Greetings from UPE Faculty Advisor

I hope everyone enjoyed the Winter break and the Holidays Season! The officers of our UPE Chapter have already brainstormed interesting activities for the Winter Quarter and are ready to work with all UPE members on any other interesting ideas that can enrich everyone’s experience while being in school or already graduated but trying to stay connected with what’s happening in our School. Check this Newsletter for details on the events and become part of each one of them! Have a great Winter Quarter!

Upcoming Events

Open Lab: Game Research                                               Friday, February 4, 2011
• Speaker: Dr. Jose Zagal, Assistant Professor, DePaul University
• Place: CDM 723, Time: 3:00 – 4:30 pm.

Research Seminar     Monday, February 28, 2011
• Speaker: Mohit Kumar, Researcher, Accenture Technology Labs
• Place: CDM 723, Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Member Profile

Hi! My name is Jayne Spottswood, and I am the Delta UPE Secretary for the 2010-2011 academic year. I currently attend DePaul as a graduate Human-Computer Interaction student, and I also currently work as a Customer Experience Analyst. During my tenure as secretary, I plan on using my communication skills to provide the UPE community with best up-to-date information on events and meetings, and let you know how you could benefit from attending or taking part. I want to thank you for being a member of UPE and encourage you to join our welcoming community by attending events and meetings, and also contact us with any suggestions you may have on how we could improve our UPE chapter. If you’ve got something to say, we want to hear it!

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 Mondays 12:30-1:30 pm in CDM 723. All UPE members are invited to attend.
Alumni Interview with Taghrid Samak

Q. What was your favorite memory of UPE?
A. In addition to the weekly meeting and camaraderie with other members, I also enjoyed participating in the UPE initiation ceremony very much. Joining in the excitement of the new initiates while listening to the history of UPE and the yearly report of activities was really fulfilling.

Q. What have you been doing in the past 2 months?
A. I am currently a post-doctoral fellow at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, in the Advanced Computing for Science. My research is mainly on applications of data mining algorithms for large scale network monitoring, for scientific applications.

Q. What advice do you have for UPE student members?
A. I have to say that school is not just about getting your degree, you learn a lot by getting involved in many other activities. So, don't miss a chance of attending social, technical or networking events. If you are able to volunteer and help, that's even better. Trust me, you will find the time to do extracurricular activities, and this will make you even more excited and motivated about your own work.

Fall Quarter Recap

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

General Elections
Date: September 15th, 2010
Douglas Switzer was elected as Vice President and Jayne Spottswood was elected as Secretary.

Funding Opportunities
Date: September 22nd, 2010
Dr. Daniela Raicu talked about of funding resources and programs that provide support to graduate students in Computer Science. She gave the audience some tips to help craft competitive applications for a variety of programs sponsored by federal agencies, private independent foundations, and international bodies that provide support for non-US citizens. It was a basic training on free resources accessible to identify external sources of support for activates ranging from summer travel and international research collaboration to paid summer research internship.

iTea Seminar
Date: October 27th, 2010
The speaker was Diane Brown, Technical Project Manager at J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. She talked about her IT career started as a programmer/analyst, joined a new project management team at IBM, and eventually joining JP Morgan Chase Bank in 2007 as a Technical Project Manager. She introduced two books about interview questions (201 Best Questions to Ask on Your Interview by John Kador) and salary negotiations (Negotiating Your Salary: How to make $1000 a minute by Jack Chapman). Then Seminar was continued by asking questions about career paths by the audience.

Please feel free to join us for our Board Meetings:
Monday 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (CDM 7th Floor - Millennia Boardroom - #723)
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UPE Website: http://clinton.cs.depaul.edu/upe/home.asp