



Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

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UPE NewsBrief – **Scholarship Awards** – October 2014

2014 Scholarship Awards - Each year the Executive Council of Upsilon Pi Epsilon evaluates a large number of scholarship applications from students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. All scholarship applicants are required to complete a comprehensive application form including a statement on their long-term plans for the profession, a summary of their contributions to their respective UPE chapters and related student activities at their college or university. Applicants are also required to submit all college-level transcripts and a recommendation from the UPE faculty adviser. Council is pleased to present our list of Scholarship Awards for 2014.

UPE Named Scholarship Awards – These awards are named in honor of two UPE pioneers. Dr. Dan Drew was the principal adviser to the six CS students who are credited with the founding of UPE at Texas A&M University in 1967. Dr. Jim Nolen started the UPE chapter at Baylor University and was a significant contributor to student-related activities of the ACM.

UPE Scholarship Recipients – 2014

Jim Nolen Award (\$1,500)

Ryan Patrick Haley (UG) DePaul University

Dan Drew Award (\$1,500)

Filip Srajer (Grad) Czech Technical University in Prague

UPE Executive Council Awards (\$1,500)

Hannah Lenore Pinkos (UG) Drexel University

Alberto Uriarte (Grad) Drexel University

UPE Special Recognition Awards (\$1,250)

Huston McCord Bokinsky (Grad) University of South Carolina

Disa Njabulo Mhembere (Grad) Johns Hopkins University

Cesar Gerardo Villa-Garcia(UG) Florida International University

Franceska Xhakaj (UG) Lafayette College

UPE Scholarship Awards (\$1,000)

Jasmine Danielle Bowers (Grad) North Carolina A&T State University

Anthony Joseph Calabresi (UG) Salem State University

Ruben Gimenez (UG) University of Bridgeport

UPE Scholarship Award (\$750)

Ammar Jamil Odeh (Grad) University of Bridgeport

UPE/ACM Scholarship Awards (\$1,000)

Maruan Al-Shedivat KAUST-King Abdullah University of Science
& Technology (Saudi Arabia) and UCSD
Tyler Allen Western Carolina University
Nicholas Botzer Slippery Rock University
Victoria Chen Wu University of Missouri – Kansas City

Other UPE Awards

IEEE-CS Awards – Besides UPE’s scholarship awards to student members of the ACM, UPE also 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 websites of the IEEE-CS for instructions on the submission of applications. Email inquiries can be sent to Ms. Violet Doan (vdoan@computer.org), IEEE-CS.

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. UPE presented the 2014 ABACUS Award to Prof. James Comer of TCU. He was recognized for his support and involvement in the international activities of UPE and the ICPC for several decades. Dr. Comer received a special “abacus plaque” and \$5,000 cash award from UPE.

Outstanding Chapter Awards – UPE will continue to present cash awards to outstanding UPE chapters in the coming year. Details on UPE award to chapters will be announced in December 2014.

ICPC Awards – During the 2014 ICPC World Finals in Ekaterinberg, Russia, 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 2015 ICPC World Finals in Marrakech, Morocco. The summary of results and team standings for the 2014 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 grant award from UPE to assist in student-related activities of the CCSC.

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, 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 IFEEES – International Federation of Engineering Education Societies,
- ❖ has chapters at over 270 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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