



**Alumni Association of  
The City College of New York**



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Mr. Arthur B. Weglein  
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Dear Mr. Weglein:

*Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of CCNY have unanimously voted to confer on you the Townsend Harris Medal for 2008. This medal symbolizes recognition by the Alumni Association and the College of the exemplary contributions you have made in your chosen field of endeavor. You were chosen among nearly 100 nominees. The medal will be presented on the occasion of the 127th Annual Alumni Dinner to be held on Thursday evening, October 30, 2008 at The New York Hilton Hotel on 45th Street. Please let me know prior to May 30th if you will be present to receive the Medal, which is a requirement.*

*The Dinner is attended by approximately 500-600 alumni, members of the College community and supportive New Yorkers. We hope you will make every effort to fill a table so that your friends, family and colleagues can join you in celebration of this great honor. Additional information regarding the Dinner will be sent to you during the summer.*

*At that time I will be requesting an updated biography and a black and white or color head shot to be used in preparing the publicity for the Dinner, including a full page ad in the Summer Alumnus magazine.*

*If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (212) 234-3000.*

*I look forward to hearing from you and again, Congratulations!*

Sincerely,

Donald K. Jordan,  
Executive Vice President

## Physicist Captures Highest Honor From Alma Mater



A University of Houston physicist will join the ranks of a number of Nobel laureates this fall when he receives the Townsend Harris Medal, the highest honor awarded alumni of his alma mater, City College of New York.

Arthur B. Weglein, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Professor of Physics, is one of eight 2008 recipients of the medal given by the CCNY Alumni Association.

Nobel laureates who have received the honor are Arno Penzias, Leon Lederman, Robert Hofstadter, and Herbert Hauptman, physics; Kenneth Arrow, economics; and Arthur Kornberger and Julius Alexrod, medicine.

Previous awardees also include former Secretary of State Colin Powell; polio vaccine developer Dr. Jonas Salk; U.S. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter; composer Ira Gershwin; presidential advisor Bernard Baruch; former National Academy of Sciences President Frank Press; former Intel CEO Andrew Grove; mathematician Jesse Douglas; physicists Herman Feshbach, Joseph Birman and Benjamin Bederson; philosophers Ernest Nagel and Morris Raphael Cohen; political scientist Abraham Foxman; and writers Irving Howe, Lewis Mumford and Paddy Chayefsky.

The CCNY class of 1906 established the award, which is given for outstanding postgraduate achievement, said Donald Jordan, CCNY Alumni Association executive vice president. A committee of former awardees considered 100 nominees this year.

Former CCNY Provost, Dean of Science and Physics Chair Harry Lustig, a leading theoretical nuclear physicist, Mossbauer effect pioneer and former medal recipient, nominated Weglein, who earned three degrees from CCNY, including a Ph.D. in physics in 1975.

"It was an amazing urban university—no dorms, no football team, no endowment funds, —but with professors and administrators with a very deep understanding, commitment and visceral sense of the

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