Greetings from President

Hello Everyone!

I don’t know about you, but I wish Spring Break lasted a little bit longer. I’m ready for that spring weather to arrive and old man winter to finally hibernate for a while.

As we enter our final quarter of the year, we have a couple special events coming up including our annual initiation ceremony. We have a special issue of the newsletter this time around, featuring the DePaul Security Daemons, who beat out over 100 teams to compete in the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition in San Antonio, April 24 – 26th.

Best of luck for this quarter, especially to our graduating seniors! We are proud to have you represent our honor society going forward.

Ryan

Upcoming Events

Medical Informatics Workshop
**Friday May 1st**: 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM @ CDM Room 723

Biomedical Informatics is an emerging discipline that has been defined as the study, invention and implementation of structures and algorithms to improve communication, understanding and management of medical information. In this workshop, we will introduce the main concepts and fields of biomedical informatics, present research work done in the Medical Informatics Lab at CDM and in collaboration with other universities, and provide hands-on experience with processing and analyzing medical images.

UPE Initiation Ceremony
**Thursday June 4th**: 4:00PM – 5:00 PM @ St. Vincent DePaul Church

Join us in welcoming the new UPE Initiates into the UPE Honor Society. It is our yearly tradition to recognize CDM students for their academic achievements throughout their years at DePaul University.

UPE General Elections
**Tuesday June 9th**: 12:00PM – 1:00 PM @ Room 723

Congratulations to DePaul’s SecDaemons for Winning the Illinois and Midwest Regional Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition

It is our honor to Congratulate CDM’s Security Demon’s CCDC Team for winning both the State and Regional Cyber Defense Competition. The team, led by UPE’s president Ryan Haley, along with team member, UPE Events and Advertising Chair, Phillip Luk, will be competing in the National Cyber Defense Competition April 24th.

CCDC throws students in Networking and Security into a vulnerable and insecure company network where they are required to secure and maintain the company services while professional penetration testers attempt to compromise the services during a short period of time.
For this quarter’s newsletter the UPE Board has interviewed it’s two board members who are a part of the Cyber Defense Team about their experiences as part of the team.

**Ryan Haley**

1. **How did you get involved?**  
   I’ve been on the CCDC team since Freshman year. I’m very competitive and want to compete and learn from the best.

2. **How did you prepare?**  
   I scheduled practices every week starting from last September. We build a lab from scratch and would practice various techniques every week.

3. **What is your fondest memory?**  
   After the competition, one of the red team members (penetration testers) came up and asked me how I kept him out of the firewall, as we were the only team to do so.

4. **How is this competition different than classwork?**  
   This competition fits all the pieces together (defense, offense, and the business). We must use time management, limited resources, and teamwork to make tough decisions to what we should prioritize, just as a real business would.

5. **Where do you see yourself placing?**  
   As long as we score the most points, 1st place!

**Phillip Luk**

1. **How did you get involved?**  
   I found out about it through my professor and my involvement with Sec Daemons. I thought the idea was great and that it would be a great chance to get involved and learn about things the classes don’t cover.

2. **How did you prepare?**  
   The first year I was involved I did not compete. However, I attended the practice and helped out how I could as well as went along with what they were doing. Second year I focused on the skills I had that would benefit the team. I also continued to study and practice outside of practice and follow Ryan’s recommendations.

3. **What is your fondest memory?**  
   Hearing them announce that we won the Midwest Regional competition and seeing our faculty advisor cry.

4. **How is this competition different than classwork?**  
   It gives a great real world hands-on experience that is not covered in class. I have learned a lot from the experience of the other teammates and from being a part of the competition. The competition lets you apply what you have learned in many different ways.

5. **Where do you see yourself placing?**  
   1st Place. We have a great team!