**SPS Meeting: 28 September 2012**

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**Upcoming Events:**

* In late November, we will have an astrophysicist visit us from NASA Goddard
  + Campus-wide
  + Requested date: 30 November 2012, Friday, 3:00 to 4:00 pm
* In the next few weeks, we plan to have internal professors speak:
* Jacob’s grandfather – undercover physicist for the CIA

**Three possible trips:**

We would like to visit at least two places this semester

* Northrup Grumman
* NASA
* NIST

**Physics Competition:**

* [**UphysicsC.com**](uphysicsc.com)
* Basically, this is a 48 hour competition – There are two real-life problems in which the team only has to complete one.
* Teams are made up of maximum three people, though there can be an unlimited amount of teams per institute
* There is a formal lab report/paper due at the end, with an abstract that is no longer than 300 words
* Why should you do this? And what will you get out of it?
  + You will have fun and learn at the same time.
  + You will be representing UMBC
  + Physics is awesome and you should do it

Spring Events / Some ideas up in the air:

* Science fair – campus wide
* Joining with the Interdisciplinary Students Club in the Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race
  + Supposedly it is a 15 mile race, lasting 8 hours
  + [**http://www.kineticbaltimore.com/**](http://www.kineticbaltimore.com/)