

## **LSU Community Mourns the Loss of Two Ph.D Students – Anton Joe and Ishita Maity**

The LSU community is mourning the loss of Anton Joe, 25, and Ishita Maity, 28, both graduate students in the Department of Physics & Astronomy, who unexpectedly passed away Sunday, April 26 in Baton Rouge, LA.

“We are deeply saddened to learn of the unfortunate and tragic accident involving Anton and Ishita,” said Michael Cherry, chair, LSU Department of Physics and Astronomy. “We would like to extend our condolences to Anton and Ishita’s family, friends and colleagues. Our thoughts and sympathies are with them during this time.”

Anton, a third-year graduate student, and Ishita, a second-year student, were both pursuing their doctorate degrees. Anton was a student working with Professor Parampreet Singh in the area of theoretical gravity, and Ishita was a student of Professor Juhan Frank in theoretical astrophysics.

On Tuesday, April 28, students and faculty are welcome to attend a gathering in room 435 Nicholson Hall at 1 p.m., where the Department of Physics & Astronomy will share available information and provide an opportunity for students to share their thoughts about Anton and Ishita.

LSU graduate students have created the following websites in remembrance of Anton and Ishita. Please visit:

<http://ishita-maity.forevermissed.com/>  
<http://anton-joe.forevermissed.com/>

Memorial service plans will be announced at a later time.

### **Grief Counseling for LSU Students**

For students who were friends of Anton Joe and Ishita Maity, grief counseling is available at the Student Health Center/Mental Health Service. Please contact a counselor at 578-8774. In addition, there are 24-hour resources available by calling The Phone at (225) 924-3900 or (800) 437-0303 and online at [www.brcic.org](http://www.brcic.org)

For more information, contact the LSU Department of Physics & Astronomy at (225) 578-2261.