



# Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

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## UPE NewsBrief – **Scholarship Awards** – September 2015

[2015 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 2015.

*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 – 2015*

#### *Jim Nolen Award* (\$2,500)

Alyssa Nicole Byrnes (UG) Tulane University

#### *Dan Drew Award* (\$2,500)

Samantha Ashley Miller (UG) St. Joseph's College, NY

#### **UPE Executive Council Awards** (\$2,500)

John Robert Emmons (UG) Washington University in St. Louis

Huu Phuoc Tran (Grad) DePaul University

Wafa Mohamed Elmannai (Grad) University of Bridgeport

#### *UPE Special Recognition Awards* (\$1,500)

Vu Dinh Bui (UG) Drexel University

Duy The Dang (UG) Texas Christian University

Peter Daniel Piech (UG) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Thomas Mallory Petrocelli (UG) University of North Florida

Josep Valls Vargas (Grad) Drexel University

Spencer Alec Southard (Grad) University of North Florida

Alexander Marcos Schiffhauer (Grad) Johns Hopkins University

Sandra Helen Kirdoski (Grad) Hawaii Pacific University

#### *UPE Scholarship Awards* (\$1,000)

Carlo Orlando Olcese (UG) Johns Hopkins University

Ezra Miguel Gere (UG) Marymount University

Brandon George Reese (UG) Wayne State College

Kehaulani Marie Fanene (UG) Brigham Young University Hawaii

Adam M. Gloden (UG) South Dakota State University

***UPE Scholarship Awards*** (\$1,000) - Continued

Simon Richard Ellis (Grad) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Riana Jordan Freedman (Grad) Georgetown University/Wake Forest University  
Kyoshin Choo (Grad) University of Mississippi  
Antonin Novak (Grad) Czech Technical University in Prague

***UPE Honorable Mention Awards*** (\$500)

Hongyu Cheng (Grad) Kennesaw State University/SPSU  
Wesley Ethan Butman (Grad) University of Maryland University College  
Larissa Vilaboim Oliveira (UG) University of Bridgeport  
Ngong Chia Carlson (UG) Grand Valley State University  
Michael F. Bernard (UG) Armstrong State University  
Stephen Louis Nyitrai (UG) Stevenson University  
Chelsea Marie Ramsingh (UG) Iona College  
Ashton Renee Friedman (UG) University of North Carolina Wilmington  
Alyssa Marie Ringhausen (UG) University of Central Missouri  
Keir Alexandria Durham (UG) North Carolina A&T State University  
Brandon John Foss (UG) Colorado Mesa University

***Other UPE Awards***

**ACM 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. More information on these awards can contact Ms. Sunita Jaswal of the ACM. Email inquiries can be sent to [sunita.jaswal@hq.acm.org](mailto:sunita.jaswal@hq.acm.org).

**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 websites of the IEEE-CS for instructions on the submission of applications. Email inquiries can be sent to [hbuchheit@computer.org](mailto:hbuchheit@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.

**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 2015.

**ICPC Awards** – During the 2015 ICPC World Finals in Marrakech, Morocco, 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 2016 ICPC World Finals in Phuket, Thailand. The summary of results and team standings for the 2015 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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