

Materials Professor Honored with AVS Welch Award, Donates Funds to Support Students



[Chris G. Van de Walle](#), Professor of Materials, has been awarded the 2013 AVS [Medard W. Welch Award](#), the premier honor given by AVS, the Science and Technology society. Van de Walle will receive the award at the AVS 60th International Symposium and Conference next week in Long Beach, California.

The award recognizes Professor Van de Walle, "for seminal contributions to the theory of heterojunctions and its applications to semiconductor technology, and for elucidating the role of hydrogen in electronic materials."

Professor Van de Walle has announced that he will donate the award funds to support two worthwhile organizations on the UC Santa Barbara campus. One is a newly formed Students and Scholars Development Committee aimed at enhancing the interactions between the groups within the Materials Department. The other organization is the Office of International Students and Scholars ([OISS](#)), which provides administrative assistance, counseling, and advising regarding issues of concern to international members of the campus community.

The donation will help OISS in creating an environment that is supportive, welcoming and nurturing, and enhancing the quality of the cultural exchange between visitors and others in the UCSB community.

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