



# Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

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## UPE NewsBrief – **Scholarship Awards & Chapter Awards** – December 2025

**2025 Scholarship Awards** - Each year the Executive Council of Upsilon Pi Epsilon evaluates many 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 2025.

***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 2025. 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 2025 – \$55,000 will be Distributed to 37 UPE Members and 5 Student Members of the ACM***

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

Katja Crusius Claremont Graduate University

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

Ellie Wai-sum Chan University of California, Los Angeles  
Carolann Dondreya Housh University of Denver/Metro U of Denver  
Hepseeba Kode University of Bridgeport  
Ajay Kumar University of Missouri - Columbia  
Yuxiang Brandon Zhang University of California, Los Angeles

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

Niraj Bhatta Southeastern Louisiana University  
Roman Bukreev Salem State University  
Samuel David Chambers West Virginia University  
Christopher Joseph Eng Kean University  
Daniel Hootini Brigham Young University Hawaii  
Ameer-Ghassan Kayed University of Michigan – Dearborn  
Jairik Jeffrey Lyn McCauley Salisbury University  
Peyton J. Strack St. Joseph’s University, New York

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

Mehroj Alimov Drexel University  
Kelson Truman Bowman Robert Morris University  
Shirley Chen University of North Florida  
Yen Bich Chiem Salem State University  
Landy Paola Jimenez Kean University  
Anna LeeAnn Knowles University of North Carolina Wilmington

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

Sumanth Kola	Brigham Young University Hawaii
Beyza Nur Koseoglu	Augusta University
Nicholas Alexander Maye	La Salle University
Rudra Mitra	University of Bridgeport
Aniket Govindbhal Patel	Ashland University
Makendra Marie Faith Phipps	Eastern Kentucky University
Jorge Alejandro Pinzon	Robert Morris University
Aakash Poudel	Southeastern Louisiana University
Sanchita Shrivastava	Lehigh University
Raqshanda Siddiqua	University of Central Missouri
Ulsay Singh	Jacksonville State University
Denzel Markese Stinson	Jacksonville State University
Jacob Aaron Tanchak	University of North Florida

***UPE Honorable Mention Awards (\$500)***

Stav Gorobets	La Salle University
Andrew James Graham	Pennsylvania College of Technology
Robert Kendall Pope II	Ashland University
Yamini Yannamaddi	University of Central Missouri

**UPE/ACM Student Chapter Scholarship Awards** – UPE is pleased to announce the 2025 recipients of the UPE/ACM scholarship awards. These awards are presented to students who are active members of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

***2025 UPE/ACM Scholarship Awards (\$1,500)***

Cayden Henderson	Texas Tech University
Everett Richards	San Diego State University
Hridiza Roy	Rochester Institute of Technology
Keira Stewart	Southeastern Louisiana University
Ilmay Tas	Bilkent University, Turkiye

***2025 UPE Chapter Awards***

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University of Michigan – Dearborn
University of California, Los Angeles
West Texas A&M University
Rowan University
Towson University
DePaul University

***2025 UPE Chapter Awards (\$250)***

Southwestern University
University of Bridgeport
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Illinois Institute of Technology

## **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
- ❖ Founder of the ICPC - International Collegiate Programming Contest  
Provides sponsorship awards for the ICPC North American Championship
- ❖ 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 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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