



# Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

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## UPE NewsBrief – **Scholarship Awards & New Chapters** – November 2020

**2020 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 in 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 2019.

**UPE Scholar of the Year Award and the UPE Dan Drew Award** – The Scholar of the Year Award and the Dan Drew Award are UPE’s highest scholarship awards and are presented to applicants who, in the eyes of the Executive Council, were the most outstanding applicants in 2020.

**UPE’s only named award** – Dr. Dan Drew was a UPE pioneer, who was the principal adviser to the six CS students who are credited with the founding of UPE at Texas A&M University in 1967.

### **UPE & UPE/ACM Scholarship Recipients for 2020 – \$40,000 will be Distributed to 24 UPE Members and 2 Student Members of the ACM**

#### **Dan Drew Award (\$3,000)**

Stephanie Faith Warman Salisbury University

#### **UPE Scholar of the Year Award (\$3,000)**

Bryn Christine Loftness Colorado Mesa University

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

Ondrej Hubacek Czech Technical University in Prague

Phillip B Kopita Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Amy Peerlinck Montana State University

Matt Taylor Florida International University

#### **UPE Academic Achievement Awards (\$1,500)**

Jacob Andrew Bamonte Pennsylvania College of Technology

Matthew Jeffrey Behnke Colorado Mesa University

Walker Mark Demel Butler Univeristy

Shania Angela Kiat La Salle University

Maeve Dorothea Mueller Lipscomb University

Alexander Pagan Jr. University of Bridgeport

Neerbhaya SJB Rana University of Bridgeport

Michael Joseph Spadaro St. Joseph’s College, NY

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

Chingunjav Gankhuu	Brigham Young University Hawaii
Michael Dallas Griffith	California State University, Chico
Kathryn Joanne Kenny	Iona College
John Sullivan Lowery	University of North Florida
Charles Y Meyers	University of Notre Dame
Khiem Duy Nguyen	Texas Christian University
Oluchi Precious Okoro	Capitol Technology University
Ivan Armando Reyes	Florida International University
Andrew William Rogerson	St. Joseph's College, NY
Sidney William Sykes	University of Mississippi

**UPE/ACM Student Chapter Scholarship Awards** – UPE is pleased to announce the 2020 recipients of the UPE/ACM scholarship awards. These awards are presented to students who are active members of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

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

Sidney Sykes	University of Mississippi
Kyle Webster	Montana State University

***Other UPE Awards***

**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 website of the IEEE-CS for instructions on the submission of applications. Email inquiries can be sent to [e.berkowitz@computer.org](mailto:e.berkowitz@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 February 2021. Award recipients are announced during the Annual Convention of UPE, which will be held in April 2021.

**ICPC Awards** – UPE presents cash awards to programming teams who are judged to be the “first solvers” of problems posed at the ICPC. Due to the Pandemic, the 2020 ICPC World Finals was moved to 2021. UPE expects to be involved in the next World Finals that is scheduled for Moscow where “first solvers” awards will again be presented by UPE.

**CCSC – Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges** – The CCSC receives an annual \$2,000 grant award from UPE to assist in student-related activities of the CCSC.

## *New UPE Chapters for 2020*

The Executive Council of UPE is pleased to announce new chapters of UPE at the following colleges and universities:

Pennsylvania College of Technology  
The Catholic University of America  
Pennsylvania State University Harrisburg

### **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, duly 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 IFEES – International Federation of Engineering Education Societies,
- ❖ has chapters at over 290 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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