

Nobel laureate wins Weinman award at UH Cancer Center symposium

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Phillip Allen Sharp

Nobel Prize winner **Phillip Allen Sharp** was honored with the [Ninth Annual Weinman Award](#) for a major cancer research breakthrough at the [Weinman Symposium](#) at the [University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center](#). Sharp’s current research focuses on small ribonucleic acids (RNAs) and other types of non-coding RNAs.

A question-and-answer session with Sharp allowed local high school, graduate and postdoctoral students an opportunity to interact with the co-winner of the [1993 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine](#).

“Having done research myself for the past few months at UH Mānoa, it was very interesting to see all of the professionals and what they had to say about their own fields,” said Jessica Revilla, a Maryknoll School senior. “Attending this event further motivates me to pursue further study in the field of biology.”

The symposium was made possible by a generous donation from the [Weinman Foundation](#). The funds are directed toward advancing innovation and collaboration in cancer research.

The symposium covered some of the latest cancer research findings, specifically on genes, metabolism and cancer. Top scientists from across the nation who presented at the event explored opportunities for future research collaborations.

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