

# **AITP 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Collegiate Conference**

## **Highlights and Winner Circle**

*As of April 4, 2008*

The AITP National Collegiate Conference continues to be the single largest event produced by AITP annually and the 2008 event was yet another success from many angles. The event, held March 27-29, 2008 in Memphis, Tennessee and the legendary Peabody Hotel, the “Grand Hotel of the South”, had 673 total attendees which was slightly down from last year’s attendance of 731 in Detroit. Over the course of the conference week, we shared the hotel with movie stars, major baseball league legends, and famous music artists (Aretha Franklin) among others in town for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King assassination at the National Civil Rights Museum the week after our conference.

Attendees were welcomed to Memphis by our super host committee and crew of area AITP student chapters lead by The University of Mississippi (Ole’ Miss) and High-Tech Institute with support from Delta State University and the University of Arkansas at Jonesboro. Conference co-chairs from the University of Mississippi Dr. Tony Ammeter and Dr. Bart Garner did a super job of organizing the troops while tending to speaker introduction honors and coordination of any issues that arose during the conference.

Conference sponsors/exhibitors included returning Diamond Sponsor Robert Half Technology along with Microsoft, State Farm, Wal-Mart and the ICCP. Additional Conference sponsors included the Foundation of Information Technology, Central Michigan University Research Corporation, Blade Systems Alliance, High-Tech Institute, Summerfield and Associates and IT Symbiotics while conference exhibitors USAA, U.S. Steel, Geico, KPMG rounded out our exhibit area. All the exhibitors were impressed with the quality of those attendees visiting with them and many job interviews and offers were made during the conference! The four Purdue University 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of the Application Development contest, sponsored by Wal-Mart Information Systems Division, were also super pleased to hear about the surprise announcement that they would each receive a \$2,500 scholarship!

The conference continues to deliver true value and opportunities to the AITP student & faculty and unique opportunities to hear leading IT organization speakers through keynotes and breakout sessions. The keynote panel moderated by Robert Half Technology Katherine Spencer Lee got the event off to a huge success Friday Morning with tons of tips for obtaining that cool job in the field of IT and was followed by an impressive breakout session speaker line-up including the new “Best Tech-Geek” video contest sponsored by IT Symbiotics that literally had the Friday lunch crowd cheering for more! The conference concluded with yet another super awards banquet wherein we enjoyed a wonderful meal while eagerly awaiting the announcement of the RHT/AITP scholarship winners and the contest winners!

Planning has already started for the 14th annual AITP National Collegiate Conference which will be held in downtown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma April 2-4, 2008 hosted by area Oklahoma City AITP student chapters. Have a Great Summer and see you in Oklahoma City next year!

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<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>562</b>	Total paid student, faculty and IT professional registrants
	63	Sponsors, Speakers and Exhibitors
	16	Volunteers and Guests
	33	Committee members and AITP officers, board & regents
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	<b>673</b>	Total "pre-audited" Attendance
	<b>74</b>	Colleges & Universities Represented

<b>Sponsors, Exhibitors &amp; Contributors</b>	Diamond Sponsor:	Robert Half Technology
	Bronze Sponsor:	Wal-Mart Information Systems Division
	Contest Sponsors:	Blade Systems Alliance Central Michigan University Research Corporation The Foundation for Information Technology Education ICCP Education Foundation Microsoft State Farm Wal-Mart
	Conference Sponsors:	AITP Dallas Chapter CODi, Incorporated High-Tech Institute IT Symbiotics, Inc. Summerfield Associates, Inc.
	Exhibitors:	Geico KPMG U.S. Steel Corporation USAA
	Contributors:	Boeing Culminis ERSI ICCP Phizer

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### Special Awards:

#### **AITP Faculty Advisor of the Year Award**

Dawn Pantaleo, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

#### **Outstanding AITP Student Chapter of the Year (2006-2007)**

Region 3      Northwestern State University

Region 5      Central Michigan University

Region 11     Widener University

#### **Association Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year (2006-2007)**

Central Michigan University, Faculty Advisor: Dr. Hongjiang Xu

\*Note: 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row and our 2007 AITP NCC Hosts!

#### **Robert Half Technology/AITP 2008 \$2,500 Scholarship Winners:**

Grant Newman, Central Michigan University

Michael Koehler, Delta State University

#### **TOP Monkey Award (Highest level of overall conference support)**

Texas State University-San Marcos with 21 student & faculty attendees traveling 677 miles one-way with 55 contestants/contests!

Runners-Up: Univ. of Alaska-Anchorage & Oklahoma Panhandle State Univ.

#### **AITP Faculty "Extra Mile" Award:**

Johnny Snyder, Mesa State College

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

Presented to Trevor Stokes, Ferris State University graduate, past AITP NCC attendee and currently working for State Farm. The award is named in memory of Mike Burell (super AITP NCC volunteer) who lost his battle with Lou Gehrig's disease in 2005.

### **AITP Student Chapter Contests**

#### **AITP Student Chapter Banner Contest**

Professional	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gateway Technical College-Racine (\$150)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Fox Valley Technical College
Artistic	1 <sup>st</sup>	Middle Tennessee State University (\$150)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> :	DeKalb Technical College

### **ICCP Exam Statistics** 90 Tests Taken by 52 attendees with 17 ACP's and 3 CCP's earned

Top Student Score: Joe Keefe from Kent State

Top Faculty Scores: Lissa Pollacia (Northwestern State Univ.) and Margaret Schultz (Univ. of Memphis)

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### **Undergraduate Student Paper Competition** (20 papers in total)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Widener University	Noah Pascarell
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Appalachian State University	Matthew Saunders
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Southwest Baptist University	Meilani Williams
HM	Northwestern State University	Sara Welch
	Gateway Technical College	Louis Wagner

### **AITP Student Web Site Contest sponsored by the ICCP Education Foundation** (10 teams)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Missouri Western State University
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mesa State College
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Southwest Baptist University
HM	Eastern Connecticut University
	Horry-Georgetown University

### **PC Troubleshooting** (133 teams)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Missouri State University	Cecil Daniel	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gateway Technical College	Thomas Treptow	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Southwest Baptist University	Adam Carney	
HM	Southwest Baptist University	Michael Van Devender	
	Milwaukee Area Technical College	Robert Tittelfitz	
	Brigham Young University	Reed Olsen	
	Fox Valley Technical College	Josh Zimmer	Christopher Ott
	Eastern Illinois University	Christopher Streit	
	Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Dennis Ferron	
	Middle Georgia Technical College	Dong Aaron	

### **Database Contest (51 teams)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gateway Technical College -	Brian Hartman	Blake Baranowski
2	Northwestern State University	Samuel D Norton	Mark E Reeves
3	Southwest Baptist University	AJ Brewer	Michael Van Devender
HM	Purdue University	Matthew Levendoski	Cody Nutt
	Northwestern State University	Louis Chop	Jeffrey Turpin

### **Systems Analysis & Design Contest sponsored by State Farm** (24 teams)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Brigham Young University	Scott Fitzgerald	Artan Ismaili
2 <sup>nd</sup>	University of Iowa	Cassandra Roethler	Zach Wear
3 <sup>rd</sup>	University of Texas-Arlington	Burin Asavesna	Armando Hernandez
HM	University of Alaska-Anchorage	Eric Swanson	Rudina Ismaili
	Texas State University-San Marcos	Ben Wallace	
	Purdue University	Stacy Price	Stephanie Semmel

### **NEW Blade Server/Data Center Contest sponsored by the Blade Systems Alliance** (7 teams)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gateway Technical College	Blake Baranowski	Brian Hartman
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eastern Illinois University	James Holpuch	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Jesse Gill	Blake Davis
HM	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Zach Waugh	Nick Tuttle

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### **Network Design Contest** (56 teams)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Purdue University	Tyler Howarth	Jared Zachary
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Purdue University	Bradley Violand	Jordan Gibson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michigan Technological University	Riley Strehlow	Josiah Juedes
HM	Northwestern State University	Arshay L Sloan	Devon L Drake
	Gateway Technical College	Eric Backmann	Louis Wegner
	University of Wisconsin-Stout	Ashley Berg	Katie Mellon

### **Application Development Contest sponsored by Wal-Mart** (53 teams)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Purdue University	Cody Nutt	James O'Cull
		Matthew Levendoski	Scott Brookie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Southwest Baptist University	Nate Sisk	Michael Van Devender
		Meilani Williams	Justin Sheets
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Augustana College	Shaun Callighan	Tim Shearouse
		Kevin Goveia	
HM	Missouri Western State	Michael Stancliff	Tim Coolman
		James Rafferty	
	University of Southern Indiana	Jason M Nichols	Casey W Cambron
	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Jake Luera	Clancy Green
		Nick Tuttle	Michal Stachowski
	Middle Tennessee State University	Brett Perkins	Carl Kinghorn

### **Business Intelligence Contest sponsored by CMU Research Corporation**

#### Undergraduate (16 teams)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Zach Waugh	Nick Tuttle
2 <sup>nd</sup>	University of Alaska-Anchorage	Nathan Bower	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Central Michigan University	Steven Bauer	Matthew Brickner
HM	University of Alaska-Anchorage	Chad J Solberg	Erik Swanson
	Southwest Baptist University	Justin West	Jeremiah Smith

#### Graduate (4 teams)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Central Michigan University	Adeyinka Owotuyi	Iris (Yuyin) Qiu
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Missouri Western State University	Robb Winkie	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	University of Central Missouri	Shirish Modi	Nilesh Hardikar
HM	University of Central Missouri	Mayur Madawar	Harsha Palakurthi

### **Microsoft Office Solutions Contest sponsored by Microsoft** (70 teams)

1	Eastern Illinois University	James Holpuch	
2	Kent State University	Amy Garbenus	Jennifer Bunce
3	Southwest Baptist University	Rick Barnhouse	Nathaniel Colt
HM	Horry-Georgetown	Gerald M Roybal	Christina Cuonze
	Kent State University	Justin Stevenson	Kyle Schrank
	James Madison University	Jonathan Rezadoost	Michael G Chiang
	Southwest Baptist University	Rich Schoenrock	Nate Sisk

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### COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES IN ATTENDANCE

American Intercontinental University	Atlanta	Georgia
Angelo State University	San Angelo	Texas
Appalachian State University	Boone North	Carolina
Arkansas State University	Jonesboro	Arkansas
Augustana College	Rock Island	Illinois
Brigham Young University	Provo	Utah
Cameron University	Lawton	Oklahoma
Central Michigan University	Mount Pleasant	Michigan
Chattahoochee Technical College	Marietta	Georgia
Chattanooga State Tech Community College	Chattanooga	Tennessee
DeKalb Technical College	Clarkston	Georgia
Delta State University	Cleveland	Mississippi
DeVry Inst of Tech Irving	Irving	Texas
Dunwoody College of Technology	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Minnesota
Eastern Connecticut State University	Willimantic	Connecticut
Eastern Illinois University	Charleston	Illinois
ECPI - Greensboro	Greensboro	North Carolina
Ferris State University	Big Rapids	Michigan
Florida Community College at Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Florida
Fox Valley Tech College	Appleton	Wisconsin
Gateway Technical College - Kenosha	Kenosha	Wisconsin
Gateway Technical College – Racine	Racine	Wisconsin
Georgia College & State University	Milledgeville	Georgia
High-Tech Institute	Nashville	Tennessee
Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Conway	South Carolina
Howard College	San Angelo	Texas
Illinois State University	Normal	Illinois
ITT Technical Institute - Green Bay	Green Bay	Wisconsin
James Madison University	Harrisonburg	Virginia
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Kalamazoo	Michigan
Kent State University Ashtabula Camp	Ashtabula	Ohio
La Roche College	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
Lanier Technical College	Oakwood	Georgia
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	Louisiana
Madison Area Tech College	Madison	Wisconsin
McMurry University	Abilene	Texas
Mesa State University	Grand Junction	Colorado
Michigan Technological University	Houghton	Michigan
Middle Georgia Technical College	Warner Robbins	Georgia
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	Tennessee
Mid-State Technical College-Stevens Point	Stevens Point	Wisconsin
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	Texas
Milwaukee Area Tech College	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
Milwaukee Area Tech College South	Oak Creek	Wisconsin

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Missouri State University	Springfield	Missouri
Missouri Western State University	St. Joseph	Missouri
New Mexico State University	Las Cruces	New Mexico
Eastern Illinois University	Charleston	South Carolina
Southwest Baptist University	Bolivar	Missouri
Frank Phillips College	Borger	Texas
University of Wisconsin - Stout	Bolivar	Missouri
St. Mary's University	San Antonio	Texas
North Central Tech College	Wausau	Wisconsin
Northwestern State University	Natchitoches	Louisiana
Oakton Community College	Des Plaines	Illinois
Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Goodwell	Oklahoma
Purdue University	West Lafayette	Indiana
Quinnipiac University	Hamden	Connecticut
Southeast Technical Institute	Sioux Falls	South Dakota
Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Weatherford	Oklahoma
St. Johns River Community College	St. Augustine	Florida
Tarleton State University	Stephenville	Texas
Texas State TCWT - Abilene	Abilene	Texas
Texas State University - San Marcos	San Marcos	Texas
University of Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage	Alaska
University of Mississippi	Oxford	Mississippi
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	Florida
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville	Indiana
University of Texas-Arlington	Arlington	Texas
University of West Florida	Pensacola	Florida
University of Central Missouri	Warrensburg	Missouri
University of Houston	Houston	Texas
University of Iowa	Iowa City	Iowa
Widener University	Chester	Pennsylvania