

aitp 9th Annual National Collegiate Conference

Highlights and Winner Circle

As of April 29, 2004 and Written by Kevin Jetton

The AITP National Collegiate Conference continues to be the single largest event produced by AITP annually and was another huge success! The event experienced an increase of 13% in paid registrations which totaled 635 and a 17% increase in total attendance of 762 when compared to the 2003 event held in West Lafayette, Indiana and Purdue University. The 2004 attendance figures basically match the total attendance of the 2002 event in Kansas City and we are positioned for a strong attendance gain next year when the event moves to Atlanta, Georgia April 7-9, 2005.

The conference continues to deliver true value and opportunities to the AITP student & faculty attendees along with our conference sponsors which include Robert Half Technology, Microsoft, AITP Education Foundation, MicroFocus, The AIM Institute, State Farm, Wal-Mart, ICCP Education Foundation, PresentersPlus, Creighton University, Metropolitan Community College and the AITP Omaha professional chapter. The combined resources of the AITP student chapters/members at Metropolitan Community College, Creighton University and the AITP Omaha professional chapter created a team of local volunteers supplementing the conference committee and AITP headquarters staff making sure that all the details were taken care of to ensure a successful conference.

The conference officially opened the brand new, beautiful and luxurious Omaha Hilton Hotel and also enjoyed the new modern facilities of the Qwest Center Omaha where all the conference meals and sessions were held. The conference kicked off with an exciting welcome reception complete with Native American dancers, storytelling, displays and dancing accompanied by drumming which became a challenge for the group meeting next door to us that night! Keynoters, Katherine Spencer Lee, Robert Half Technology Executive Director and Jim LeValley, Director of Microsoft Learning did superb jobs in getting our conference kicked off each day with key insights to success for everyone in the IT industry. An outstanding lineup of breakout speakers, contest events, ICCP exams, a wired and wireless internet café, scavenger hunt, student banner contest and tons of fun-n-networking was also enjoyed by everyone in attendance along with strolls to the nearby Omaha Old Market area for shopping, dining and entertainment. In fact, claims continue to be made declaring the 2004 event as the “best AITP National Collegiate Conference ever”.

The conference concluded with the awards banquet wherein a huge crowd of 677 enjoyed a wonderful meal while awaiting the announcement of the contest winners and other award recipients including the first ever Robert Half Technology/AITP scholarship recipients. Planning has already started for the historic 10th annual AITP National Collegiate Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia April 7-9, 2005 hosted by both the Chattahoochee Technical College and the Atlanta AITP professional chapter. Bids are also being accepted for future AITP National Collegiate Conferences for the year 2006 and beyond but start making your plans to be in Atlanta next year!

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Attendance: **635** Total registered student and faculty attendees
 75 Exhibitors, Speakers, Special Guests and Banquet Guests
 52 Committee, AITP Officers, EF/EDSIG Board & Volunteers

 762 Total "pre-audited" Attendance
 85 Colleges & Universities Represented

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2002-2003 Faculty Advisor of the Year Award

Jim Capell, Ph.D. Central Michigan University

Exhibitors:

- AITP
- AITP Omaha Chapter & Infotec 2004
- FBI
- ICCP
- Microsoft
- Chattahoochee Technical College (2005 AITP NCC)
- AITP Region 3 & Student Conferences
- Creighton University
- PresentersPlus, Incorporated
- Human Resources Association of the Midwest
- Robert Half Technology
- State Farm
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

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Undergraduate Student Paper Competition sponsored by Robert Half Technology

*23 papers were submitted of which 10 were declared finalists

1st	Boise State University	Morgan Battisti
2nd	Southeast Missouri State University	Matt Quinn
3rd	University of Nebraska-Omaha	Elizabeth Wilcox
HM's	Ithaca College	Matt Glazer
	Ithaca College	Ziaojing Liu
	Bradley University	Meth Merritt

Graduate Student Paper Competition sponsored by Robert Half Technology

*3 papers were submitted of which 3 were declared finalists

1st	Central Michigan University	Hermanshu Gupta
2nd	Univ. of North Florida	Albert Ritzhaupt
3rd	Colorado State University	Christopher Stern

AITP Student Web Site Contest sponsored by the ICCP Education Foundation

*21 submissions of which 5 were declared finalists

1 st	Illinois State University
2 nd	Kalamazoo Valley Community College
3 rd	University of Wisconsin Whitewater
HM's	Stark State College of Technology
	Chattahoochee Technical College

Database Contest sponsored by the AITP Education Foundation

*74 teams competing

1st	Northwestern State University	Curtis Penrod	Kelli Fontana
2nd	Northwestern State University	Jeffrey Mathis	Beth Anderson
3rd	Brigham Young University	Brandon Camp	Shaun Smith
HM's	Brigham Young University	Robert Turner	Sean Wilson
	Cameron University	Monique Sampson	Sharon Holcombe
	Texas State University-San Marcos	Scott Crowder	Philip Mears
	University of Alaska	Casino Corley	Lucas Dargis
	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Thomas Hanson	

Java Contest sponsored by the AITP Education Foundation

*28 teams competing

1 st	University of West Florida	James Horsley	Daniel Pittman
2nd	Brigham Young University	Kurt Kirkham	Sherman Beus
3rd	Brigham Young University	Shaun Smith	Robert Turner
HM's	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Justin McAllister	Jeremy Jinks
	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Luke Plamann	Mark Schilling
	Brigham Young University	Sean Wilson	Brandon Camp

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Systems Analysis & Design Contest sponsored by Robert Half Technology

*37 teams competing

1st	Northwestern State University	James Smith	Nick Hammonds
2 nd	Texas State University-San Marcos	Philip Mears	Jeff Demuyneck
3rd	Tarleton State University	Robert Fulcher	
HM's	Bradley University	Beth Merritt	Brett Miller
	Ithaca College	Jennifer Koo	Jessica Acquard
	Northwestern State University	Curtis Penrod	Kelli Fontana
	Purdue University	Michael Drzewiecki	Adam Roberts
	Purdue University	Sandra Kershner	Jacqueline Harlozinski
	Purdue University	Michael Rodman	Michael Lockwitz
	Purdue University	Kwang Wei Chan	Muthuswamy Padmavathy

Visual Basic Programming Contest sponsored by State Farm Insurance Company

*42 teams competing

1st	North Central Technical College	Keith Dassow	Betsy Bauer
2nd	University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Cory Schmid	Vance Koehler
3rd	Illinois State University	Neil Wilson	Tom Ness
HM's	Idaho State Univ College of Technology	Jeffrey Roller	Jeffrey Parkinson
	Fox Valley Technical College	Kevin Liebergen	Brady Potaczek
	University of Mississippi	Jessica Bruce	Brent Kitchens
	Texas State Technical College-Waco	Heather Cole	Aaron Hawkins
	Texas State Technical College-Abilene	Brian Bramlett	Steven Fekety
	University of Southern Indiana	Anne Patterson	Lindsey Simpson
	Northwestern State University	Erin Ponville	Chris Gregory

Web Design Contest sponsored by Microsoft

*28 teams competing

1st	University of Mississippi	Brandon Sherman	
2nd	New Mexico State University	Filipe Scobell	Erik Zamarripa
3rd	University of Southern Indiana	John Russell	Jason Hopp
HM's	Southeast Technical Institute	Janet Stahl	
	University of Mississippi	Jennifer Usnik	Jill Schaffer
	Northwestern State University	Kristen Aillet	Nick Hammonds
	Horry Georgetown Technical College	Michelle Anderson	Christine Gregory

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COBOL Programming Contest sponsored by MicroFocus

*38 teams competing

1 st	Northwestern State University	Jeremy Wilmot	RL Johnson
2nd	Northwestern State University	Curtis Penrod	Nick Hammonds
3rd	Northwestern State University	Beth Anderson	
HM's	Illinois State University	Keith Bernicky	Tony Simek
	Central Michigan University	Craig Cunningham	Dan Hellerstedt
	Northwestern State University	Chris Bankovic	James Smith
	University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Eric Bulgran	Andrew Lueck
	Northwestern State University	Kelli Fontana	
	University of North Florida	Brandon Vega	Cassie Monsalud
	Idaho State Univ. College of Technology	Jeffrey Roller	Jeffrey Parkinson

C++ Programming Contest sponsored by Microsoft

*28 teams competing

1st	Augustana College	Christopher Johnson	Eric Bengston
2nd	Southwest Baptist University	Joshua Bohannon	Jeff Reed
3rd	Texas State University-San Marcos	Donald Berg	Aaron Gadberry
HM's	Central Michigan University-Mt Pleasant	Andrew Glenn	
	Gateway Technical College-Kenosha	Renee Riedel	Rich Szele
	Illinois State University	Michael Fillipponi	Neil Wilson
	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Alex Etchein	Eyler McNeil
	Stark State College of Technology	Kimberly McElfresh	Billy Hasan
	Texas Tech University	Matthew Mason	
	University of Texas at Dallas	Joseph Alphonso	Brent Cochrane

Network Design Contest sponsored by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

*55 teams competing

1st	Black Hawk Technical College	Jared McDaniel	Grant McDaniel
2nd	Illinois State University	Brett Miller	Eric Poole
3rd	Kent State University	Christian Siebeneck	Stewart Dowd
HM's	Ferris State University	Walter Kacynski	Eric Randle
	University of Louisiana-Lafayette	Brian Stanford	Axel Eysteinnsson
	Chattahoochee Technical College	Payam Pourfakhr	Tangela Robinson
	University of Mississippi	Terry Tongumpun	Will McKeighey
	Augustana College	Bradley Isbell	
	University of Central Florida	Joao Carlos Lima	Tyler Eschenroeder
	Purdue University	Michael Rodman	Winston Kotzam

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Angelo State University	San Angelo, TX
Arkansas State University	Jonesboro, AR
Augustana College	Rock Island, IL
Bellevue University	Omaha, NE
Blackhawk Technical College	Janesville, WI
Boise State University	Boise, ID
Bradley University	Peoria, IL
Brigham Young University	Provo, UT
California State University-Fullerton	Fullerton, CA
Cameron University	Lawton, OK
Central Michigan University	Mount Pleasant, MI
Central Missouri State University	Warrensburg, MO
Chattahoochee Technical College	Marietta, GA
Creighton University	Omaha, NE
DeVry University - Columbus	Columbus, OH
DeVry University - Kansas City	Kansas City, MO
DeVry University - Tinley Park	Tinley Park, IL
Eastern Illinois University	Charleston, IL
Ferris State University	Big Rapids, MI
Fox Valley Tech. College	Appleton, WI
Gateway Technical College-Kenosha	Kenosha, WI
Gateway Technical College-Racine	Racine, WI
Hardin-Simmons University	Abilene, TX
Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Conway, SC
Idaho State University	Pocatello, ID
Illinois State University	Normal, IL
Ithaca College	Ithaca, NY
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Kalamazoo, MI
Kent State University	Ashtabula, OH
Lincoln School of Commerce	Lincoln, NE
Madison Area Technical College	Madison, WI
McMurray State University	Abilene, TX
Mesa State College	Grand Junction, CO
Metropolitan Community College	Omaha, NE
Middle Georgia Technical College	Warner Robins, GA
Mid-State Technical College	Marshfield, WI
Mid-State Technical College	Nekoosa, WI
Mid-State Technical College	Stevens Point, WI
Milwaukee Area Technical College-Oak Creek	Oak Creek, WI
Milwaukee Area Technical College-South	South Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee Area Technical College-West	Milwaukee, WI
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls, TX
Missouri Western State College	St. Joseph, MO
Morgan State University	Baltimore, MD
New Mexico State University	Las Cruces, NM
North Carolina A&T State University	Greensboro, NC

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North Central Michigan Community College	Levering, MI
North Central Technical College	Wausau, WI
Northern Michigan University	Marquette, MI
Northwestern State University	Natchitoches, LA
Oakton Community College	Des Plaines, IL
Oklahoma Panhandle State	Goodwell, OK
Purdue University	West Lafayette, IN
Scott Community College	Bettendorf, IA
Southeast Community College	Milford, NE
Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, MO
Southeast Technical Institute	Sioux Falls, SD
Southern Illinois University	Carbondale, IL
Southern Illinois University	Edwardsville, IL
Southwest Baptist University	Bolivar, MO
Southwest Missouri State	Springfield, MO
Stark State College	Canton, OH
Tarleton State University	Stephenville, TX
Texas State Technical College-Abilene	Abilene, TX
Texas State Technical College-Waco	Waco, TX
Texas State University	San Marcos, TX
Texas Tech University	Lubbock, TX
Texas Women's University	Denton, TX
University of Alaska at Anchorage	Anchorage, AK
University of Central Florida	Orlando, FL
University of Illinois - Springfield	Springfield, IL
University of Louisiana	Lafayette, LA
University of Mississippi	Oxford, MS
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND
University of North Florida	Jacksonville, FL
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, IN
University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington, TX
University of Texas at Dallas	Dallas, TX
University of West Florida	Pensacola, FL
University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Platteville, WI
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Stevens Point, WI
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Whitewater, WI
Western Wisconsin Technical College	La Crosse, WI
Widener University	Chester, PA
Williams Baptist College	Walnut Ridge, AR