



UPE Delta Chapter of Illinois 2012-2013 Winter Newsletter

Greetings from the President

Welcome back, UPE members! Hope you had a happy holiday break. Thanks to everyone who filled out our events survey, we will be using it to put on events that you'd like to attend this winter and spring. And a special congratulations to Joe Mannarelli, who was randomly drawn from our survey participants to win a \$25 Amazon gift card!

The majority of members like you told us they would be most interested in attending Networking and Professional Presentation events, especially ones featuring IT Project Management, Interactive & Social Media, Computer & Network Security, and Design. Many members like you also expressed an interest in Scholarship/Funding Information, Peer Presentations, and Social Events. The Board of Officers has listened, and we look forward to organizing these future events!



This newsletter recaps our fall events, contains several important announcements, interviews UPE Events and Advertising Co-Chair Dan Lauritzen and Jibril Ilyas, and previews upcoming events for the Winter quarter.

Upcoming Events:

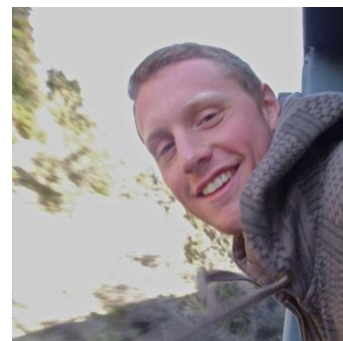
January 23, 2013: 4:30-5:15

1 E Jackson St, Room 8010 -- Panel discussion on security information and event management and log management systems. Speakers to include Deron Grzetich and Jibril Ilyas.

UPE Board Member Profile: Dan Lauritzen

Events and Advertising Co-Chair

Hi, I'm Dan. I'm a graduate student at DePaul's CDM and I am studying Network Security. I came to DePaul from UIC where I studied History as an undergraduate. Since coming to DePaul I have enjoyed the change of pace from liberal arts to computer science. As a way of enhancing my education I decided to join the UPE board in order to become more involved at DePaul. As an events committee co-chair I have enjoyed planning and preparing UPE events and coordinating with other student organizations to provide networking and educational presentations. My favorite thing about my work with UPE is creating events that help students bridge the gap between the educational and working world. If all UPE members remain active and involved with the organization we can continue to make UPE events a viable way to network, find job and internship opportunities, and prepare for the next step after DePaul.



Alumni Profile: Jibran Ilyas, Former Vice President of Delta UPE

Q: What was your favorite memory of UPE?

My favorite memory is working on an event that we planned featuring the Dean of CDM (previously CTI). It was an outstanding team effort with UPE E-Board, Marsha Timm, Tariq Puthawala, Lynette Lilly under adviser Dr. Daniela Raicu. We were so excited to organize the event with the Dean that we went above and beyond in the planning phase. The D-Day was great but it was the planning phase that remains a fond memory as Marsha, Tariq, Lynette, Dr. Raicu and I got to learn about each other's talents, determination and most importantly, sense of humor.



Q: What have you been doing since graduating from DePaul?

I was fortunate to find a job at Trustwave as Information Security Analyst. In 2007, I was recruited by Trustwave's Digital Forensics team. I currently work as a Senior Forensic Investigator in arguably the best Digital Forensics team in the world. I have presented talks at Global Security Conferences such as DEFCON, Black Hat, SecTor, SOURCE Barcelona, HEDNA, etc.. I have also designed and conducted training in Digital Forensics for federal law enforcement in North America. I am also the co-author of Trustwave's Global Security Report which provides Intelligence on Hacking and Data Breach Trends to the companies and law enforcement agencies all around the world.

Q: Has your term as an UPE officer helped you after graduation?

My term in UPE taught me to handle pressure. When I was the Vice President of UPE, I was leading another student organization and had a full time job. I learned to fulfill commitments even if that meant staying up all night to meet deadlines. The time management skills that I had learned in UPE still help me in my career. I am able to lead big forensic cases, conduct research in Digital Forensics field and deliver talks at global security conferences.

Q: Any interesting stories you would like to share about your term as an UPE officer?

Going into UPE meetings, I would always feel a little intimidated because the rest of the board members were far more talented and disciplined. I was challenged by the tasks assigned to me and my deliverables weren't satisfactory at least the first time around. I had to work really hard to fit in and I took upon all the easy tasks to feel that I am contributing. There came a time when my work was appreciated and I started feeling an equal part of the team. Once that happened, the meetings became a picnic. I can still recall laughing with the team for extended periods for no reason during our meetings. The interesting part of UPE for me was finding out that anything could be fun if there is unity in the team and when everyone contributes to the team goals.

Q: What advice do you have for UPE student members?

There are no shortcuts for success. The fundamentals that you learn in your course work are priceless. No certification can substitute what you learn in classes. I highly recommend you to join student organizations and their E-Boards; it can give you the edge in your career. Hard work and perseverance always pays off, try it! I will end with a quote from Maya Angelou, "People may not remember what you did or said, but they will always remember how you made them feel".

Fall Quarter Recap

We have had the great opportunity to host some very exciting events in the fall quarter.

Funding Opportunities for Students

Date: October 3, 2012

It was an honor to have Dr. Daniela Raicu host this [seminar](#), providing an overview of funding resources and programs that provide support to CDM students in Computer Science. The final part of the presentation provided basic training to use a variety of free resources that students may access to independently identify external sources of support for a variety of activities ranging from summer travel, international research collaborations and paid summer internships at corporations. We even have pictures from this wonderful event!



Distributed Denial of Service: Debunking Myths and Setting the Record Straight

Date: November 8, 2012

In this [seminar](#), Professor John Kristoff provided an overview of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, and in depth information on how to combat them. Professor Kristoff is also a researcher at Team Cymru, and he attracted both UPE members and other CDM students to his interesting and informative presentation.

Reminders:

- Don't forget-- all active UPE members are welcome to join us for weekly board meetings. This quarter they will be from 12 - 1 p.m. on [DAY OF WEEK], in CDM 723. You can also send any ideas you have for UPE to deltaupe@cdm.depaul.edu.
- Want an easier way to get involved with UPE, and the DePaul community as a whole? [OrgSync](#) provides students with instant access to what's going on at DePaul with an events calendar, the ability to communicate with other student leaders, and the ability create or join student organizations. Simply log in with your Campus Connect username and password, then join UPE's OrgSyn Group at <https://orgsync.com/38560/chapter>. You'll instantly get connected to the UPE board and get up-to-the-minute updates on news and events!

**Please feel free to join us for our Board Meetings:
Thursday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (CDM 7th Floor - Millennia Boardroom - #723)
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UPE Website: <http://clinton.cs.depaul.edu/upe/home.asp>**