



# Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

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## UPE NewsBrief – **Scholarship Awards & New Chapters** – September 2017

**2017 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 2017.

*UPE Scholar of the Year Award* – This is UPE’s highest scholarship award and is presented to an applicant who, in the eyes of the Executive Council, was the most outstanding applicant in 2017.

*UPE Named Scholarship Award* – This award is named in honor of 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 Scholarship Recipients for 2017 – \$50,000 will be Distributed to 39 UPE Members***

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

Jessica Lee Osteen (UG) Florida Atlantic University

#### ***Dan Drew Award (\$2,500)***

Barbora Suchanova (Grad) Czech Technical University in Prague

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

Cristen Anderson (UG) UCLA

Sajant Anand (UG) Wake Forest University

Yiyang Wang (Grad) DePaul University

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

Claire Elise Hubacek (UG) The University of Mississippi

Thais James Minet (UG) Lipscomb University

HeuiChan Lim (UG) California State University, Chico

Nicholas James Larsen (UG) Texas Christian University

Disa Njabulo Mhembere (Grad) Johns Hopkins University

Brenda Sofia Izquierdo (Grad) Florida International University

Nancy Grace Teter Carrier (Grad) University of North Florida

An Thien Tran (Grad) Østfold University College, Norway

Nicholas Joseph Pieros (Grad) Rowan University

Samuel Adam Micka (Grad) Montana State University

Meng Wang (Grad) South Dakota State University

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

Serena Ann Schaefer (UG)	Ursinus College
Erik Nilsen Lie (UG)	Østfold University College, Norway
Jayendra Ashutosh Jog (UG)	UCLA
Bashar Alhafni (UG)	University of Bridgeport
Hoang Ba Le (UG)	La Salle University
Jose Aranguren (UG)	Florida International University
Omar Aboul-Enein (UG)	Salisbury University
Syihan Muhammad (UG)	West Virginia University
Keith Touzin (UG)	American Military University
Matthew Charles Gollaher (UG)	South Dakota State University
Jonathon Nosowitz (UG)	Iona College
Nathaniel James Tranel (UG)	Montana State University
Jenna S. Nuth (UG)	Bethany College (WV)
Maha Mohammed Alkuhali (UG)	University of Michigan – Dearborn
Ian M. Manuel (UG)	University of North Florida
Jay Amrish Vaidya (UG)	Washington University in St. Louis
Gokila Dorai (Grad)	Florida State University
Badina Sulaiman Alfurhood (Grad)	Florida Institute of Technology

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

Wafa Mohamed Elmannai (Grad)	University of Bridgeport
Ali Arda Eker (Grad)	Binghamton University
Kevin Marshall Gay (Grad)	University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Bijavita Thapa (Grad)	Florida Atlantic University
Michael L. Cowan (UG)	Ashland University

***Other UPE Awards***

**UPE/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](mailto: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 [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 December 2017. Award recipients are announced during the Annual Convention of UPE

**Other UPE Awards** - Continued

**ICPC Awards** – During the 2017 ICPC World Finals in Rapid City, South Dakota, 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 2018 ICPC World Finals in Beijing, China. The summary of results and team standings for the 2017 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 \$2,000 grant award from UPE to assist in student-related activities of the CCSC.

***New UPE Chapters for 2017***

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

American University of Sharjah (UAE)  
Capitol Technology University (MD)  
Fairleigh Dickinson University – Florham Campus  
Goucher College (MD)  
La Salle University (PA)  
Montana State University  
North Central College (IL)  
Østfold University College, Norway  
Salisbury University (MD)  
SUNY Oneonta  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
West Chester University (PA)  
West Texas A&M University

## **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 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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