

INCLUSIVE ASTRONOMY



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Past Month Recap

A busy, busy November with Inclusive Astronomy! From coordinating public engagement, to launching our website, to hosting our first invited speaker-- **IA is making waves in the BU Astro Department and the Greater Boston Area.**

Emma Lovett (grad), Brock Ewing (ugrad) and Ariyana Bonab (ugrad) hosted a Q&A for students at Randolph High School as part of **#astro365**. They answered burning questions about space, higher education, and how to apply for financial aid.

#science-train blasted off on the orange line with another successful day of public engagement. Beforehand, grads held a bubble making session to freshen up Science Train posters.

Future Meetings

December 3: 11am-12pm

IA General Meeting

December 3: 12:30pm-2pm

Affinity lunch at Audubon

December 6: 6pm-9pm

Astro365 Interactive Night

December 7: 12pm-2pm

Science Train



Check out our
new [IA website!](#)

Special thanks to Prof. Hermes for applying for the site

Astro365 Q&A panel at RHS!

Past Month Recap (cont'd.)



Look out for our special edition newsletter on Dr. Tom Rice's visit!



Please fill out this quick survey with your thoughts on Dr. Tom Rice's visit.

Invited Speaker Dr. Tom Rice

Inclusive Astronomy hosted our first ever invited speaker this month: Dr. Tom Rice, Education Program Manager at the American Astronomical Society. Dr. Rice gave a well-attended joint CSP-IAR research seminar along with a series of workshops regarding inclusive pedagogy, accessibility in academia, and how to effectively communicate science to broad audiences.



Inclusive Astronomy coordinated two public engagement events with Dr. Rice to extend astronomy education to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing people in the Greater Boston Area.



Allie McCarthy (grad) and Dr. Rice visited **The Learning Center for the Deaf** to answer student questions about astronomy. Allie and Tom also hosted a **Deaf Interactive Night** in the College of Arts & Sciences, where they worked with interpreters to introduce astronomical concepts to audiences whose ages ranged from five to eighty-five!



Thank you to all of the volunteers who made these events possible and made Tom feel welcomed! Special thanks to Erin Reynolds, Anne Smartvlasak, & Connor Lukes for your work in organizing Tom's visit.





Science Train

will be back on **December 7th** for another exciting day of outreach! BU Today will be joining to write a story on Science Train. Invite friends in other BU STEM departments, and look for future dates and details in the IA slack channel, **#science-train**.



ASTRO365

will host an Interactive Night with Randolph High School students on **December 6th**. If you'd like to volunteer, email Emma Lovett (elovett@bu.edu), and keep an eye on the IA slack channel, **#astro365**, for more information.



Want more say in IA? **Apply to be on the Leadership Board** (QR code left)! All are welcome and encouraged to apply.

TO DO

- ★ Join the [IA Slack](#) and specific channels of interest! ([#astro365](#), [#science-train](#), [#eclipses](#), [#perkins-outreach](#))
- ★ Let us know if you would like to join the affinity group!
- ★ Check out our new [website](#)
- ★ [Give feedback](#) on Tom Rice's visit
- ★ Reach out to Emma at elovett@bu.edu if you're interested in volunteering for the Astro365 Interactive Night on **12/6**