



# Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

[www.acm.org/upe/](http://www.acm.org/upe/)

## UPE NewsBrief – **Scholarship Awards** - September 2013

**2013 Scholarship Awards** - Each summer 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 for the profession, a summary of their contributions to their respective UPE chapters and related student activities at their 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 2013.

**UPE Named Scholarship Awards (\$1,500 per award)** – These awards are named in honor of two UPE pioneers. Dr. Dan Drew was the principal adviser to the six CS students who are credited with the founding of UPE at Texas A&M University in 1967. Dr. Jim Nolen started the UPE chapter at Baylor University and was a significant contributor to student-related activities of the ACM.

*Dan Drew Award:* Eric Brandon Elsken, Texas Christian University (UG)

*Jim Nolen Award:* Ryan Lee Rossiter, South Dakota State University (UG)

### **UPE Executive Council Awards (\$1,500 per award):**

Yoon Joon Jin UCLA (UG)  
William John Rathje University of Puget Sound (UG)  
Aylin Caliskan Islam Drexel University (Grad)  
Daniel G. Lauritzen DePaul University (Grad)

### **UPE Special Recognition Scholarship Awards (\$1,250 per award):**

Duc Anh Le Oregon State University (Grad)  
Nicholas Michael Stiffler University of South Carolina (Grad)  
Eitan Adler Binghamton University (UG)  
Andreas Michelucci Basurto California State University, Chico (UG)  
Daniel Gregory Ferguson St. Joseph's College, NY (UG)  
Kelly Kathleen Gremban Villanova University (UG)  
Michelle Anne Tanco Ursinus College (UG)

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

Taryn Marie Green University of Notre Dame (UG)  
Naing Minn Htet Lafayette College (UG)  
Alexander Stephen Kazenko DePaul University (UG)  
Lisa Beth Lamontagne University of North Florida (UG)  
Jay Lee Washington University in St. Louis (UG)  
Daniel Vernon Miller Slippery Rock University (UG)  
Cheyenne Elizabeth Parsley West Virginia University (UG)  
Karel Cemus Czech Technical University, Prague (Grad)

*Continued on Page 2*

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

Joseph Allen Hoeppe	University of North Florida (Grad)
Jaimeng Hu	South Dakota State University (Grad)
Andrew Rice	Southern Polytechnic State University (Grad)
Stephanie Kay Rogers	University of California, Berkeley (Grad)

***UPE Scholarship Awards (\$750 per award)***

Marwah Mohammad Almasri	University of Bridgeport (Grad)
Walter A. Iddings	University of Illinois Springfield (Grad)
Ruben Gimenez	University of Bridgeport (UG)
Charnae D'Anne Rucker	North Carolina A&T State University (UG)
Jamar Hoseng Salmon	Southern Polytechnic State University (UG)
Sunil Shahil	Southeastern Louisiana University (UG)

**Other UPE Awards**

**ACM and IEEE-CS Awards** – Each year, UPE provides funds for four \$1,000 scholarship awards to student members of the ACM and 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 ACM and the IEEE-CS for instructions on the submission of applications. Email inquiries can be sent to Ms. Cindy Ryan ([local\\_activities@hq.acm.org](mailto:local_activities@hq.acm.org)), ACM or Ms. Violet Doan ([vdoan@computer.org](mailto:vdoan@computer.org)), IEEE-CS.

**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. UPE presented the 2013 ABACUS Award to Prof. Bjarne Stroustrup (designer of C++). Prof. Stroustrup received a special “abacus plaque” and \$5,000 cash award from UPE.

**Outstanding Chapter Awards** – UPE plans to initiate these awards in 2014. Details on UPE award to chapters will be announced in December 2013.

**ICPC Awards** – During the 2013 ICPC World Finals in St. Petersburg, Russia, 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 2014 ICPC World Finals in Yekaterinberg, Russia). The summary of results and team standings for the 2013 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 grant award from UPE to assist in student-related activities of the CCSC.

## **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, 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 250 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.



### **UPE Executive Council Members**

Orlando S. Madrigal, PhD  
California State University, Chico  
*Executive Director of UPE*

Jeffrey Popyack PhD  
Drexel University

Angela Wu, PhD  
American University

#### ***Alumni Representative:***

Bill Poucher, PhD  
Baylor University

Bob Roggio, PhD  
University of North Florida

James Comer, PhD  
Texas Christian University

Daniela Raicu, PhD  
DePaul University  
*International President of UPE*

#### ***Editor/Webmaster:***

Eric Ackerman, PhD  
Nova SE University