

Stephen Hawking's Connection to George Mitchell

Renowned astrophysicist Stephen Hawking gave a very special video presentation during the memorial for George P. Mitchell in August 2013. The memorial was held at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

Hawking first came to Texas A&M in 1995 and visited the A&M physics department regularly. The auditorium at the Mitchell Physics Building at the Texas A&M Campus in College Station was dedicated to Hawking in 2010. Mr. Mitchell donated \$35 million to help build the \$83 million physics building.

Hawking was an English theoretical physicist, cosmologist and author. At the time of his death in 2018, he was director of research at the Centre of Theoretical Cosmology at the University of Cambridge. He had Lou Gehrig's disease all his adult life. In this video, he is aided by a sophisticated wheelchair and speaks with the aid of a computer. He is famous because he proposed that black holes would emit subatomic particles until they eventually exploded.

His most famous quote is:

"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at."

Stephen Hawking
January 8, 1942 to March 14, 2018

