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UPE NewsBrief - January 2012

UPE National Convention - 2012 - **We invite all UPE members and their guests to attend the 2012 UPE National Convention (held in conjunction with the 2012 SIGCSE Technical Symposium) in Raleigh, North Carolina on March 2, 2012.** 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 2012 ACM SIGCSE Symposium. Conference details can be found at

http://www.sigcse.org/sigcse2012/

2012 Annual Convention of UPE

Date & Time: Friday, March 2, 2012 from 12:10 – 1:45 PM
Location: Raleigh Convention Center

UPE Convention highlights:

- **Presentation of the ABACUS Award**. Award details will be announced in early February 2012.

- **UPE Chapter Reports** – Chapter representatives (students and chapter advisors) are encouraged to 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 one-page draft of their presentation to upe@acm.org no later than February 18, 2012.

- **Council Member Election** – There will be one vacancy in the UPE Executive Council in 2012. An election to fill this vacancy will be held during the 2012 UPE Convention. Candidates for this position must be present at the Convention and each candidate is expected to make a brief speech prior to the election. UPE Executive 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, including two council meetings each year. 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 and received no later than February 15, 2012.

UPE-Sponsored Reception at the 2012 SIGCSE Symposium – UPE will be co-sponsoring a pizza reception for all student volunteers at the 2012 SIGCSE Symposium. We encourage UPE members from area institutions to attend the UPE Convention and also serve as volunteers for the SIGCSE Symposium. Interested students can view http://www.sigcse.org/sigcse2012/students/volunteer.php for more information on this volunteer program.
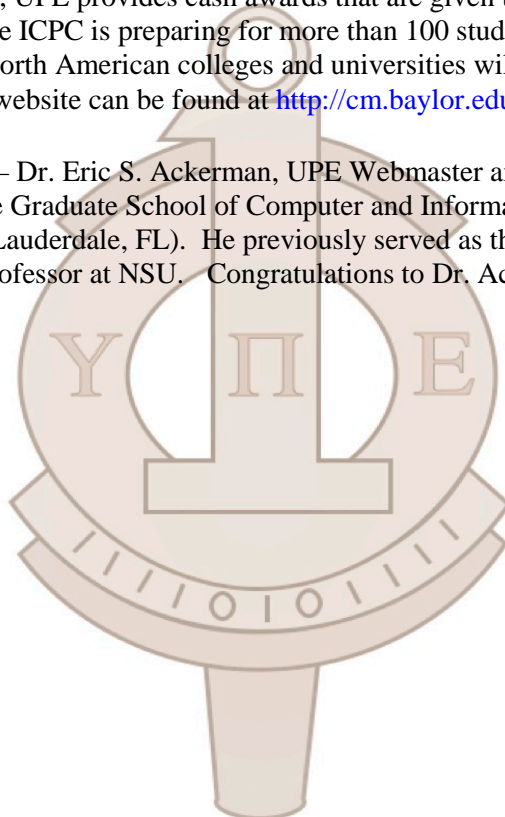
UPE Scholarship Awards for Student Members of the ACM and the IEEE-CS – Student members of the ACM and the IEEE should look into scholarship awards that are administered by the ACM (http://www.acm.org/chapters/students/upe_award) and the IEEE-CS (contact Mr. John Daniel at jw.daniel@computer.org). UPE 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 October 1, 2012. The IEEE-CS has a flexible deadline for this scholarship program.

Scholarship Awards for UPE Members – In 2011, the UPE Executive Council awarded a record number of scholarships to active members of UPE. These awards range from $750 to $1500. UPE members who expect to be enrolled as regular students during the 2012-2013 school year are encouraged to apply for one of these awards. Scholarship applications can be downloaded from the UPE website. The deadline for the 2012 awards is June 15, 2012. Council will announce the names of award recipients no later than September 30, 2012.

ACM-ICPC World Finals – The ACM ICPC (International Collegiate Programming Contest, sponsored by IBM) will be held in Warsaw, Poland on May 14-18, 2012. UPE Council members serve on the support staff of the ICPC. In addition, UPE provides cash awards that are given to teams who win ICPC- defined milestones at this contest. The ICPC is preparing for more than 100 student teams from around the Globe. 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.

Appointment as Interim Dean – Dr. Eric S. Ackerman, UPE Webmaster and News Editor, has been appointed Interim Dean of the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences at Nova Southeastern University (Ft. Lauderdale, FL). He previously served as the Associate Dean of the School and is an Associate Professor at NSU. Congratulations to Dr. Ackerman on his new position.

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