



## **Greetings from UPE Faculty Advisor**

The fall quarter has arrived and another academic year is ahead of us! The UPE Chapter will take the lead again this year in organizing the iTea seminars, the Medical Informatics workshop, the Open Labs research events, and many other events that will offer rich opportunities for networking and learning the state-of-the-art practice and research in Information Technology. I invite everyone to participate in the UPE events! Have a great fall!



## **Upcoming Events**

### **General Elections**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2010**

Place: CDM 723 / Time: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

### **Funding Opportunities**

**Wednesday, September 22, 2010**

- Speaker: Daniela Raicu

Place: CDM 723 / Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

### **iTea Seminar**

**Wednesday, October 27, 2010**

- Speaker: TBD

Place: CDM 723 / Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

## **Member Profile**

My name is Zahra Ferdowsi, and I am president of Delta UPE for the 2010-2011 academic year. Currently I am a PhD student in Computer Science at the School of Computing and my research interest is data mining and machine learning. I'm involved in a healthcare data mining project in Accenture Technology Labs and a real estate housing project at CDM. During the last year, I attended most of the Delta UPE events and found them very constructive and helpful. Bringing my knowledge and experience, my intention is to promote our Delta UPE chapter by conducting interesting events, connecting UPE members with faculty and industry professionals, and helping students to network with different research groups in CDM. I eagerly invite you to become a board member and share your thoughts and ideas to make our chapter's activities interesting to a broader audience!



## **Reminders**

- All UPE members are entitled to ACM access; make sure that you use the benefits of being a member! (To create your ACM account, go to page: <https://campus.acm.org/public/accounts/create.cfm>).
- UPE members who currently attend DePaul, should register on Demon Direct. By registering, our UPE Chapter can take advantage of DePaul funding opportunities for chapter events. (<https://wa.is.depaul.edu/DemonDirect/demondirect.aspx>).
- UPE board meeting will be held Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 pm in CDM 723. All UPE members are invited to attend.

- **REMAIN ACTIVE in UPE!** Send your \$20 annual membership fee by check (made out to UPE) before October 20<sup>th</sup> to: College of Computing and Digital Media, CDM; ATTN: UPE; DePaul University; 243 South Wabash Avenue; Chicago, IL 60604.

### **Alumni Interview with Elizabeth Benker**

by: Secretary Paula Laurent, CDM PhD Student

#### **Q: What was your favorite memory of UPE?**

**A:** It was exciting to be a part of the inaugural group of students initiated into the DePaul UPE chapter.

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

**A:** One of my first pre-graduation jobs was as a Business/Usability Analyst, where I was first able to incorporate things that I'd learned in my classes at DePaul; such as prototyping and including the voice of the user in my application designs. I am now the User Experience Director at Centralis, a user experience consulting firm that impresses me with their integrated approach to research and design.

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

**A:** Leverage the knowledge you receive from your professors and instructors. Not only do they teach you theories, but they offer a variety of ideas for how to apply them in the real world.



### **2010 UPE Scholarship Recipient – Mary Remington**

Congratulations to Mary Remington, our Chapter president in 2009-2010, for receiving an UPE scholarship from National UPE due to her contributions to the Delta UPE chapter and other related student activities, as well as her long-term plans for the profession. Mary Remington is a Human-Computer Interaction graduate at the College of Computing and Digital Media.



### **Spring Quarter Recap**

We have had the great opportunity to host some very exciting events in the spring quarter. We are always pleased to see Alumni members in the crowd!

#### **Medical Informatics Workshop**

**Date: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The workshop was featured introductory and advanced presentations by DePaul faculty and undergraduate and graduate students working in the CDM Intelligent Multimedia Processing Laboratory and Medical Informatics Laboratory.

#### **Open Research Lab: Computer Graphics**

**Date: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

It was hosted by the Computer Graphics Lab. Student researchers presented demos and answer questions about their work while faculty present state-of-the-art research on the American Sign Language Project.

#### **UPE Initiation**

**Date: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

It was a pleasure to see the continued academic success of the students at CDM; 97 student members were initiated and one honor faculty member, Dr. Eric Schwabe. Pictures and video of the initiation are posted online.

#### **UPE Officer Elections**

**Date: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**

Zahra Ferdowsi was elected the new Chapter president for the academic year 2010-2011.

**Please feel free to join us for our Board Meetings:**  
**Wednesdays 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (CDM 7<sup>th</sup> Floor - Millennia Boardroom - #723)**  
**Email UPE: [deltaUPE@cdm.depaul.edu](mailto:deltaUPE@cdm.depaul.edu)**  
**UPE Website: <http://clinton.cs.depaul.edu/upe/home.asp>**