Jonathan was an exemplary graduate student of outgoing and friendly demeanor who died tragically of cancer in February, 2009. The fund was established in his memory by his friends and family.

In his memory President Kenny said: “Your success in the area of Physics is certainly worthy of special commendation. As the recipient of the David Fox Prize in 2008, you are a respected and outstanding contributor to the Stony Brook team. In-spiring students to continue to excel in the sciences is an important part of Stony Brook’s mission; you exemplify the very best in working diligently to allow others to strive and realize their potential.”

Citation:

The Jonathan Kaufman Student Excellence Prize in Physics will be awarded to someone who has demonstrated excellence in graduate level education (courses, oral and comprehensive exams, research, etc.) beginning in 2010. It is to be used primarily for research-related travel such as conferences, off-campus seminars, workshops and professional development activities. Since Jonathan was an experimentalist, nominations of students doing experimental research will be favored during the early years of the award.