



# Peter Kalajian

**Co-Founder**, Alnitak Astrosystems.

Pete is an avid amateur astronomer and astro-imager who is also a science teacher at a local small high-school. Pete is working on his Master's degree in Astronomy through the Swinburne Astronomy Online program.

Pete graduated from Cornell University in 1981 with an electrical engineering degree, but has since sworn off electrons for mechanical design. He's much happier drawing in 3-D space than looking at schematics. Pete did all the

mechanical design on the Flip-Flat.

As an avid amateur telescope maker, Pete's bowling ball telescope won a first place in the special category in 2006 at the Stellafane Convention.

**Science and Math Faculty**, The Watershed School, Rockland Maine

## Education:

M. S. Astronomy (Candidate, June 2010), Swinburne University of Technology  
B. S. Electrical Engineering, Cornell University

## Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> place, Special Category, Stellafane Telescope Makers Convention, 2006  
Tzec Maun Scholarship to AIC 2009

## Memberships/Organizations:

President, Central Maine Astronomical Society  
American Association of Variable Star Observers  
International Dark Sky Association

