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## A Meeting of the Science Minds

Stephen Hawking of Cambridge University (front) joined some of the world's leading physicists who came together at UCSB in 2001. Among others were, back, left to right, Joseph Polchinski of UCSB's Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics (KITP), who later received the Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics; David Gross, who in 2004 won the Nobel Prize in Physics and now holds the UCSB Chancellor's Chair in Theoretical Physics at KITP; and Edward Witten and Paul Steinhardt of Princeton University.

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