Dr. Richard A. Tapia, Rice University

2011 Recipient of The National Medal of Science

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February 28, 2013
Reception: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM, Sinclair Auditorium Lobby
Public Talk: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM, Sinclair Auditorium

"Crisis In Higher Education: The Need for New Leadership"

March 1, 2013
Reception: 2:00 PM—2:30 PM, Lewis Lab 270 Lobby
Technical Talk: 2:30 PM—3:30 PM, Lewis Lab 270

"The Isoperimetric Problem Revisited: Extracting a Short Proof of Sufficiency from Euler's 1744 Proof of Necessity"

Dr. Tapia is the director of the Rice University Center for Excellence & Equity in Education. The center’s primary mission is to seek to promote greater participation of underrepresented groups in the sciences, and to encourage academic excellence for all.

Dr. Tapia is a mathematician and professor in the Department of Computational and Applied Mathematics at Rice University. Due to his efforts, Rice has received national recognition for its educational outreach programs and the Rice Computational and Applied Mathematics Department has become a national leader in producing women and underrepresented minority Ph.D. recipients in the mathematical sciences. He is internationally known for his research and has received numerous awards and honors.

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