

# Women Leaders in Physics

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Helen Quinn of Stanford Univ (President of APS)

I learned to argue well from my father, and learned the ethics of service from my mother. As president of APS, I deal with the present problems, but also look ahead to where we'd like to be 3-5 years from now.

Myriam P. Sarachik, City College of New York (Past President of APS)

I am very strong-willed, and needed this to survive in a male-dominated field. I attended the Bronx High School of Science and graduated believing that I did not want to be a scientist. I went to Barnard, but found it too easy. I transferred to Columbia and scored an F in my first term. Lesson for teachers: don't give up on students who appear hopeless. I went into physics largely because I found it very difficult. It gave me an opportunity to continue to grow. Upon graduation, I worked for Bell labs for a while, and then went into teaching and research.

Judy Franz, American Physical Society Executive Officer

I have a love of physics and a passion for physics education. I hold a commitment to women in physics. I have a fascination with the world. If you are seen to be active, you will find yourself in leadership roles.

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