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Curtis McCully is an SNU Physics graduate who recently completed his Ph.D. in astrophysics at Rutgers, the state university of New Jersey. His research is focused on the study of a class of supernovae and gravitational lensing. In 2010, McCully won the Richard J. Plano Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award at Rutgers. In 2011 he received the Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Award from the American Astronomical Society. In 2012, he was the principal investigator on a proposal to use the Hubble Space Telescope to study a peculiar supernova. His proposal was accepted. In 2011, Curtis was part of a team of astronomers who discovered a new kind of supernova, 10 billion light-years distant.

“I was blessed at SNU to have very small classes. I was able to ask questions whenever I didn’t understand something and the professors, specifically Dr. Neuenschwander, was able to tailor the classes to topics that interested me. Nearly all of the material I learned in classes has been directly applicable to my work in graduate school. When I arrived in graduate school, I wasn’t sure how my education at SNU would compare to the education of my new classmates, many of whom came from more famous universities. However, I found that I was at least as prepared, if not more, for graduate level classes than many of my peers. There were several instances when other students would come to me for help on topics that I learned as an undergrad at SNU,” says McCully.

McCully presently is a postdoctoral scholar at UC - Santa Barbara, where he lives with his wife, Christina, also an SNU graduate, and their daughter, Camille, and baby son, Charlie.

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