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Our chapter is defined by the ability to lead and develop technological foundations for innovative minds within Kaplan University. Bringing together students to build their networks, learn leadership, and develop skills to become an asset to employers. We currently have 249 chapter members within Kaplan University Online community.

Computer Science/IT majors at Kaplan:

Chapter Members Majors: Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity, Master of Science in Cybersecurity Management

Chapter Homepage: <http://kuacm.hosting.acm.org/>

One of the biggest benefits of KUACM's chapter of ACM is our monthly Fun-novations nite. I admit I am rather biased to these events for I have presented on a number of occasions which provides an opportunity to reach out to the technology community and either share experience or offer opinion and success to fellow members. Our topics range from current practices/events to practices and ways to accomplish these technological tasks in a self-sufficient manner, tools, etc. to create the best lab environment. Additionally, I must add we are designing podcast tutorials or video training to supplement our interactive environment.

Our president, Austin Mahoney, has been very helpful in shaping our minds for academic success. Sharpening our technological skills and inclination for innovation. This is accomplished by booking educated professional in various fields of study. Recently, we hosted Dr. Rajin Koonjbearry to speak on cybersecurity. He is a graduate of University of Arkansas, professor at

Kaplan University, as well as the Information Security Officer at the US Appelate Court for the 5th Circuit.

We at the KUACM hosted something called fireside chats once a month, which were conducted by the president of the KUACM-W Allison Ronis. This was done in the women's division of the KUACM. During her presentation, she would discuss various topics such as MS Word, cloud technologies, and generalized tech tips. Microsoft word is so commonly used yet many people are unaware of many of the functions and capabilities of this program. The cloud is widely adopted now, so everyone needs to understand what it is. Allison explained this in the simplest form. Ms. Ronis's chats educated the tech and the non-technical audience.

Here at Kaplan University we are proud to have a men and women division of the ACM. Working together to create a better learning environment for all students in the technology and related fields. We are working on a website for a church of one of our members and developing a collaboration application for use by our chapter members. We put together these projects so that our members get a chance to be a part of something and learn how to work as a team.