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Dr. Sarty's enthusiasm for his continued research into the structure of the nucleon and light nuclei has been matched only by his passion for teaching and science outreach. Over the years, his teaching excellence and commitment to educational development has been recognized with various awards, including the Medal for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching from the Canadian Association of Physicists, the Science Champion Discovery Award from Halifax's Discovery Centre, Volunteer of the Year recognitions from the Province of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Educational Leadership Award from the Atlantic Association of Universities, and a 3M National Teaching Fellowship.

To further his goal of communicating science, Dr. Sarty has spent many years engaging in community presentations about physics to groups ranging from preschool to high-school age and beyond. He also has co-chaired / organized / hosted the annual Halifax regional science fair over many years, and has chaired or served on numerous Boards and Committees related to the promotion and administration of Science and other academic initiatives. Some positions in which Dr. Sarty has recently served, or is currently serving, in this area include: President of the Canadian Association of Physicists, Chair of the CAP Division of Physics Education, Chair of the NSERC Scholarship & Fellowships Committee for Physics and Astronomy, the Canadian Institute of Nuclear Physics, TRIUMF Board of Management, Halifax's Discovery Centre Board of Directors, and the Chair and Judging Coordinator for the Discovery Awards for Science and Technology. In his current role as SMU's AVP Research, Sarty also serves as an Executive Board member of the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies, a Board member for ACENET, as an institutional SSHRC and NSERC Leader to liaise with Canada's federal research funding agencies, and has previously served as an Executive Board member of the Alliance of Canadian Comprehensive Research Universities.