



# Upsilon Pi Epsilon

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## *UPE NewsBrief* *Sent to Chapters on February 7, 2018*

***UPE Annual Convention*** – The 2018 annual Convention of UPE will be held in Cyberspace on Friday, April 6, 2018. This Convention will again be hosted by Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The university's generosity allows UPE Council members to have live interaction with chapter representatives from a mediated conference room at NSU. We encourage UPE chapters in the South Florida area to send chapter representatives to the site of this convention at the NSU campus. During the 2017 Convention, four UPE members from Florida International University came to NSU and joined Council during the Convention.

Chapters are encouraged to identify at least one chapter officer/representative who can be one of the live participants of the UPE Convention. One highlight of the Convention will be the presentation of chapter reports from the various chapter representatives who have been chosen to receive one of the Outstanding Chapter Awards (described in the following section). We also plan to have brief presentations by some of the 2017 UPE Scholarship recipients.

More detailed information, including a Convention Agenda, will be sent to Chapters and their convention representatives.

***You can register for the UPE Annual Convention*** by sending **your name, email address and college/university** name to [upe@acm.org](mailto:upe@acm.org). NSU will provide convention participants with detailed information on how to gain live access to the teleconference process.

***Election of a UPE Executive Council Member*** – There will be an election to fill a vacancy in the UPE Executive Council. This election will be conducted during the UPE Annual Convention. Executive Council members serve a 5-year term without compensation and are expected to attend at least one Council-related meeting each year. In addition, Council members can expect one or more assignments each year on matters related to attendance at a charter ceremony for a new UPE chapter and/or the World Finals of the ACM ICPC. Council members are reimbursed for all UPE-related travel expenditures.

Chapter Advisors who wish to have greater involvement with UPE are encouraged to apply for membership in the UPE executive Council. You will need to submit an application letter explaining your desire to join Council as well as a detailed resume. All application documents must be submitted as a single pdf file and sent to [upe@acm.org](mailto:upe@acm.org). Candidates for this position will be expected to attend the UPE Convention. Each will make a brief speech about her/his desire to join Council. It should be noted that each chapter of UPE, that has a representative/delegate at the Convention, is entitled to have ONE vote during the election to fill this vacancy on Council.

***UPE Outstanding Chapter Awards*** – These Awards recognize chapters whose programs and activities have attained a high level of achievement during the most recent academic year. UPE

present Two (2) cash prizes of \$500 each to applicant chapters who are designated as the top award recipients (recipients of an Outstanding Chapter Award). One award will go to a small chapter (induct 20 or less new UPE members each year). The second award will be presented to a large chapter (induct more than 20 members per year).

UPE will also present several \$250 chapter awards. All awards will be presented to the Chapter. Chapters who receive these awards are expected to designate a “presenter” or chapter representative who will present the chapter report during the 2018 UPE Convention on April 6, 2018. Presenters will be limited to a maximum of three minutes for their presentation.

Chapters who submit Chapter Reports but are not chosen for one of the above awards will receive \$100 from UPE if they have at least one representative at the UPE Convention.

A more detailed summary and description of the *Outstanding Chapter awards* can be found in the UPE website.

**Due Date for Chapter Reports (Each report must be submitted as one pdf file):** March 20, 2018; send reports to [upe@acm.org](mailto:upe@acm.org).

**2018 UPE Scholarship Applications** – Current members of UPE who expect to be registered as regular students during 2018-2019 academic year, and have not previously received a UPE Scholarship Award, are encouraged to apply for a UPE Scholarship Award. Award levels are summarized below.

- 1) One Outstanding Achievement Award - \$3,000
- 2) UPE Named Award, the Dan Drew Award - \$2,500
- 3) UPE Executive Council Awards - \$2,500 each
- 4) UPE Awards - \$1,000 each

UPE presented more than \$50,000 in scholarship awards to UPE members in 2017.

The *2018 UPE Scholarship Awards* application form can be downloaded from the UPE website.

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