



# Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

## UPE Newsbrief - January 2011

**INVITATION From Council** - We invite all UPE members and their guests to attend the **2011 UPE National Convention (in conjunction with the 2011 SIGCSE Technical Symposium) in Dallas, Texas on March 11, 2011**. Convention participants will include members of the UPE Executive Council, chapter representatives and advisors, and friends of UPE from the various colleges and universities who are active participants of the 2011 ACM SIGCSE Symposium. Conference details can be found at <http://www.sigcse.org/sigcse2011/>

### 2011 Annual Convention of UPE

**Date & Time:** Friday, March 11, 2011 from 12:10 – 1:45 PM  
**Location:** Sheraton Dallas Convention Center, Room Lone Star A4

#### Brief Convention highlights:

- **Presentation of the ABACUS Award to Dr. Donald Knuth, Stanford University.** Council is pleased to announce the presentation of the UPE ABACUS Award to *Prof. Knuth*. More details on this award can be viewed on the UPE website at [www.acm.org/upe/](http://www.acm.org/upe/). As part of the ABACUS Award presentation, *Prof. Knuth* will hold a Q&A “All Questions Answered” session for the benefit of all UPE convention attendees.
- **UPE Chapter Reports** – Chapter representatives (students and chapter advisors) can make brief presentations that summarize activities of their chapters during the past year. Council will present a \$100 cash award to each individual who volunteers to make this presentation. Each presentation will be limited to a brief three-minute report. Presenters are expected to send a draft of their presentation to [upe@acm.org](mailto:upe@acm.org) no later than March 1, 2011.
- **Council Member Election** – There will be one vacancy in the UPE Executive Council in 2011. An election to fill this vacancy will be held during the 2011 UPE Convention. Each candidate for this position must be present at the Convention and is expected to make a brief speech prior to the election. Council Members serve without pay but may be reimbursed for UPE-related expenses including travel to new chapter installations and other Council-approved UPE activities. Each council member serves a 5-year term and must be an active member of a chapter of UPE. Applications (cover letter and detailed resume/academic vitae) must be sent to [upe@acm.org](mailto:upe@acm.org) and received no later than March 1, 2011.

**UPE-Sponsored Reception at the 2011 SIGCSE Symposium** – UPE will be co-sponsoring a pizza reception for all student volunteers at the 2011 SIGCSE Symposium. Several colleges and universities in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area have active chapters of UPE. We encourage UPE members from these institutions to attend the UPE Convention and also serve as volunteers for the Symposium. Interested students can view <http://www.sigcse.org/sigcse2011/students/volunteer.php> for more information on this volunteer program.

**UPE Scholarship Awards for Student Members of the ACM and the IEEE-CS** – Student members of the ACM and the IEEE should look into scholarship awards that are administered by the ACM ([http://www.acm.org/chapters/students/upe\\_award](http://www.acm.org/chapters/students/upe_award)) and the IEEE-CS (contact Mr. John Daniel at [jw.daniel@computer.org](mailto:jw.daniel@computer.org)). UPE provides funds to these societies for use as scholarship awards for active student members of these organizations. The application deadline for student members of the ACM is June 15, 2011. The IEEE-CS has a flexible deadline for this scholarship program.

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**Scholarship Awards for UPE Members** – In 2010, the UPE Executive Council awarded a record number of scholarships to active members of UPE. Council expects to increase the number of awards in 2011. UPE members who expect to be enrolled as regular students during the 2011-2012 school year qualify for one of these awards. Scholarship applications can be downloaded from the UPE website. The deadline for the 2011 awards is June 15, 2011. Council will announce the names of award recipients no later than September 30, 2011.

**New UPE Membership Fee** – UPE Chapters should note that the fee for new members is a sixty-dollar (\$60), one-time fee. There are no annual dues for members since membership in UPE is for lifetime.

**Email Addresses of Members** – UPE requests Chapter Advisors to include the email address of each student when registering the names of new members. This will allow UPE to expand the distribution list of the UPE “Newsbrief” and share UPE-related news items with current and alumni members of the society. When available, Advisors should include both “permanent” and campus email addresses. This will allow UPE to have long-term contact with members since campus-supplied addresses generally become inactive after the student graduates or transfers to another institution.

**ACM-ICPC World Finals** – The ACM ICPC (International Collegiate Programming Contest, sponsored by IBM) will be held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt on February 27-March 4, 2011. UPE Council members serve on the support staff of the ICPC. In addition, UPE provides financial support for cash awards that are given to teams who win ICPC- defined milestones at this contest. Several teams from North American colleges and universities will have students who are active members of UPE. The ICPC website can be found at <http://cm.baylor.edu/welcome.icpc>.

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