

Upsilon Pi Epsilon Charter Review

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1 Organization History

The computing and information disciplines are relatively young. Yet despite their comparative youth, the computing and information disciplines have had an unparalleled effect on almost every aspect of contemporary life. Indeed it is difficult to predict the ultimate place of the computer in our world. It is the express purpose of Upsilon Pi Epsilon to promote the computing and information disciplines and to encourage their contribution to the enhancement of knowledge.

Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE) was first organized at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, in 1967. The international organization now consists of chapters in various colleges and universities in North America and overseas.

2 Mission Statement

The mission of Upsilon Pi Epsilon is to recognize academic excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in the Computing and Information Disciplines.

The Association will accomplish this mission through programs that:

Enable outstanding students to obtain recognition of superior educational achievement that emphasizes the Computing and Information Disciplines as well as liberal arts, sciences, and other professional and interdisciplinary education in the context of individual and societal responsibilities, Assist in maximizing the personal and professional growth of students in UPE by financially supporting scholarships and other creative endeavors that include the discovery, integration, and application of knowledge, Establish significant partnerships with external constituencies interested in promoting and subsidizing high quality computing science education, Seek opportunities to extend individual memberships and chapter activities into additional environments yet to become identified.

3 Guidelines and Goals

Upsilon Pi Epsilon is an honorary society whose membership consists of outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in Computing and Information Disciplines. Only schools that offer a degree in a computing science-related discipline may be chartered. Likewise, prospective student members must be working toward a degree in Computing and Information Disciplines at the time they are considered for membership. Yet members are chosen not only for their scholastic achievement in a computing science program, but also for distinguishing themselves as true professionals by meeting the standards of the society. Membership is limited to those who can effectively achieve the original goals of the society. These goals include:

The recognition of outstanding talent in the field of computing science, The promotion of high scholarship in computing science, The establishment and maintenance of high standards in computing science, The representation of computing science in interdisciplinary communications, and The encouragement of individual contributions to society through computing science.

4 Endorsements and Affiliation

Upsilon Pi Epsilon is the first and only, existing international honor society in the Computing and Information Disciplines. It has received endorsements from the two largest computer organizations in the world, the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and the IEEE Computer Society (IEEE-CS).

UPE is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS).

5 Summary

Upsilon Pi Epsilon:

- recognizes academic excellence in the Computing and Information Disciplines.
- has chapters in various colleges and universities in North America and overseas.
- is the only honor society that is recognized by the ACM and the IEEE-CS.
- presents scholarship awards to active members.
- present scholarship awards to student members of the ACM and the IEEE-CS.
- presents cash awards to chapters who send representatives to its annual convention.
- presents cash awards and plaques to all participating teams at the ACM International Scholastic Programming Contest.

- presents scholarship awards on behalf of industry supporters of the association.
- presents the ABACUS Award - our most prestigious award presented to an individual who, over several years,
- has provided extensive support and leadership for student-related activities in the Computing and Information Disciplines.

6 Chapter History

Kappa Chapter of Upsilon Pi Epsilon was founded in 2005 at SMU. There were 7 founding members. The chapter was initially advised by Mitchell Thornton, and Maggie Dunham.

7 Chapter Reorganization

We have recently undergone a slight restructuring, and have moved to begin monthly meetings on the second tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM. We have additionally overhauled our invitation mechanisms to provide more specialized and individualized invitations to prospective members. We have a total of seventeen persons who will be initiated next week. We plan to hold officer elections shortly after the initiation, roughly one week. This will be facilitated through the `orgs@smu` elections option. Please see below for a rough outline of proposed activities for the society before the end of the year. We will finish the `orgs@smu` consultation as soon as possible, we would like to get in contact with those in charge of this program as soon as possible and would greatly appreciate their contact information.

8 Orgs-At-SMU consultation

Unfortunately we were not aware of the original timeline for this, and were subsequently unable to hold to it. We have restructured our `orgs-at-SMU` page, <https://smu.collegiatelink.net/organization/upsilonpiepsilon/> and would like to attend and complete this consultation as soon as possible. Please inform us how we can efficiently complete this consultation.

9 Organization Leadership

Our organization has five elected offices, they are:

1. President - Oversees monthly meetings, and helps plan important events.
2. Vice President - Assists the president with his duties.

3. Treasurer - Oversees the operating accounts for our chapter, and prepares financial reports.
4. Corresponding Secretary - Corresponds with Chapter membership.
5. Recording Secretary - Records and reports chapter meeting minutes.

We select our officers by through a regular election in which all members may run for, and vote for officers using the orgs@smu framework. We are planning to hold our next Elections on April 23, 2015. The current officers are shown below in the membership rooster. Note, the two secretary positions are sometimes combined based on chapter interest.

10 Ongoing Benefit to the University Community

Upsilon Pi Epsilon's primary concern is the recognition of outstanding scholarship in the computer science and engineering fields. However we are not solely an academic society, we are also a social and service society that takes pride in its contributions to community service projects and its presence in the community. For the duration of the year we are planning on a few events. Following the reception and initiation next week we plan to hold elections. Aside from our standard monthly meetings we are also in the process of planning a joint end of year barbeque with Tau Beta Pi, IEEE student society, and Eta Kappa Nu. We are also planning to perform a service project through the United Methodist Church's branch of Habitat for Humanity next month. UPE continues to serve its original purpose, and with this reinvigoration in membership and leadership we plan to become even more active. We are very excited about what the next year holds, but are going to continue our relationship with Habitat for Humanity, and continue hosting social events, such as awards banquets, initiations, dinners, bowling, etc...

11 Adherence to Founding Documents

Please find both the national and chapter bylaws attached to this document, we take pride in our strict adherence to the founding members and advisors vision for the society.

12 Membership Rooster

Last Name	First Name	Position
Dworak	Jennifer	Chapter Advisor
Sliwa	Nicole	President
Thornton	Micah	Vice President
Solis	Candie	Treasurer
Kohli	Vipul	Secretary
Scruggs	John	
Smith	Lauryn	
Lomeo	James	
Friman	Raz	
Cheng	Alexander	

13 Tentative Schedule for Rest Of Academic Year

event	date
Spring 2015 Initiation	April 21
2015 Elections	April 23
Habitat Service day	April 25
Monthly Meeting	May 12
End of Year BBQ	May 14