



Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

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UPE NewsBrief – **UPE Annual Convention; Awards** – January 2019

2019 Annual Convention of UPE – The Annual Convention of UPE will held in cyberspace on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 1- 4 PM, Eastern Time. UPE is pleased to announce that the UPE Chapter at Florida International University in Miami will serve as Convention Host. This Internet-based convention will be broadcast from FIU’s Graham Center. UPE wishes to invite UPE members in the South Florida area to come and join us for this Convention at the FIU campus.

- Welcome messages from UPE Council and UPE members from Florida International University.
- Introduction of Chapter representatives.
- Chapter presentations on UPE chapter activities during the past year (see attached document on Outstanding Chapter Awards).
- Announcement of the Outstanding Chapter Awards.
- Forthcoming UPE-related activities and awards for 2019.

Registered delegates will receive a detailed agenda prior to the Convention.

Convention Delegates - We encourage chapters to designate a chapter representative to attend this event as a “live” representative during the Convention. Participants can join this event from any computing device – laptop or mobile phone. Chapter representatives are expected to submit the following information via email to upe@acm.org **no later than March 1, 2019**.

- *Name and email address of representative.*
- *Postal address of Chapter representative.*
- *Name of college/university.*

Outstanding Chapter Awards – UPE will continue to present cash awards to outstanding UPE chapters during the 2019 UPE Annual Convention. Applications for these awards must be submitted no later than Friday, February 25, 2019. Award recipients will be announced during the Annual Convention of UPE. UPE will present \$500 cash awards to the two most outstanding chapter activities report submitted for this competition. Other chapters who submit Outstanding Chapter Award applications and are able to make a Convention presentation on their activities during the past year will each receive a \$250 award from UPE.

Other UPE Awards

UPE Scholarship Awards – Applications for the 2019 UPE scholarship awards are due on **July 1, 2019**. Awards will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. UPE members are encouraged to apply for one of these awards. A copy of the UPE Scholarship Award application can be downloaded from the UPE website. An applicant for a UPE Scholarship Award must be an active student member of UPE.

ACM/UPE Student Chapter Scholarship Awards – Student members of the **ACM** are encouraged to apply to the ACM for four \$1,000 Scholarship awards. Funds for these awards are provided by UPE. Information on these awards can be obtained by contacting UPE at upe@acm.org. Email inquiries can also be sent to ACM's Sunita Jaswal at sunita.jaswal@hq.acm.org. Applications for these awards are due on July 1, 2019. An applicant for this award must be a student member of the ACM.

IEEE-CS Awards – UPE provides funds for four \$1,000 scholarship awards to student members of the IEEE-CS. Students who are interested in applying for these awards need to visit the website of the IEEE-CS for instructions on the submission of applications. Email inquiries can be sent to e.berkowitz@computer.org.

ABACUS Award – The ABACUS Award is presented to an individual who has gained professional renown and whose accomplishments in the profession have greatly benefited students in the computing and information disciplines.

ICPC Awards – During the 2018 ICPC World Finals in Beijing, China, UPE presented cash awards to programming teams who were judged to be the “first solvers” of problems posed at the ICPC. Similar awards will be presented by UPE at the 2019 ICPC World Finals in Porto, Portugal. The summary of results and team standings for the 2018 ICPC World Finals can be found at <http://icpc.baylor.edu/welcome.icpc>.

CCSC – Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges – The CCSC receives an annual \$2,000 grant award from UPE to assist in student-related activities of the CCSC.

New UPE Chapters for 2018

The Executive Council of UPE is pleased to announce new chapters of UPE that were chartered in 2018.

West Chester University
Rhodes College
Capitol Technology University
Boston University
Richmond University of
Charleston Southern University

UPE has also approved the establishment of chapters at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and at Johnson & Wales University. Both will be chartered in 2019.

About Upsilon Pi Epsilon

- ❖ Founded at Texas A&M University in 1967,
- ❖ for students, faculty and computing professionals who exhibit superior scholastic and professional achievement in the computing & information disciplines,
- ❖ the only International Honor Society for the computing and information disciplines, duly recognized as such by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and IEEE Computer Society,
- ❖ member of the ACHS (Association of College Honor Societies) - the parent organization for all academic honor societies in North America,
- ❖ founding sponsor of the ACM ICPC - International Collegiate Programming Contest,
- ❖ founded the Ph.D. dissertation competition for CS majors - known today as the ACM Doctoral Dissertation Awards,
- ❖ founding member of IFEES – International Federation of Engineering Education Societies,
- ❖ has chapters at over 290 colleges and universities in the U.S. and overseas,
- ❖ presents scholarship awards to student members of UPE, the ACM, and the IEEE-CS,
- ❖ founding sponsor of the ABACUS Award.

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