

# Nelson M. Duller

## Chair in Experimental Physics

**Goals: >\$1,000,000 & >1000 contributors**

*Brief facts:*



- ◆ World War II Veteran (Normandy, Battle of the Bulge . . .)
- ◆ B.S. TAMU, 1948
- ◆ Ph.D. Rice University, 1953
- ◆ 1950-53 Humble Fellow
- ◆ 1956-58 Alfred P. Sloan Fellow
- ◆ 1953-1954, 1962-present TAMU faculty member
- ◆ 1965 Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching
- ◆ 1987 Assoc. of Former Students Distinguished Teaching Award
- ◆ 2001 Assoc. of Former Students Distinguished Teaching Award
- ◆ At the age of 83, he is still conducting research and teaching a full load with overwhelmingly positive teaching evaluations

For over 50 years, Professor Duller has been educating, mentoring, and providing guidance to Aggies. His overall impact on the lives of Aggies has been phenomenal. A window on his widely acknowledged success in teaching is provided by his recent comment, “Going to teach my class is the highlight of my day.”

The primary objective of this proposed chair is permanent recognition of Dr. Duller’s extraordinary contributions to Texas A&M and its students.

A few quotes from recent former students are as follows:

- “Dr. Duller changed the course of [my] life with the same vigor, wisdom, courtesy, and selflessness that characterizes all of his actions.”
- “Dr. Duller’s class was my most memorable undergraduate course.”
- “. . . his passion and vast experience with the subject were evident throughout the course.”
- “Nelson has a very unassuming, affable presence in the classroom which makes him and the content of his lectures very accessible to students. He is also unusually willing to meet with students outside of class time.”
- “When I was leaving, he asked how I was getting home. I told him that I was riding the bus, so he offered to give me a ride home because it was already dark. He said that if he had a little granddaughter my age, he wouldn’t want her to be out at night like that.”
- “Professors say call or stop by if you have a problem, but he really meant it. He listened also as a friend; God knows I desperately needed that. He was unbelievably patient and kind.”
- “He never turned me away and always made time to help me even if he was busy.”
- “I always leave his presence feeling like the special person he treats me as.”