

22nd Annual CompTIA AITP National Collegiate Conference & Career Fair® Highlights and Winner Circle

By Kevin Jetton, AITP NCC Director (as of April 12, 2017)

The CompTIA AITP National Collegiate Conference and Career Fair continues to be the single largest event produced by CompTIA AITP annually and the 2017 event was yet again no exception. Held April 6-9, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency at the Arch in downtown St. Louis, Missouri, feedback from the 531 student, faculty and IT professional registrants echoed the awesome factor mentioning the total enjoyment of the conference sessions, competition events, convenient hotel layout and being in the middle of downtown St. Louis literally across the street from the famed St. Louis Arch.

Special thanks go out to ALL the 2017 AITP NCC Co-Hosts which added the local flair, fun factor and excitement to the event:

- Missouri Western State University
- Missouri State University
- University of MO at St. Louis
- St. Louis & Capitol Chapters
- NCC PokemonGo Game & Photos for the banquet
- Arch Trivia
- Arch Dodge Ball Tournament
- Speakers, Proctors, Volunteers and more

From conference chair Larry Friedlander and NCC Director Kevin, along with input from the 555 total attendees, the prevailing opinion was that this was yet another awesome AITP NCC® event!

The AITP NCC® Career Fair area was an exciting hot-bed of activity for the attending students and showcased the thousands of IT jobs available all over the country complete with on-the-spot interviews and job offers for internships and full time positions. Additionally, ICCP offered IT certification opportunities during the conference while the CompTIA booth provided added excitement with their huge CompTIA Jenga game throughout the entire event.

Sadly, the storms in the Southeastern part of the country leading up to the conference created massive delays concentrated in Atlanta causing some attendees to arrive significantly later into the conference while some opted to drive an 8+ hour drive overnight and others simply abandoned ship after countless flight cancellations or delays after having spent the night in the Atlanta airport along with other stranded NCC/St. Louis bound schools. After huddling with the CompTIA leaders onsite, we have declared that all pre-paid NCC registrations will be fully refunded to those attendees that were not able to attend due to travel delays and the hotel staff worked with these guests as well to cancel hotel reservations with no additional fees.

The event could not be successful with the support of our sponsors and exhibitors which included:

Sponsors: State Farm, USAA, Progressive Insurance, IBM, ICCP, Herzog, WraySec, Our Lady of the Lake University, CollegeRaptor and The Foundation for Information Technology Education

Exhibitors: Cerner, PMI Metropolitan St. Louis Chapter, CompTIA, State of Missouri

Contributors: WizardWorld ComicCon, Hyatt Regency at the Arch

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On behalf of the entire AITP NCC Committee & Volunteers, congratulations to ALL the contest winners, have a Great Summer, and we hope to see you at a future CompTIA AITP event!

Attendance:	404	Student Attendees
	61	Faculty Attendees
	17	CompTIA Staff & CompTIA AITP Executive Council Members
	48	Sponsors, Speakers and Exhibitors
	5	IT Professionals attending the conference
	6	NCC Committee members and staff
	9	Judges, Proctors & Volunteers
	<u>5</u>	Guests
	555	Total "pre-audited" Attendance from 48 Colleges & Universities

Special Awards:

Outstanding AITP Student Chapter of the Year (2015-2016)

Region 3	Texas State University
Region 5	Ball State University
Region 18	Kent State University - Ashtabula

Association Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year (2015-2016)

Texas State University (2nd year in a row!)

TOP Monkey Award (Highest level of overall conference support)

Texas State University with 30 student & faculty attendees, traveling 854 miles one way with 90 contestants/contests (and for the 2nd year in a row!)

Mike Burell* AITP NCC® Volunteer of the Year Award:

Jason Kovacs with Kalamazoo Valley Community College

*Mike Burell was a super AITP NCC volunteer from Chattahoochee Technical College who lost his battle with Lou Gehrig's disease in 2005.

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AITP Student Chapter Banner Contest

- 1st Middle Tennessee State University
- 2nd Kent State University - Ashtabula
- 3rd Kalamazoo Valley Community College

AITP Student Chapter Shirt Contest

- 1st Gateway Technical College
- 2nd Purdue University
- 3rd Kent State University - Ashtabula

ICCP Exam Statistics

63 exams given, 43 passed (68%)

Top Student Scores:

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| 1 st : | Caleb Stanley | University of Mississippi |
| 2 nd : | Janina Peterson | Our Lady of the Lake University |
| 3 rd : | Mila McCloud | Ferris State University |
| | Uriah Bock | Eastern Iowa Community College |
| | Terence Regan | Fox Valley Community College |
| | Lanette Schnepf | Southeast Technical Institute |
| | Vivek Joseph | Our Lady of the Lake University |

Microsoft Office Solutions Contest (63 teams)

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| 1 st | Northwestern State University of Louisiana | Alba Maloff | Nick Fisher |
| 2 nd | Amarillo College | Zackery Newbill | Cody Case |
| 3 rd | Purdue University | Jackson Beard | Zack Braasch |
| HM's | Grand Valley State University | Hanna Long | David Reynolds |
| | Amarillo College | Karri Bolton | Marshal Homfeld |
| | Texas State University | Michelle Leipnik | Cody Kern |

Systems Analysis & Design Contest (29 teams)

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| 1 st | Purdue University | Brandon Zammit | Amit Shah |
| 2 nd | Brigham Young University | Spencer Price | Dylan Eastman |
| 3 rd | Oklahoma Panhandle State University | Travis Pitterle | Cole Tolbert |
| HM's | Purdue University | Vidit Vohra | Eugene Chen |
| | Purdue University | Aditya Gupta | Daniel Muldoon |

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PC Troubleshooting (123 contestants)

1 st	Colorado Mesa University	Jordan Fisher
2 nd	Cody Case	Amarillo College
3 rd	University of Wisconsin – Stout	Hunter Keller
HM's	Our Lady of the Lake University	Alfredo Villarreal
	University of Wisconsin – Stout	Brice Blankenship
	Oklahoma State University Inst. Of Tech.	Garrett Nicholas
	Waukesha County Technical College	John Shegonee
	University of Wisconsin – Stout	Stephen Felton
	Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Holden Hewett
	Waukesha County Technical College	Lucas Gallagher

Database Design Contest (69 teams)

1 st	Georgia Gwinnett College	Dayanna Onstott	Robert Bryan
2 nd	Brigham Young University	Thomas Fisher	Brandon Buchanan
3 rd	Purdue University	David Teter	Anubhav Srivastava
HM's	Purdue University	Nisha Nadkarni	Sara Aghajanzadeh
	Georgia Gwinnett College	Ryan Muhlbauer	Quan Tran
	Brigham Young University	Spencer Price	Dylan Eastman

Mobile Application Development (9 teams) *sponsored by USAA*

1 st	Amarillo College	Christopher Coffee	
2 nd	Texas State University	Philip Thomas	
3 rd	Texas State University	Rianna Asebedo	Ashley Mills
HM's	Texas State University	Samantha Ciaramitaro	Bryan Baez
	Our Lady of the Lake University	Vivek Joseph	Jorge Cavazos

Network Design Contest (34 teams) *sponsored by Progressive Insurance*

1 st	University of Wisconsin – Stout	Artur Cravet	Connor Glade
2 nd	Texas State University	Katrina Kuzmich	Aaron Cartwright
3 rd	University of Wisconsin – Stout	Chris Speith	Brice Blankenship
HM	Purdue University	Shivam Trivedi	Lauren Featherstun

IT Research Posters (15 contestants) *sponsored by Herzog*

1 st	Missouri Western State University	Boy Scout Jamboree Tent Reservation System
	Ryan James, Drake Nelson, Yacine Bensouna, Evan Miller	
2 nd	Kent State University – Ashtabula	Comparative Graph Model for Facial Recognition
	Tim Zee, Mehdi Ghayoumi	
3 rd	Missouri Western State University	Emergency Management System
	Josh Royle, Isaiah Miller, Zach Czarnecki, Casi Paolillo	
HM's	Missouri Western State University	Match by Sketch
	Hitesh Allam, Sanhith Chinta	
	Missouri Western State University	Specialty Industries
	Darshan Rajashekar	

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Enterprise Systems (44 contestants) *sponsored by IBM*

1 st	Missouri Western State University	Alex Davis
2 nd	Missouri Western State University	George Scarborough
3 rd	Missouri Western State University	Elayne Colvin
HM's	Central Michigan University	Brian Bauman
	Missouri Western State University	Lisa Ye

Visual Studio.Net Developer (29 teams)

1 st	Brigham Young University	Thomas Fisher	Brandon Buchanan
2 nd	Amarillo College	Marshal Homfeld	
3 rd	Amarillo College	Zackery Newbill	Cody Case
HM's	Grand Valley State University	Hannah Long	Leviticus Cain
	Missouri State University	John McGill	Cody Martin

Business Analytics Contest (26 teams) *sponsored by CollegeRaptor*

1 st	University of Iowa	Kelcie Eisbrener	Marissa Turner
2 nd	University of Iowa	Shuai Zheng	Jiahao Deng
3 rd	Middle Tennessee State University	Hameeda Saleem	Derrek Harper
HM's	University of Iowa	Jie Li	Min Zhang
	Brigham Young University	Jason Smith	
	University of Iowa	Jisoo Lee	Chang Kim

Security (93 contestants) with *sponsored by WraySec*

1 st	Waukesha County Technical College	Lucas Gallagher
2 nd	Tarleton State University	Schuyler Martin
3 rd	Northern Michigan University	Christopher Abbott
HM's	Waukesha County Technical College	Alex Nernberger
	Waukesha County Technical College	John Shegonee
	Our Lady of the Lake University	Alfredo Villarreal
	Fox Valley Community College	Robert Reif
	Texas State University	Tyler Ellison
	Our Lady of the Lake University	Francisco Hernandez
	Brigham Young University	Jason Smith

Java Developer Contest (41 teams) *sponsored by State Farm*

1 st	Chattahoochee Technical College	Jean Zambrano	Samuel Seidel
2 nd	Central Michigan University	Richard Sivak	Joseph Byrd
3 rd	Purdue University	Miranda Lung	
HM's	Missouri State University	Jesse Skelton	Jared Danielson
	Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Josh Weigel	

AITP Web Project Competition (5 finalists)

1 st	Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Boy Scout Troop 211
2 nd	Missouri Western State University	Buchanan County
3 rd	Southern Illinois University – Carbondale	SIU Asend Chapter
HM's	Eastern Connecticut State University	Grow Windham
	Missouri Western State University	Boy Scouts of America

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COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES IN ATTENDANCE (47)

Amarillo College	Missouri Western State University
Appalachian State University	Morgan State University
Ball State University	Northern Michigan University
Brigham Young University	Northwestern State University
Cameron University	Oklahoma Panhandle State University
Central Georgia Technical College	Oklahoma State Univ. Inst. of Technology
Central Michigan University	Our Lady of the Lake University
Chattahoochee Technical College	Purdue University
Colorado Mesa University	Quinnipiac University
Delta State University	Sam Houston State University
Eastern Connecticut State University	Southeast Technical Institute
Eastern Iowa Community College	Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
Ferris State University	Southwestern Illinois College
Florida Keys Community College	Tarleton State University
Fox Valley Technical College	Texas State University
Gateway Technical College	University of Iowa
Georgia Gwinnett College	University of Mississippi
Grand Valley State University	University of Missouri - St. Louis
Horry-Georgetown Technical College	University of South Carolina
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	University of Texas at El Paso
Kennesaw State University	University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
Kent State University Ashtabula	University of Wisconsin - Stout
Middle Tennessee State University	Waukesha County Technical College
Missouri State University	