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About Sam Houston State University:
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Established in 1879 as the Sam Houston Normal Institute, Sam Houston State University has emerged as a pioneering institution in Criminal Justice and a household name in Texas Education. However, it is also an emerging name in the field of computer science, especially in the digital forensics community. In fact, as of the 20th of April, 2017, the first PhD in Digital Forensics was approved to be made in the upcoming years, and that will be recognized as the first in the world according to faculty and student research. SHSU is committed towards making a collegiate education affordable yet comprehensive, not relaxing its standards in any form when it comes to the quality of the education that it can offer its students. The motto of the school demonstrates its commitment to excellence, that “The Measure of a Life is its Service.” SHSU believes that by working together with local communities, as well as providing a place for all of its students to thrive, will improve the world through technical and non-technical contributions that they can offer.

About Sam Houston Association of Computer Scientists (SHACS):
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Facebook: facebook.com/shsushacs
Twitter: twitter.com/shsu_shacs
Discord: discord.gg/wX5F8ys

Established in 1983, The Sam Houston Association of Computer Scientists (SHACS) began forging a connection with the computer science department that continues 34 years later. The chapter’s focus has been on acting upon the mission statements of both the ACM and Sam Houston State University. Despite

a brief hiatus in the early 2000s, SHACS has gone through phases of growth and decline, dependent on the leadership that has headed the organization. Having gone through a recent phase of decline, SHACS currently consists of a team of 78 members, having grown from 15 members as of January in 2017. The chapter works tirelessly to try to fulfil the needs of a relatively large membership pool. Those that wish to see academic growth can now enjoy free tutoring from the senior membership of the organization, and they can also enjoy a colloquia/professional speaker series that seeks to promote academic and industrial awareness in an always-evolving fields. Every year, SHACS offers its FutureTech Conference (shacs.org/conf), attempting to expand the networks of our membership and all that wish to attend it. To combat differing leadership styles, and to have a contiguous feel to the way the organization is led, the outbound administration set up an aide initiative for officer positions, training them in their duties and responsibilities before they take power. This will lead to future growth for the organization that it will enjoy for years to come. The main motivations of SHACS is to be visible and relatable across communities, whether that is on campus, in the United States, or even the world. The quote from Sam Houston encapsulates well the way that SHACS leadership is trying to enhance the organization: “A leader is someone who helps improve the lives of other people or improve the system they live under.”

Department Statistics

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| Number of Computer Science Undergraduate Students: | 512 |
| Number of Computer Science Graduate Students: | 103 |
| Typical Majors of Chapter Members: | Computer Science Mathematics Software Engineering Technology |

About the Website:

Our Chapter’s website has received a much-needed overhaul in terms of layout and information given is was rebuilt using responsive design guidelines, specifically bootstrap. The website has a range of features that help our members and potential members obtain information on our Chapter such as a general information, events, and about our annual FutureTech Conference.

Overview

Our main page is brief and to the point giving our Chapter’s goals, history, meeting times, benefits and contact information. This main page is focused on being an introduction to our organization for people wanting to know more about SHACS.

Calendar

Under our events drop down we have a google calendar integrated into the website aimed at keeping our membership up to date on upcoming SHACS sponsored events, events happening around campus such as job fairs, and project deadlines for our membership.

FutureTech Conference

Our FutureTech Conference page updates every year and reflects our Annual event showing prominent speakers, the event's schedule and contact information. Though the page you can buy tickets, view our Call for Papers, and become a Sponsor of the event who are recognized on the bottom of the page.

About Us

Our about us page contains current a list of the current officers, ACM Advisor and Faculty Sponsor with a personal description about each one and provided email.

Check out our website at: <http://shacs.org>