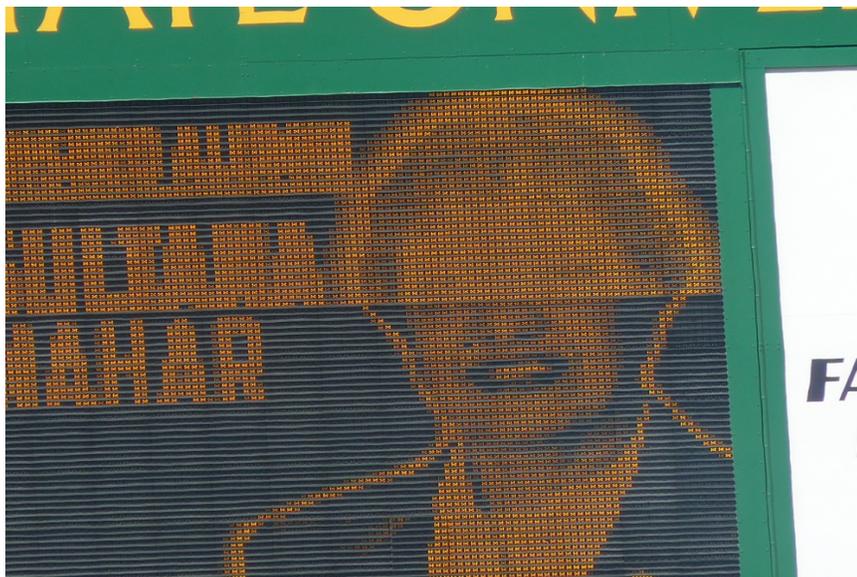


”Distinguished Alumni Award Dr. Sultana Nahar”

- Ty Stevenson, Executive Director

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- Dr. Sultana Nahar is a stellar example of the impact Wayne State alumni have beyond Detroit and even the United States. A prominent scientist, Sultana received her Ph.D. in Atomic Physics from Wayne in 1987. Currently she is a research scientist in the Department of Astronomy at the Ohio State University, but her influence has reached virtually every corner of the globe. Her work in nanoscience and biomedicine received world-wide attention in 2011 and was named by Astronomy Magazine as one of the four most important contributions of astronomy to human life.

She is a longstanding member of two major international collaborations - the Opacity Project and the Iron Project - based in the US, UK, Germany, France, Venezuela and Belgium. Her professional accolades are numerous and prestigious - including being elected as a fellow of the American Physical Society and being named Woman Physicist of the Month.

- Because of her extensive study of iron ions, Sultana is affectionately called the "Iron Lady" by fellow astronomers.

- But the Iron Lady has a soft spot for promoting fellow scientists, especially women in developing countries. A role model for Muslim woman, she is the founder of "The International Society of Muslim Women in Science". She has also founded STEM programs in several countries including India, Egypt and Bangladesh.

- Sultana has been honored many times at Wayne State. She has received the Daniel Gustafson Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 2013 Headliner Award by The Wayne State of Women of Wayne. It is an honor to bestow upon her today the Distinguished Alumni Award.