About Sigma Xi – the IPFW Chapter

Sigma Xi – The Scientific Research Honor Society - is an international, private, non-profit, multidisciplinary research society whose programs and activities promote the health of the scientific enterprise and honor scientific achievement. Sigma Xi publishes the award-winning American Scientist magazine, awards hundreds of grants annually to promising student researchers, and sponsors a variety of programs that serve science and society. Primary programmatic interests include research ethics, science and engineering education, the public understanding of science, international research networking, and the overall health of the research enterprise.

Sigma Xi is an honor society, with membership by invitation only, although many of our local events and presentations are open to the general public.

The IPFW Chapter of Sigma Xi has recognized excellence in scientific and engineering research by students and faculty at IPFW since 1986. The Chapter has an annual awards banquet and organizes events on campus, including visits by Distinguished Lecturers.

Student Research Awards

The IPFW Chapter of Sigma Xi gives awards every year for student research in science and engineering. For the past few years, the award winners have been chosen based on judging data from the annual IPFW Student Research and Creative Endeavor Symposium.

This year, all posters at the Symposium on science and engineering topics will be automatically considered for the 2017 Sigma Xi awards. Students do not need to submit any separate application. The winners’ faculty advisors will be notified by email and the awards will be presented at the annual banquet, Monday evening, April 24, 2017, which everyone is welcome to attend.

Faculty Awards

The IPFW Chapter of Sigma Xi solicits nominations every year for two faculty awards: the Researcher of the Year and the College Science Teacher of the Year. To nominate yourself or someone else for either of the 2017 awards, submit an application by Friday, April 7. The forms are available on the web site.

Congratulations to awardees from 2014 to 2016!

Researchers of the Year
John Licato, Computer Science
Yuan Zhang, Mathematical Sciences
Zhuming Bi, Engineering

Teachers of the Year
Chao Chen, Engineering
Mark Jordan, Biology
Don Mueller, Engineering

Upcoming Event: MAICS 2017

The 28th Modern Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Science (MAICS) Conference is being hosted by the IPFW Department of Computer Science, April 28-29, 2017. The IPFW Chapter of Sigma Xi is a co-sponsor of this event. For more information, see the conference web site: http://ipfw.edu/maics

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