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## AFRL scientist named DoD Scientist of the Quarter

**KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M.** – Air Force Research Laboratory scientist Khanh Pham, Ph.D., has been honored as the Department of Defense Laboratory Scientist of the Quarter, for the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019. Pham is revered for his contributions to the Air Force and Department of Defense missions, and has accumulated numerous awards throughout his illustrious career.

Pham is being recognized for his recent accomplishments in the field of Cognitive Radio Technology for Protected Tactical Satellite Communications.

“The Air Force Research Laboratory Space Vehicles Directorate has given me a rare opportunity to focus on the development of new and far-reaching innovations,” Pham said. “I take pride in the fact that my achievements have made a difference for the warfighter.”

Pham’s journey to reach success was not without adversity. His parents served in the US-backed South Vietnam government during the Vietnam War. They were war prisoners from 1975 to 1984. It was under the humanitarian operation Special Release Reeduction Center Detainee Resettlement Program, that he and his family entered the United States in 1990.

Recently, Pham was also recognized by the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers as the 2019 Professional Achievement Award recipient. There, he was praised for his work in the development of young scientists and engineers.

“Through my work in mentoring, I have the opportunity to show others who may be considering the field to expand their horizons,” Pham said. “I’m in a unique position to spread the word and potentially inspire others like me to enter a similar career path.”

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Pham has immense appreciation for the DoD laboratory community and is excited to continue his work. With his latest accomplishment, Pham has new goals to expand the boundaries of the DoD laboratory ties to commercial advancement.

“I look forward to stimulating small business innovation, as well as meeting the Air Force and DoD research and development needs,” Pham said. I hope to broaden participation in innovation and entrepreneurship, and boosting commercialization derived from Air Force and DoD research and development.”

Pham will take part in an awards ceremony later in March to celebrate his latest accolade.

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