



Upsilon Pi Epsilon

International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

**Chapter Activities Report
UPE Gamma Chapter of New Jersey
At the William Paterson University of New Jersey**

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From: UPE Gamma Chapter of NJ:

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Robert Tavoularis	Vice President
Andrew Russo	Treasure Fall 2005
Fatmata Davies	Secretary,
Rebecca Schaffer	Treasure, Spring 2006

From: ACM Student Chapter and SGA CSS (Computer Science Society)

Ted Chen	President
Patricia Moore	Vice President & Treasurer
Emmual Bakinahe	Secretary

The 2005-2006 proves to be another very active and productive year for both Chapters. We have created, developed and implemented fourteen events with great success. The main theme of these activities again is to promote and to help establish networking between students with academic, business and industry communities within and outside of the campus. The primary goal is to further expand and enrich students academic career beyond the classroom environment to help pave their professional career path in the future. To achieve this goal, we were able to receive support internally and externally. The WPUNJ SGA-CSS (Computer Science Society) joined the Chapters in edifice and implementation of all events. The offices of the Provost, and the Dean of College of Science and Health, and the Department of Computer Science provided strong support to each event. The Career Development Service once more rendered assistance to our Lecture series. Externally, we enjoyed endorsement and encouragement from our alumni, and leading computer science/IT industries and academics, in particular, UPE, ACM, IEEE, AT&T and IBM . Most of all, the success of these events is possible due to the relentless effort made by the officers of each three student society and chapters. Their hardworking and dedication to provide opportunity for other CS students to participate in extra-curricula activities are essential to our endeavor.

This report consists of description of each event as well as sample photos related to each activity. They are summarized below in chronological order:

Part I: Narratives:

1. 10/06/2005, Thursday, a field trip to attend the IEEE North Jersey Annual Symposium and Mini-show at Fairfield NJ was conducted,
 - a. Description:
The theme of the Symposium was on the development and trends in RF, Microwave and Military Communication. In addition to exhibits, students were required to attend at least three technical presentations by distinguished speakers. From the Event Reports they submitted, it is seen that they learned a great deal from all these presentations and exhibits. In addition, they were able to meet, mingle and get connected with members from the leading business and industrial concerns and professional organization reps, from Bell Labs/Lucent, BAE Systems, Agilent, The Mathworks, IEEE and ACM.
 - b. Sample photos of the event are given in the photo attachment #1 and 2.

2. 10/10/05, Monday: 2005-2006 CS student Lecture series kicked off with Lecture #1
 - a. Description of the event:
The preparation for this lecture started in July 2005. Speakers of the lecture are Tom Mitchell and Kevin Cattell, two 1985 WPUNJ CS graduates and members of ACM. Both Tom and Kevin have been working at IBM for 20 years since they graduated from WPUNJ. The topic is on a survey of past 20 years in the Information Technology and how IBM and other industry organization have been contributing to this industry's growth. " Topics related to job opportunity at IBM as well as other industrial concerns were also covered. About 25 attended this lecture.

 - b. Photos related: Refer to attachment # #3, 4, & 5.

3. 11/03/05, Thursday,
 - a. Description:
 - 1) UPE Induction Ceremony: Form 12:40pm to 1:15pm, the Fall 2005 (36th) Chapter UPE Induction Ceremony was conducted.
Four students were inducted. UPE officers conducted the ceremony. There were about 35 participants including inductees, family and friends, officers, graduating seniors, other students, faculty and administration.

The UPE Chapter Officers are:

Christopher Markson	President
Robert Tavoularis	Vice President
Andrew Russo	Treasurer
Fatmata Davies	Secretary

Four students were inducted:

Denis Bjellquist	Davis Garnowski
Rebecca Schaffer	Edwin Torres

Congratulatory messages to all inductees and UPE students were received from Board of Trustees, faculty, administration, ACM student chapter and family and friends of inductees. In particular, this year, we had an honor of the presence of Mr. Michael L. Jackson, a member of the WPUNJ Board of Trustees and President and CEO of Info-Tech Systems of Randolph NJ at this event.

Induction Ceremony, was followed by:

- 2) Conferring National UPE Honor cord to graduates:
Mr. Michael Jackson, conferred a UPE honor cord to Andrew Russo, the only UPE January 2006 graduate. Mr. Jackson congratulated the inductees and encouraged them to continue their good work after graduation.
- 3) An Academic Achievement Award was conducted by UPE & ACM Chapters.
Dr. John Najarian, Chair of the Computer Science Department presented the award to Andrew Russo for his excellence academic accomplishment, graduated with an over all GPA of 4.0
- 4) A Service Award was also conducted by UPE/ACM Chapters:
Dr. Kevin Martus, The Director of Pre-Engineering Program and Professor of Physics and Chemistry presented the award to Andrew Russo for his outstanding service rendered to the Chapter.

b. Photos related to these activities are: Photo Attachment #6 through 13.

4. 11/03/05, CS Student Lecture Series Lecture #2 was held

a. Description of the Event:

In response to the demand from students, the officers of the ACM Student Chapter decided to conduct a lecture entitled " The Reflection and Report on the 3/31/05 Field Trip to Columbia University, New York City". The primary goal for the lecture is to share their experience of the trip with other students. The speakers are:

Ted Chen,	President
Patricia Moore,	Vice President and Treasurer
Emmanuel Bakinahe,	Secretary

The Columbia visitation was planned and arranged by our distinguish CS 1999 graduate Megan Restuccia, the Program Manager of the Biochemistry Computing Center at Columbia University. Megan was also selected by Columbia University to become a student in the Executive MBA program at Columbia. She is an outstanding role model for our students. In addition to their lecture, the speakers from Columbia also distributed job opportunity list at Columbia via Megan. Student learned the computer systems at Columbia University, both in hardware and software including main frames.

b. Photos related to this event are: Photo attachment #14, &15

5. 12/07/05, a presentation by Ms. Theresa Skinner of the Career Development Center was held. This event was requested by our seniors. Ms. Skinner presented various useful and important approaches for job hunting. Students benefited from her presentation. 17 students attended. As part of the talk, 11 students submitted their resume to Ms. Skinner for her review.

6. 12/07/05,

a. Description:

following Ms. Skinner's presentation, ACM and UPE chapter officers hosted a pizza party in honor of the December 2005 graduating seniors. 25 attended.

- b. Photo attachments #16 gives a snap shot for this event.
7. 03/08/06, Thursday, 2005-2006 Lecture #3 was conducted.
- a. Description of the event:
The preparation for this lecture started on November 3, 2005 when Mr. Jackson attended our 36th UPE Induction Ceremony. Mr. Jackson not only agreed to come but also invited Mr. Charles Steve Dawson, the Chief officer of the Information Technology. The lecture title was “Current Trends in Information Technology Industry”.
- b. Photos related to this event: # 17, 18 & 19 of photo attachments
8. March 22, 2006 Lecture #4 was successfully completed.
- a. Description of the project:
Speaker was Dr. Gregg Vesonder, Head, AT&T Research Labs
Dr. Vesonder has been instrumental in research and development of HCI (Human Computer Interface) in both theory and applications. There were about 20 students and faculty attended. Lecture involved students’ participation in creating realistic HCI systems. Student responded well. Assessment they wrote indicate their appreciation for the additional extra-curricula knowledge gained
Title of the lecture is: “Building Human Computer Systems”
- b. Event Photos are from Photo Attachment #20-21
9. March 30, 2006: the 37th Induction Ceremony for UPE Gamma Chapter of NJ at WPUNJ
- a. Description of the event:
The preparation work for the ceremony began about four months prior to the event. The officers of the Gamma Chapter of New Jersey conducted the ceremony. They are:
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| Christopher Markson, | President |
| Robert Tavoularis, | Vice President |
| Fatmata Dvaies, | Secretary |
| Rebecca Schaffer, | Treasurer |
- Three students (one Junior and two senior) were inducted:
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| Philip Kang |
| Nathan Mantell |
| Anthony Stella |

We had an honor of the presence of Mr. Michael L. Jackson, a member of the WPUNJ Board of Trustees, President and CEO of Info-Tech Systems in Randolph, NJ at the ceremony. Mr. Jackson congratulated the inductees and the commended the chapter’s effort to promote excellence in computer science.

Congratulatory messages and well wishes were received from campus community.

At the of the ceremony, new officers for 2006-2007 were elected. They are:

Philip Kang	President
Adam Platt	Vice President
Edwin Torres	Treasurer & Secretary

b. Photo Attachments #22-27 give sample photos for these events.

10. 03/30/06 Award Ceremonies followed by Induction Ceremony:

a. Description of the event:

1) Conferring UPE Honor Cord

Mr. Jackson conferred the UPE Honor cord to seven UPE graduating seniors:

Christopher Markson
Robert Tavoularis
Fatmata Davies
Rebecca Schaffer
Christo Adamopoulos
Nathan Mantell
Anthony Stella

2) Academic Excellence Award Ceremony:

Dr. Steve Hahn, Associate Provost presented the Award to Christopher Markson who has earned an overall GPA of 4.0 since his freshman year. Dr. Hahn commended Chris for his exceptional achievement to graduate with a straight A record given to him from all professors not only in computer science but also in humanities, arts, science and social science etc.

3) Outstanding Service Award Ceremony:

Dr. Jean Fuller- Stanley, Associate Dean of College of Science and Health presented the Outstanding Service Award to the following UPE Chapter Officers:

Christopher Markson,	President
Robert Tavoularis,	Vice President
Fatmata Davies,	Secretary
Rebecca Schaffer,	Treasurer

c. Photo attachment:

28-34: for Conferring UPE Honor Cord to the graduating seniors
#35: for Academic Excellence Award
#36-40: for Outstanding Service Award

11. UPE Certificate and Pin Distribution:

a. Mr. Jackson distributed the UPE Certificate and Pins to the new inductees :

Philip Kang
Nathan Mantell
Anthony Stella

b. Photo Attachments # 40-42 depict these distributions to signify their official entry to UPE for these three inductees.

12. Group Photos were taken at the induction ceremony: Photo Attachment #43-45.

13. April 24, 2006 Lecture #5 was held:

a. Description of the Event:

In response to the demand from students, the officers of the ACM Student Chapter decided to conduct a lecture on career planning. The preparation for this event began right conclusion of all 2005. The speaker was Ms. Theresa Skinner from WPUNJ Career Development Center. About 20 students participated. Students were required to submit a one-page resume for the speakers' review and comment. Students learned practical aspects of job searching process and interview techniques etc. They are valuable to students future career planning and advancement.

b. Photos : Ref: Photo Attachment #46-47

14. On April 25, ACM Student Chapter and SGA Computer Science Society Election of 2006-2007 Officer were held. It followed by the Graduation Pizza Party sponsored by ACM Student Chapter

a. The following students were elected:

Ted Chen	President
Philip Kang	Vice President
Sam Nunez	Secretary
Patricia Moore	Treasurer

b. Photo Attachment #48

15. April 25, 2006, ACM Student Chapter Special event:

a. Description:

The Chapter sponsored a graduation senior pizza party. All May graduating seniors were invited.

b. Photo Attachment #49

16. May 17, 2006, UPE-ACM Graduating Seniors Photo session:

Photo attachments of #50-56 display the proudest moment of the UPE and ACM Students, their families and faculty. Student excellence and success have indeed soundly achieved.

Part II Photo Attachments:

1: Field Trip to IEEE North Jersey Section Annual Symposium and Mini- Show



2: CS Group with IEEE officers



3 : Lecture #1 lecture by Tom Mitchell



4, Ted Chen, & Dr. Cheo with Speakers, Tom Mitchell and Kevin Cattell



5, Group with the Speakers



6, UPE 36th Induction Ceremony, November 3, 2005 Conducted by Officers: Chris Markson, Robert Tavouralis. Andrew Russo, Fatmata Davies



7 UPE Induction Ceremony:
Mr. Michael Jackson, Faculty, Staff and Students



10. Mr. Michael L. Jackson, and WPUNJ UPE members, Faculty and Students



8 Mr. Michael Jackson conferring UPE Honor Cord to Andrew Russo, CS Graduating senior



11. Award Ceremony,
Mr. Jackson conferring UPE Honor Cord to Andrew Russo, The Graduating Senior



9, Mr. Michael L. Jackson addressing the Faculty, Staff, UPE members, and other CS students



12, Award Ceremony
Dr.. John Najarian presenting Academic Achievement Award to Andrew Russo



13, Award Ceremony
Dr. Kevin Martus presenting Outstanding Service Award to Andrew Russo



16, ACM/UPE Chapters Hosting a Pizza Party for December 2005 graduates CS Student Lounge, Coach House



14, 2005-2006 CS Student Lecture Series, Lecture #2 Speakers: Ted Chen, Patricia Moore, & Emmanuel Bakinahe



17. Lecture #3, Speaker: Mr. Michael L. Jackson



15, Lecture #2, Group Photo
Cheng Library Paterson Room



18: Lecture #3, Speaker: Mr. Charles S. Dawson



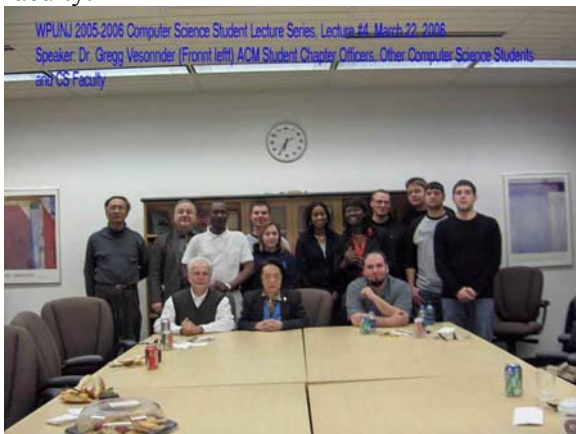
19. Lecture #3, Speakers Mr. Jackson and Mr. Dawson with Dean, faculty and Students



20. Lecture #4: Speaker: Dr. Gregg Vesonder



21. Lecture #4: Speaker Dr. Vesonder, ACM Chapter Officers, Other CS Students and CS faculty.



22. UPE 37th Induction Ceremony conducted by Chapter officers



23. UPE 37th Induction Ceremony Mr. Michael L. Jackson Addressing the Inductees



24. Dr. Steve Hahn, Associate Provost, Addressing the inductees



25. Dr. Jean Fuller-Stanley Addressing the Inductees



26. Dr. Kevin Martus Addressing the Inductees



27. UPE 37th Induction Ceremony Dr. Susan Dinan Addressing the Inductees



28. Christo Amapoulos, a UPE graduating senior receiving UPE cord from Mr. Jackson



29. Fatmata Davies, UPE Chapter Secretary Receiving UPE Honor Cord from Mr. Jackson.



30. Nathan Mantell, a UPE Graduating Senior Receiving UPE Honor Cord from Mr. Jackson



31. Anthony Stella, a UPE Graduating Senior Receiving UPE Honor Cord from Mr. Jackson



34. Robert Tavoularis, UPE Chapter Vice President Receiving UPE Honor Cord from Mr. Jackson



32. Christopher Markson, UPE Chapter President Received UPE Honor Cord from Mr. Jackson



35. Christopher Markson, Receiving the Academic Excellence Award from Dr. Hahn,



33. Rebecca Schaffer, UPE Chapter Treasurer Receiving UPE Honor Cord from Mr. Jackson



36. UPE Award Ceremony
Christopher Markson Receiving the
Outstanding Service Award (two years as
the President, VP, and Treasurer) from
Associate Dean Dr. Jean Fuller-Stanley .



37. UPE Award Ceremony
Robert Tavoularis Receiving the
Outstanding Service Award (two years as
the Vice President and Treasurer) from
Associate Dean Dr. Jean Fuller-Stanley.



38. UPE Award Ceremony
Fatmata Davies Receiving the Outstanding
Service Award (as the Treasurer and
Secretary, 2005-2006) from Associate
Dean Dr. Jean Fuller-Stanley



39. UPE Award Ceremony
Rebecca Schaffer Receiving the
Outstanding Service Award (as the
Treasurer Spring-2006) from Associate
Dean Dr. Jean Fuller-Stanley



40. Philip Kang Receiving UPE Certificate and Pin From Mr. Michael L. Jackson



41. Nathan Mantell Receiving UPE Certificate and Pin From Mr. Michael L. Jackson



42. Anthony Stella Receiving UPE Certificate and Pin From Mr. Michael L. Jackson



43. Dr. Aria Cheo and UPE Chapter Officers



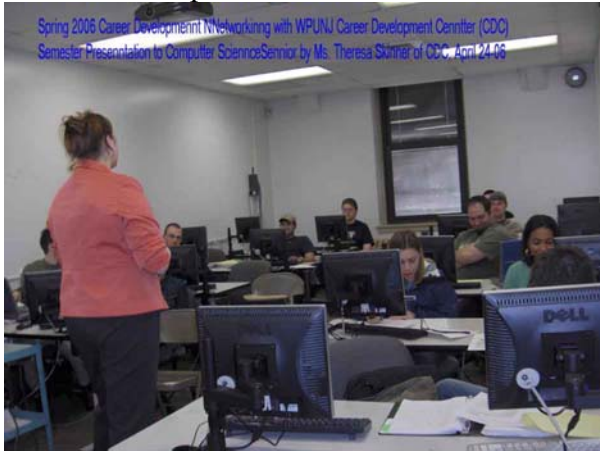
44. Drs. Najarian and Cheo, Carol Parken, (CS Department Secretary) , Current UPE Officers and the President Elect Philip Kang



45. UPE Officers, Inductees, members faculty and administration



46. Lecture #5, Speaker: Ms. Theresa Skinner, Career Development Center



Spring 2006 Career Development Center Networking with WPUNJ Career Development Center (CDC) Semester Presentation to Computer Science Seniors by Ms. Theresa Skinner of CDC, April 24, 06

47.. Lecture #5, Speaker Ms. Skinner with CS Students and Dr. Cheo



Networking with Career Development Center, CS seniors and Dr. Ania Cheo with the Speaker, Ms. Theresa Skinner April 24, 2005

48.. Officers-Elect of ACM Student Chapter and SGA CS Society 2006-2007, and other CS students.



2006-2007 ACM Student Chapter and SGA Computer Science Society newly elected Officers and a friend. From left: Philip Kang, Treasurer, Sam

49. ACM Student Chapter hosting a pizza party for Graduating Seniors



Spring 2006 Computer Science Graduation Pizza Party, Sponsored by ACM Student Chapter, April, 25, 2006

50. UPE Graduates : From Left Christopher Markson, Dr.. Cheo, Rebecca Schaffer, Robert Tavoularis



Spring 2006 Commencement, May 17, 2006 : With UPE Graduates. From Left: Christopher Markson, Dr. Ania Cheo, Rebecca Schaffer, Robert Tavoularis.

51. UPE Graduates : From Left Dr. Najarian, Christopher Markson, Dr. Cheo, Rebecca Schaffer, Robert Tavoularis



53, Parents' Proud Moment: From Left: Mrs. Markson (Chris' mother), Chris, Dr. Cheo, Mr. Markson (Chris' father)



52. Spring 2006 Graduation, May 17, 2006
A Proud moment:
Christopher Markson and Dr. Cheo,



54 A Parent's Proud moment: From Left: Mrs. Schaffer (Rebecca's mother), Rebecca, Dr. Cheo,



55. A Proud Moment:
Robert Tavoularis and Dr. Cheo



56. A Proud Moment: Christopher Markson, the
Banner Carrier of College of Science & Health

