

Long Yan Yung's Story

What was your year, major/concentration and hometown?

I was born and raised in Hong Kong and moved to Hawaii at the age of 15. I came to USF in 2010 and graduated in May 2014 with a double major in physics (honors) and mathematics (honors) and a double minor in astronomy and astrophysics. Immediately after graduation, I began a doctoral program in physics at Rutgers University in New Jersey, specializing in astrophysics.



How did being awarded this scholarship affect you as a person?

The honor of receiving this scholarship at such an early stage of my studies largely encouraged me to establish a career in academics. I am compelled to carry on the expectations set upon me as a recipient of this scholarship, and to continue to excel in my field. Moreover, this award will constantly remind me to aim high and maintain a high standard of research quality.

As a student, how were you involved with USF and/or the San Francisco Community beyond academics?

During my time in USF, I served on the USF Astronomy Club as the vice president (2012-2013) and president (2013-2014). I organized public and private astronomy-related events such as stargazing and movie nights. Apart from that, I have been working with the Faithful Fools Street Ministry in San Francisco to serve people living in poverty who lack food and shelter.

How has your USF education transformed you into the person you are today?

My USF education provided many opportunities that allowed me to explore my scientific interests. Apart from academics, USF, as a Jesuit Catholic university, has conveyed the value of social ethics and justice during my course of study and they have become part of my personal values as well.

What have you done or plan to do with your USF education?

With the education I received at USF, I am well-prepared for the PhD program I am currently enrolled in. Eventually I am looking forward to a career as a professional scientist and university professor. My scientific interest mainly lies in astrophysics and theoretical cosmology.

If you were to meet the donors of your scholarship in person, what would you tell them?

Thank you for your generous support of my undergraduate education at USF. Your unreserved giving has made a huge difference in my undergraduate experience. Once again, thank you for your support and please continue to support the students who come after me.