



**Photonics on the Showroom Floor and in the Lab - LIGHT MATTERS 02.2018**

On this month's episode of Light Matters, we take you on a brief tour of the Higgins Laboratories at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). Quinsigamond Community College and WPI received a \$4M grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to launch a Photonics Academy Lab for Education & Application Prototypes (LEAP); the Higgins Laboratories will be a big part of that. We also take you to the photonics industry's premier event, Photonics West in San Francisco, as over 1,300 companies showed off their latest innovations. And, we introduce you to the 2018 Prism Award winners.



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In this month's Light Matters Extra, we introduce you to Drake Anthony, aka styropyro. Drake, 25,

has been building his own lasers since he was 12 years old. He's got quite the following on his YouTube channel where he is known to build giant lasers out of scrap and broken electronics. Drake tells us how he got started in the business and how ESCO Optics is helping him continue to do what he loves. Combining his love for "blowing things up" and his love for science, he recently received his degree in Chemistry at Southern Illinois University.

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On this month's episode of Light Matters, we take you to central

Massachusetts as Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Quinsigamond Community College take on a comprehensive joint photonics laboratory project. And tune in to find out how researchers at the University of California Davis are using their fluorescence lifetime imaging techniques to help surgeons and clinicians at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento diagnose and treat patients with tumors and cardiovascular disease. We also bring you the final installment of an exclusive interview with outgoing SPIE CEO, Eugene Arthurs.

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**About Light Matters**

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