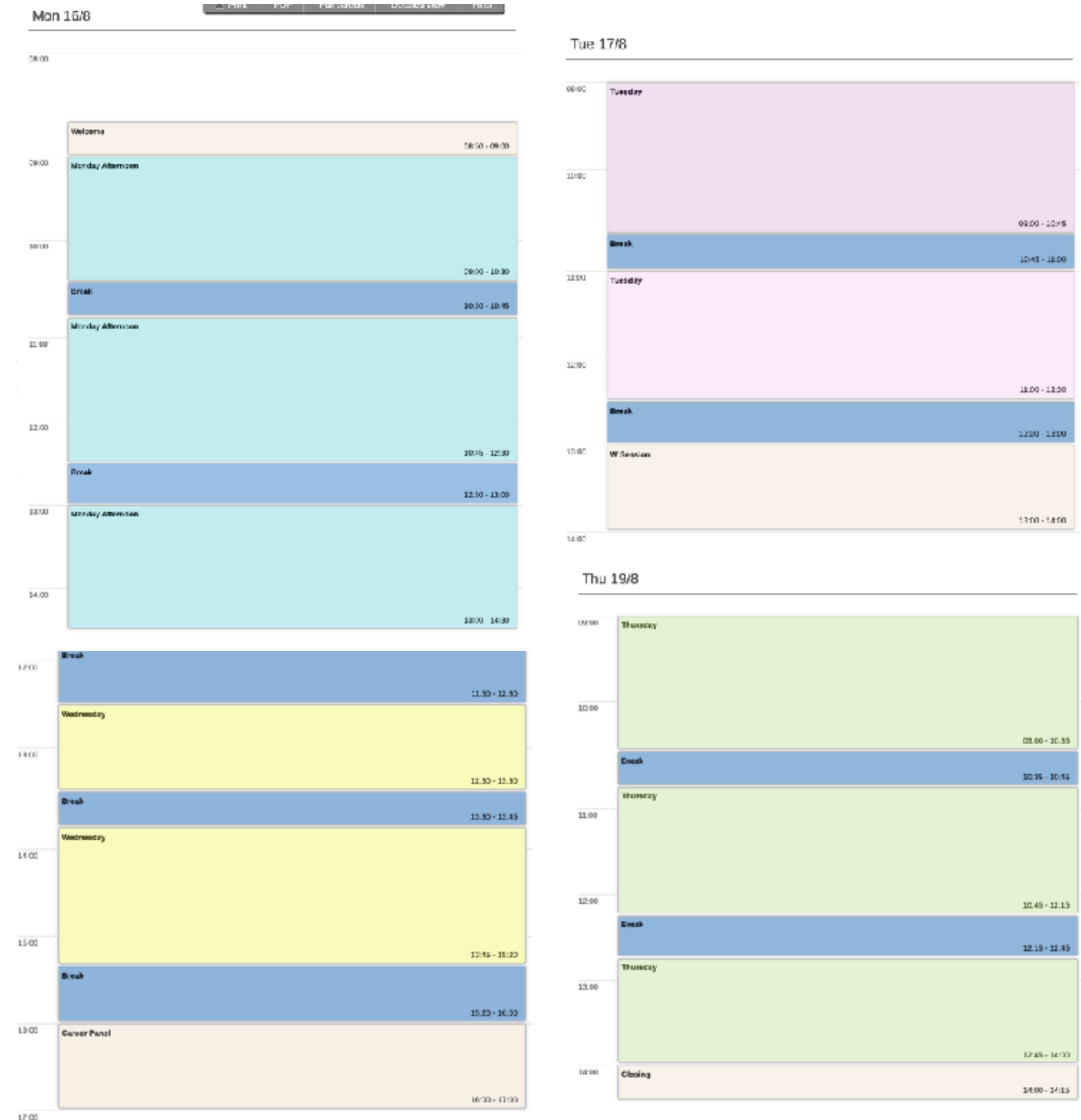
August 16th - 19th
New Perspectives 2021
A virtual conference for early career researchers

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FSPA Community Liaison

- Collaborate with the Users Executive Committee as representatives of the early-career community.
 - Attend UEC meetings and report on activities.
 - Participate in UEC subcommittees.
 - Co-host events and assist in organizing Users' Meeting



UEC and FSPA present virtual 

MEET & GREET

Meet the Fermilab Users Executive Committee and learn about what we do!

FRIDAY, JAN 22nd, STARTS AT 3 - 5 PM CST
All Employees and Users are Welcome to attend

We will host it on Zoom with separate breakout rooms for each UEC subcommittee.

There will be a raffle (drawn at 4:30 pm CST) and a chance to win prizes if you come and chat with us!

Raffle with prizes!



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HEP Advocacy

- The FSPA community is a large part of the annual HEP Advocacy DC (virtual) Trip.
- We meet with Congresspeople and their staff to thank them for supporting our work, share our excitement and enthusiasm for HEP and tell them all the great progress we've made.
 - All meetings were via phone this year, but it was an extremely successful 'trip'!



2019's 'FSPA'

Get Involved!

- Subscribe to our mailing list: fnalgrad@fnal.gov
- Contact the officers: fspa_officers@fnal.gov
- Visit our website: fspa.fnal.gov
- Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/FermilabFSPA
- Reach out with any suggestions, feedback and ideas for other ways we can help
- Run in the election to become an FSPA Officer and have the privilege of serving your community!
- Elections will be held in September, so please begin to consider who to nominate to this important position, or nominate yourself!



Get Involved!

- Elections are coming up soon. Stay tuned.
- We need enthusiastic members to carry forward the FSPA mission as Fermilab's Student & Postdocs!
- Meet the new elected officers next October.

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