

Chapter Name: SUNY Potsdam ACM

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DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

SUNY Potsdam is a public institution that was founded in 1816. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 3,614, its setting is rural, and the campus size is 240 acres. Our school is located in Upstate New York.

The student-faculty ratio is 13:1, and the school has 68.4 percent of its classes with fewer than 20 students. The most popular majors include: Education, Visual and Performing Arts, Psychology, Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services and Social Sciences.

DESCRIPTION OF CHAPTER

Our chapter aims to establish a collaborative environment for students who are interested in technology and computing as well as raise awareness about the career opportunities and impact caused by pursuing computer science. Our school has a very active computer science community with around 120 students. The majority of our members are Computer Science or Math majors and minors. We have occasional Physics, Psychology and Music majors attend.

Since our school is typically known for it's excellent Crane school of music, our chapter focuses on the technical aspects of the Computer Science major and allows members to explore tools and technologies traditionally not covered in the curriculum. We are dedicated to uniting people with diverse backgrounds and creating an inclusive culture among our members.

Our chapter was officially created in 1969, and has grown exceptionally over the past few years. We were approved for our first budget through SUNY Potsdam's Student Government Association, SGA, for the 2016 - 2017 school year and it has allowed us to continue to create opportunities for students, and ultimately allows the chapter to grow. Our chapter's growth and success we've experienced over the past few years has impressed SUNY Potsdam's SGA. Our chapter's outstanding achievement ensured funding and support from SUNY Potsdam's SGA for the 2017 - 2018 school year, allowing us to continue on our chapter's mission.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER WEBSITE

The SUNY Potsdam ACM has a variety of projects students can participate in. We have several ongoing web-based projects including hackpotsdam.com, learngowithbill.com, and our club website, potsdamacm.com.

We had several iterations of the website, including acmpdam.github.io, potsdamacm.herokuapp.com, and our live website, potsdamacm.com. We were using Bootstrap as the responsive front-end framework, but switched to Materialize CSS for a cleaner front-end, and to experiment with another framework. These frameworks allow our website to look great on any device and screen resolution. We use Github pages for web hosting because it is free. It also allows students to easily contribute to the website and learn about Git and Github.

Home: Contains call to actions to several of our pages, and images of our members at various events.

Projects: We post all of our ongoing projects with their name, meeting time, and meeting location so people can easily get involved.

Events: We post our upcoming events and integrate a google calendar so our members can be up to date.

Jobs: We post jobs/internships/co-ops to our website whenever opportunities become available in the club and department.

Talks: We currently have a talks page that is under development that will allow students to post their talk topics before the meeting.

About: We provide background of the club to show the legacy that our club has had over the years. We hope to grow this page as we are find out more information from alumni.

Get Involved: Students can learn how they can get involved, including: becoming a national acm member, participating in planning meetings, joining committees, or developing a website for a club.

Credit: We are currently working to implement our chapter activities for credit hours, so we provide a place for students to post what they have done for the club over the school year. It also allows students to put links on their resumes as a digital portfolio.

Donate: Students and alumni can make generous donations to help contribute to the club. We post our donors on the website to show them where how their donations have impacted the club.

Contact: We have a contact page where members can get in touch with ACM officers, and to contact past officers if needed.

Our Friends: We post clubs and organizations that we collaborate with here.

Meeting Minutes: We document all of our meetings and store them in google drive so that members can easily view what happened if they missed a meeting.

Archive: A place where members can view past projects, events, and contact information.

Feedback: A page linking to a google form where members can provide us anonymous feedback for how we are doing as officers.

Services: Showcases the services that we provide, including web hosting and website design & development for clubs. This allows students to gain experience working on these websites, and also acquire some money for creating the websites.