

***UPE Annual Convention*** – The 2017 annual Convention of UPE will be held in Cyberspace on Friday, March 31, 2017. 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 who, via prior arrangements, are linked to the Polycom Telepresence studio on the NSU campus.

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 the Outstanding Chapter Awards (described in the following section).

***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 will present Two (2) cash prizes of \$500 each which will be presented 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 “Honorable Mention Awards”, each with a cash award of \$250. All awards will be presented to the Chapter. Award recipients are expected to designate a “presenter” or chapter representative who will present the chapter report during the 2017 UPE Convention on March 31, 2017. 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 these awards can be found in the UPE website.

**Due Date for Chapter Reports:** March 10, 2017; send reports to [upe@acm.org](mailto:upe@acm.org).

**2017 UPE Scholarship Applications** – Current members of UPE who expect to be registered as regular students during 2017-2018 academic year are encouraged to apply for a UPE Scholarship Award. Award levels are summarized below.

- 1) One Outstanding Achievement Award - \$3,000
- 2) Two Named Awards - \$2,500 each
- 3) One or more UPE Executive Council Awards - \$2,500 each
- 4) One or more UPE Award - \$1,000 each

The **2017 UPE Scholarship Awards** application form can be downloaded from the UPE website.