

Student Membership

Our AITP Student Membership Program is designed for students pursuing a career in information business technology profession.

Students interested in joining AITP may join an existing student chapter, help start a new student chapter on your campus or join AITP directly at www.aitp.org.

The annual AITP student membership fee is only \$35.00.

Check with your faculty advisor to join your local student chapter or visit www.aitp.org to find a local chapter near you.

"I joined the Metro State Student Chapter of AITP last fall primarily to network. This association has been a fast way to meet professionals in the local industry and it will make my transition from student to professional much easier."

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Why Join a Professional Association?

- Participating in professional organizations improves your business skills and your professionalism.
- Membership provides you with a great opportunity to network with professionals who can help you with your self-development and career advancement.
- Attending meetings and conferences give you the opportunity to hear lectures by experts in your field.
- Future employers appreciate knowing that you are interested in keeping abreast of current issues and trends.
- Being a member allows you to take advantage of student leadership possibilities that not only help you develop your skills, but also prove useful on a resume.
- As a student, you are eligible for reduced membership fees. (The wealth of information you will learn will be worth ten times what you had to pay to be involved.)

We Invite You to Join Us



aitp The Network of IT Professionals

Invest in yourself,



in your future.

aitp Association of
Information Technology
Professionals

With today's roller coaster economy, a career isn't something that just happens. It must be carefully planned and nurtured.

Getting involved in your professional community while you're still in school is the best way to ensure your success in the field of information technology.

And the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) recognizes that the importance of belonging to the professional community begins long before graduation. AITP in partnership with its professional members offers students a way to give their careers a jump-start and a competitive advantage that employers seek.

"Information Technology is a field of constant continuous change. In order to better prepare our students for becoming practitioners in this field, we must make them fully aware of the opportunities and benefits professional associations, such as the Association of Information Technology Professionals, can bring to them. Exposing students to professional associations while they are in college is important to building both their professionalism and ethics of the profession."

Frederick Galogee, Faculty Advisor
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Benefits of Membership



Professional Chapter Support

With the support and sponsorship of professional chapters, AITP provides student members with valuable resources to enhance their understanding of the IT industry and AITP. Professional members speak at meetings, network and arrange tours for student chapters. Students are encouraged to attend professional chapter meetings, AITP's annual conference and the Annual National Collegiate Conference.

Networking

Who you know can make all the difference. You'll build networks of people in the chapter, online and at the National Collegiate Conference.

List server

The student members e-mail list delivers announcements of industry news, events and association developments.

Save \$180

Student members that enter the IT workforce can become a professional member at reduced rates. This saves \$180 off of the first three years dues.

Student Newspaper

AITP's student newsletter, Information Executive / Nanosecond, is free to all student members. This online publication contains information concerning national association activities, articles covering the latest industry trends and important career advice from IT industry professionals. Information on the annual National Collegiate Conference and reprints of fellow student papers are also included.

Discounts

Discounts on products and services are available through AITP's student member entitlement program.

Forums

Students members have access to the Members Only Forums at aitp.org. Share your thoughts, insights and questions about the IT industry with other members.

Competitive Advantage

Employers look at hundreds of resumes. Make sure yours contains the extra experience that will make it stand out in the crowd.

AITP Annual National Collegiate Conferences

Hosted by a local student chapter each spring, the National Collegiate Conference is the highlight event of the year. The conference includes recognized speaker from across the country, breakout sessions with in-depth coverage of all areas of the information technology field.

The conference attracts 800 students representing over 100 of the AITP student chapters. The programming contests in COBOL, Visual BASIC, C++, Web page Design, Java, Database and Systems Analysis & Design are always very popular events. Last year over \$10,000 in prize money was awarded to the winners.

Each year an *Awards Banquet* honors the *Outstanding Student Chapter*, the *Faculty Advisor Award* and all of the *Programming Contest Winners*.

Education

Chapter meetings include speakers and discussions that cover the entire information technology profession.

Past National Collegiate Conference Exhibitors

AIM Institute, ALLTEL, American Family Insurance, Analysis International Corporation, BrainBuzz.com, Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway, Caterpillar, Computer Task Group, Computerworld, DeVry, EDS, Ernst & Young, FBI, FedEx, Fidelity, Gateway, Hallmark Cards, Hewlett Packard, IBM, JC Penney, Land's End Direct Merchants, Lowes, Microsoft, NCR Corporation, Nielsen Media Research, Northrop Grumman, Peoplesoft, Procter & Gamble, Robert Half Technology, Shell Services International, Software Architects, Southwestern Bell Corporation, State Farm Insurance Company, State National Companies, Temple-Inland Forest Products, Texas Instruments, United Services Automobile Association (USAA), Wal-Mart, Walt Disney World