



# Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

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## UPE NewsBrief – **Scholarship Awards** – December 2024

**2024 Scholarship Awards** - The Executive Council of Upsilon Pi Epsilon evaluates many scholarship applications each year 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 proudly present our list of Scholarship Awards for 2024.

***UPE Named Award*** – The Dan Drew Award is UPE’s highest scholarship award and is presented to the applicant who, in the eyes of the Executive Council, is the most outstanding applicant in 2024. This award is named after Dr. Dan Drew, 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 2024 – \$54,000 will be Distributed to 34 UPE Members and 5 Student Members of the ACM***

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

Ali Izhar Rowan University

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

Maheswari Bajji University of California, Los Angeles  
Anna Claire Hauk Stevens Institute of Technology  
Edward Tianli Sun University of California, Los Angeles

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

Abdulmateen Adebisi University of Missouri – Columbia  
Shazab Ali Kean University  
Samuel David Chambers West Virginia University  
Unubold Enkhsaruul Brigham Young University – Hawaii  
Nagaraj Govindaraj Brigham Young University – Hawaii  
Hannah Renee Hazlewood The University of Alabama  
Carolanne (Cece) Dondreya Housh Metropolitan State University of Denver  
Eileen Keith Paula Florida International University  
Anjali Thapa Southeastern Louisiana University  
Joseph A Tomasello Kean University

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

Omar W.K.M. Ahmed	Monmouth University
Nicholas Andrew Atlas	Lehigh University
Elizabeth Susan Attumalil	Lehigh University
Matthew Baker	Capitol Technology University
Fred Bennett IV	Davenport University
Subin Bista	Southeastern Louisiana University
Andrew Francis Catapano	Monmouth University
Md Kamal Hossain Chowdhury	The University of Alabama
Vincent Lee Vai Cordova	Metropolitan State University of Denver
Alexander Nicholas Coronel	Florida International University
Kirsten-Faith Dumarán Canlas	University of North Florida
Ava (Jay) Gallegos	DePaul University
Guna Sakaran Jaganathan	University of North Florida
Joseph F Keating	Mount Saint Mary College
Hyungji Kim	University of Arizona
Gandhimathi Padmanaban	University of Michigan – Dearborn
Suma Sharma	Augusta University
Jakob Lee Skipper	Jacksonville State University
Ian Anthony-Carter Valeta	Eastern Connecticut State University
Kyle C. Verbrugge	Colorado Mesa University

**UPE/ACM Student Chapter Scholarship Awards** – UPE is pleased to announce the 2024 recipients of the UPE/ACM scholarship awards. These awards are presented to students who are active members of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

***2024 UPE/ACM Scholarship Awards (\$1,500)***

Kushagra Gupta	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
Suman Raj	Indian Institute of Science Bangalore
Anastasia Suvorova	Wilbur Wright College
Marija Stojanoska	DePaul University
Amarachi Waboso	Lipscomb University

***New UPE Chapters for 2024***

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

Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY  
DeSales University, Center Valley, PA  
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC  
Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, CO

## 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 academic honor societies in North America
- ❖ Founding sponsor of the ICPC and provides prize awards at the NAC – North American Championship.
- ❖ 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 300 colleges and universities in the U.S. and overseas
- ❖ Presents scholarship awards to student members of UPE, the ACM, the CCSC, and the IEEE-CS
- ❖ Founding sponsor of the ABACUS Award

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