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Dear Dr. Colbert,

On behalf of the American Physical Society, it is my pleasure to inform you, and the Open Source Physics Team have been awarded the 2020 Excellence in Physics Education Award. The award recognizes a team or group of individuals (such as a collaboration) or, exceptionally, a single individual, who have exhibited a sustained commitment to excellence in physics education. The citation that will appear on your award certificate is: "For sustained commitment to computational physics education through creating and disseminating programming environments, books, software, simulations, and other tools to support computational thinking, and for research establishing the value of these tools and best practices for their use."

You will receive more information from Cortney Bougher, Director of Membership, about the award and recognition ceremony at an upcoming APS meeting. Congratulations on this well-deserved award.

Sincerely,

David Gross, APS President

Cc: Andrew Gavrin, Nominator
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