



# Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

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## UPE NewsBrief – **Scholarship Awards & New Chapters** – November 2021

**2021 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 2021.

### ***UPE's Top Scholarship Award***

The Dan Drew Award is UPE's highest scholarship award and is presented to an applicant who, in the eyes of the Executive Council, is the most outstanding applicant in 2021. This award is presented in memory of Dr. Dan Drew, a UPE and computer science 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 2021 – \$37,000 will be Distributed to 22 UPE Members; 2 Student Members of the ACM will each receive \$1,000 from UPE***

### ***Dan Drew Award (\$4,000)***

Raul Alejandro Vargas Acosta University of Texas at El Paso

### ***UPE Scholar of the Year Award (\$3,500)***

Olivia Figueira Santa Clara University

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

Matthew Richardson Keaton West Virginia University  
Matthew James Gunton Lehigh University  
Alexandra Hsueh Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Griffin Perry McPherson Texas Christian University  
Rebecca Shyu University of Missouri - Columbia

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

David Joseph Wisnosky University of North Florida  
Benjamin Abraham Diamond Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Mustafa Osman Jama University of Washington Tacoma  
Mason Grant Lovett Butler University  
Amory Maria Weinzierl Southern Methodist University

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

Christine Elizabeth Adams Towson University  
Jiacheng Li The University of Alabama  
Francisco David Munoz Iona College  
Arun George Zachariah University of Missouri – Columbia  
Ulziibayar Badamdorj Brigham Young University Hawaii  
Patrick Joseph Juliano Stevens Institute of Technology  
Loic Arnaud Konan Midwestern State University  
Chloe Ann Polder University of North Florida  
Ram Jitendrabhai Zaveri West Virginia University

***Honorable Mention Award***

Christopher Mena Iona College

**UPE/ACM Student Chapter Scholarship Awards** – UPE is pleased to announce the 2021 recipients of the UPE/ACM scholarship awards. These awards are presented to outstanding students who are active members of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

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

Keuenzang Choden, College of Science & Technology, Bhutan  
Micah Schiewe, Baylor University

***Other UPE Awards***

**IEEE-CS Awards** – UPE provides funds for four \$1,000 scholarship awards to outstanding 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 2022. Award recipients are announced during the Annual Convention of UPE, which will be held in March 2022.

**ICPC Awards** – UPE presents cash awards to programming teams who are judged to be the “first solvers” of problems posed at the ICPC. UPE presented these awards at the ICPC World Finals in Moscow in early October 2021.

**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 2021***

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

Lehigh University  
The Catholic University of America  
Pennsylvania State University Harrisburg  
Southeast Missouri State University  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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