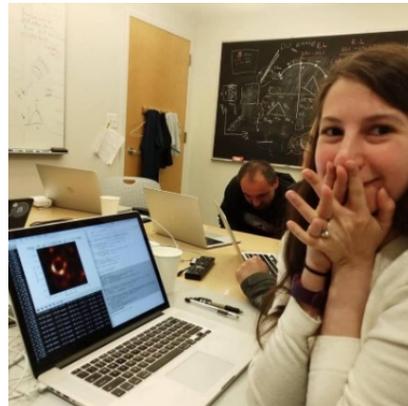


Dear Friend:

History was made recently by a team of researchers and astronomers when they unveiled the first image of a black hole, located nearly 55 million light-years away from planet Earth. More specifically, they captured a photo of a "supermassive black hole" and the shadow it creates, as the black hole itself is invisible. In essence, what Einstein predicted nearly 100 years ago has been proven at last with photographic evidence.

Dr. Katie Bouman, then a graduate student in computer science and artificial intelligence at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, led a team that created the algorithms which eventually led to the capture of this historical image. Getting the data for the image required the collaborative efforts of many scientists throughout the world.



Katie Bouman. Credit: Facebook

This is exciting news! And the image has been fascinating people around the globe. But not every scientist who wants to share their work with the public can make front-page international news, which is why the Fleet Science Center works with researchers, educators and other STEM professionals to connect them to our community.

A great many of our volunteers are like Dr. Bouman - scientists who are working to solve the world's most pressing issues. Through programs like [Suds & Science](#), the [Sharp Minds Lecture Series](#) and [BE WiSE](#), the Fleet provides them with opportunities to share their research and passion for science, inspiring people of all ages.

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This is the Fleet Science Center's mission. It is about inspiring, exciting and, most of all, connecting people in our community to the power of science. We were thrilled to see the image Dr. Bouman and her team made possible, not only for its significance to science, but also because it may just inspire the next Katie Bouman to pursue a STEM career and make their own historic discovery. And that is a goal all of us at the Fleet strive to achieve every day.

Sincerely,



Steve Snyder, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

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