



# Update from the Board of Directors

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**Chair, JLUO Board of Directors**

**2024 Fall JLUO Satellite Meeting**

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# Our Mission



- **Encourage and assist scientists and engineers in the use of the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility**
- **Create and maintain effective channels for the exchange of information between the staff of JLab and other scientists and engineers interested in using CEBAF**
- **Create and maintain effective methods of offering advice and counsel to the JLab management on matters of policy affecting the development and utilization of the facility**
- **Support, encourage, and assist in the advancement of basic scientific knowledge, and to promote the most effective utilization of CEBAF for the common good and welfare of society**



# 2024 - 2025 Board of Directors



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# Recent Activities: Annual Meeting

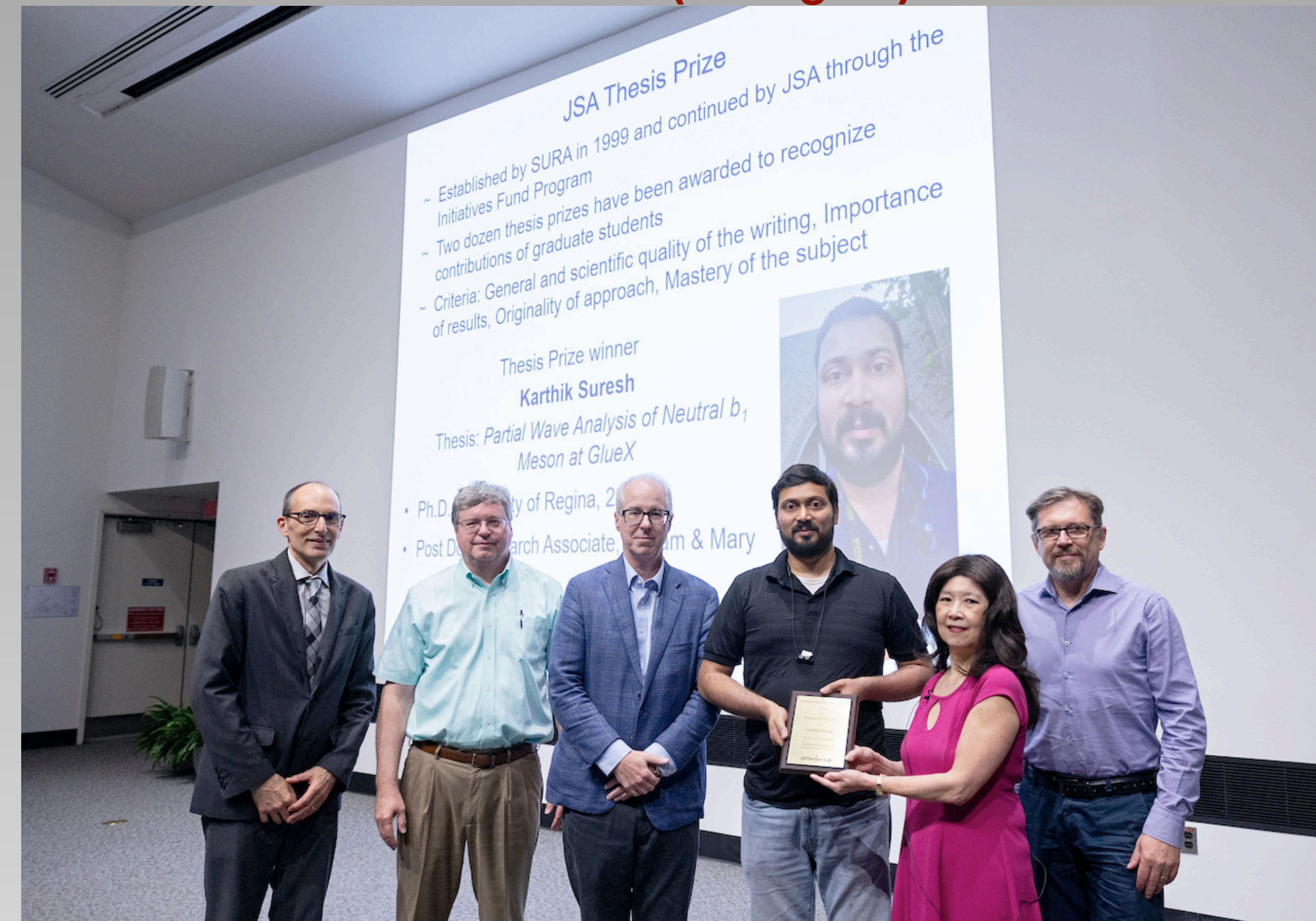


Attendees: 168 in person, ~40 zoom participants in a session  
[Program](#)

## Postdoctoral Prize: Debaditya Biswas (VA Tech)



## Ph.D. Prize: Karthik Suresh (U Regina)





# Recent Activities: PAC 52



## User Representation in PAC

- JLUO Chair: PAC member (no rights to rank proposals)
- JLUO Vice Chair: PAC observer (no rights to rank proposals)

## User Representation in PAC 52

- Transparency
  - PAC discussions and proposal reviews follow the charge
- Fairness
  - All proposals are reviewed according to the same standards
- Communication
  - the JLUO Chair is cc-d on all e-mail exchange between PAC members and proponents
  - user representatives provide feedback on the PAC report (feedback to proponents is informative, justified, and captures the essence of the PAC discussion)

**The role of the PAC Chair is critical. Profound thank you to Markus Diehl for being an outstanding PAC Chair!**

# Ongoing Activities



**User Representation in the JLab DEIA Council: JLUO Chair, Dien Nguyen, Olga Cortes Becerra**

- **Scientific User Demographic Group:** next meeting is on 10 October at 1 pm via [zoom](#)
- **Community Resource Groups survey** is ongoing throughout October. Please, fill it out even if you are not interested in any group.
- **Upcoming Inclusion Survey (January 2025):** users need different survey than staff

**Monthly meetings with the Chief Operating Officer: Y. Ilieva, M. Shepherd, I. Niculescu, M. Contalbrigo, R. Dupre**

- **LOTO pause:** recertification completion
- **JLab Ombudsman:** in process, target FY25; user input - responsibilities, job ad, search
- **Site Access Requirements:** except for Open House, anyone who visits JLab for business **must** register (guest speakers, meeting attendees who have no prior registrations, etc.)
- **User complaints:** guards, registration issues

# Ongoing Activities



**Monthly meetings with Associate Director for ENP: All Board members**

**JLab Space Committee: JLUO Chair**

**Quarterly meetings with the Deputy Director for Science: Y. Ilieva, M. Shepherd**

- **JSA is intent on evolving the fund to support larger activities (prizes/awards) that cannot be supported by other programs and outsourcing the smaller funds (travel, JLUO, meetings, etc.) to the Director's discretionary funds**
- **2025 JSA Initiatives Fund Process**
  - **Managed by the lab**
  - **All awarded funds must be expended by 31 May 2025**
  - **Nuclear Physics Day on the Hill: funded at the same level as in 2024, managed by JSA as previously**

# Board Meetings



## Monthly Board Meetings: [Agendas](#)

### JLUO BoD Meetings

The Users Organization Board of Directors meets on a regular (monthly) basis and organises a join meeting with the lab management at least twice a year. Here are the Minutes of previous meetings and recent presentations:

JLUO BoD Meeting - September 20, 2024

1. JSA Initiatives Fund for 2024 - 2025
2. Topics to bring to Johnathon Huff in the Chairline meeting with him next week: ombudsman search committee, Quark Cafe, ...
3. 2025 Inclusion Survey
4. Meetings: satellite meeting at DNP, 2025 Annual Users Meeting, NP Day at the Hill
5. Other business

JLUOBoD Summer Meeting, June 11-13, 2024 -

June 11 - 18:00-20:00

- 18:00 - 18:30 JLab Present & Future - Stuart Henderson, David Dean
- 18:30 - 19:00 Open discussion
- 19:00 - 19:30 Experiment and Theory status and perspectives - [Thia Keppel](#), Jianwei Qiu
- 19:30 - 20:00 Open discussion

June 12 - 18:00-20:00

- 19:00 - 18:30 JLUO Space Survey - Yordanka Ilieva
- 18:30 - 19:00 Open discussion
- 19:00 - 19:30 PAC, Operation & Scheduling - [Douglas Higinbotham](#)
- 19:30 - 20:00 Open discussion

**Let us know if you have any concerns, issues, or suggestions!**



# Upcoming Events



**Nuclear Physics Day on the Hill:** JLab, RHIC, FRIB, and Fundamental Symmetry colleagues meet with staff of senators and representatives

## **JLab Users participation:**

2013: 7 colleagues

2014: 14 colleagues

2015: 20 colleagues

2016: 24 colleagues

2017: 23 colleagues

2018: 27 colleagues

2019: 25 colleagues

2020 - cancelled

2021: virtual

2022: virtual

2023: 12 colleagues

2024: 10 colleagues (< 20% of total participants)

**2025 Goals: increase the JLUO participation to ~15 participants**

**Contact Ioana Niculescu: [niculemi@jmu.edu](mailto:niculemi@jmu.edu)**

**2025 Annual Users Meeting: contact Matt Shepherd ([mashephe@indiana.edu](mailto:mashephe@indiana.edu))**



# We need your help



## Surveys and Communications

- surveys from the lab and the Board are the main communication channel to receive up-to-date advice and feedback from the community on outstanding matters
- user participation in jlab-related surveys is low - we need to do better
- cuga mailing absorbs any communication to the community (conferences, open positions, funding opportunities, surveys, calls for prize nominations, PAC, summer lectures, etc.) and important messages may be missed
- **Board-User communications: advocacy mailing list, how to sign up:** send a blank email to [advocacy+subscribe@jluoboard.org](mailto:advocacy+subscribe@jluoboard.org) from a non-jlab e-mail address

**Thank you for being an engaged member of the JLUO!**



# Today's Agenda



**12:30** → 12:40 **Welcome and News from JLUO**  
**Speaker:** Yordanka Ilieva (University of South Carolina)

**12:40** → 13:00 **News from the Lab**  
**Speaker:** Kimberly Sawyer (JLAB)

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**13:00** → 13:20 **Science at JLab**  
**Speaker:** David Dean (TJNAF)

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**13:20** → 13:40 **Update from the Physics Division**  
**Speaker:** Dr Douglas Higinbotham (Jefferson Lab)

**13:40** → 13:50 **News from the Graduate-Student PostDoc Association (GSPDA)**  
**Speaker:** Kate Evans (College of William and Mary)

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**13:50** → 14:00 **JLUO Business**