



Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

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UPE NewsBrief – Scholarship Awards; UPE eBook – August 2016

2016 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 2016.

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 – 2016

Dan Drew Award (\$2,500)

Harrison D. Engel (UG) Texas Christian University

Jim Nolen Award (\$2,500)

Tomas Jakab (UG) Czech Technical University in Prague

UPE Executive Council Awards (\$2,500)

Manuel Alejandro Contreras (UG) Florida International University
Ricky Yingjia Lee (UG) UCLA
Allen Osgood (UG) Washington University in St. Louis
Jessica A. Bergman (UG) University of Central Missouri
Samuel Clayburn Jentsch (UG) Stephen F. Austin State University
Gustav Sourek (Grad) Czech Technical University in Prague
Kunal Anil Lillaney (Grad) Johns Hopkins University
Ajay Das Shrestha (Grad) University of Bridgeport

UPE Special Recognition Awards (\$1,500)

Andrew Tung-Kit Wong (Grad) UCLA
Mahesh Kumar Kotapalli (Grad) University of North Florida
Sean Patrick Campbell (UG) Iona College
Nadiia Gorishnia Semenchuk (UG) University of North Florida
Patricio Xavier Flores (UG) University of Bridgeport
Nathan Thomas Spencer (UG) West Virginia University
Cody W. Richard (UG) Sacred Heart University

UPE Scholarship Awards (\$1,000)

Elizabeth Pereira (Grad) Nova Southeastern University

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

Damen Stephen Tomassi (UG) Rowan University
Melissa Kathryn Plakyda (UG) University of South Carolina
Tate Kingsley Burns (UG) Lipscomb University
Trevor Earl Masters (UG) Denison University

UPE Honorable Mention Awards (\$500)

Hannah Marie McLaughlin (UG) Florida State University
Daisy D'Costa (Grad) Marymount University, VA
Michael Roger Smith (Grad) Lewis University

New UPE Award in 2017 – The UPE Executive Council will be adding a new award category, the ***UPE Outstanding Achievement Award***, for student members of UPE. There will be one award each year with an award amount that will be at least \$500 higher than the *Named Scholarship Awards* (or \$3,000 for 2017). Candidates for this award will be chosen from the pool of UPE Scholarship applicants for 2017. For this award, Council will carry out much greater scrutiny on the student's academic achievements as well as her/his participation, contribution and accomplishments outside the classroom (while in pursuit of the undergraduate or graduate degree in the computing and information discipline).

UPE eBook to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of UPE - In 2017, UPE will celebrate its 50th anniversary since its establishment at Texas A&M University in 1967. In honor of this historic event, the UPE Executive Council, through the efforts of the ***UPE Chapter at DePaul University***, is in the process of creating an *eBook* about the most memorable activities of the Executive Council as well as past and present activities of the Chapters of UPE. *This eBook will be distributed to all UPE members in January 2017.*

To collect data for the eBook, we invite the representatives of all UPE Chapters to fill out the survey at: <http://tinyurl.com/UPE-ebook>.

We are also interested in pictures, so if you have any that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the eBook, please upload them to <http://bit.ly/1IG4N1j>. Upload your pictures zipped under a folder named as your University and include a readme file that contains the names of the image files along with an explanation of what each image represents, the identity of people in each picture, etc.

UPE is requesting Chapters to respond to this “eBook request for information” before the end of the current semester. If you have specific questions about this project, feel free to send your inquiries to Dr. Daniela Raicu at draicu@cdm.depaul.edu.

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.

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.

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 2016.

ICPC Awards – During the 2016 ICPC World Finals in Phuket, Thailand, 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 2017 ICPC World Finals in Rapid City, South Dakota. The summary of results and team standings for the 2016 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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