

# **aitp 8th Annual National Collegiate Conference**

## **Highlights and Winner Circle**

*As of April 6, 2003 and Written by Kevin Jetton*

The AITP National Collegiate Conference is the single largest event produced by AITP annually and was yet another huge success! Granted, we didn't set any attendance records due to the continued downturn in the IT economy, the outbreak of war in Iraq and the challenges many of our student chapters and members had in fundraising so as to be able to attend the event. We did, however, have excellent event sponsorships from both Robert Half Technology and Microsoft which greatly raised the profile and support for the conference. A total of 561 students and faculty registered to attend the conference. Contest events sponsors included both AITP's and ICCP's Education Foundation, State Farm Insurance, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc and MicroFocus.

The Purdue University student chapter did an "extraordinary" job of following the excellent example set by the Kansas City DeVry University student chapter last year and also served in the absence of an area AITP professional chapter. Nothing as exciting as Vice President Cheney's appearance at the conference hotel like last year but we did have snow flurries on Saturday, damaging winds and a "Boiler Beach Bash" to welcome the conference attendees to the Greater Lafayette Area planned and produced by the Purdue University AITP student chapter.

Both keynoters, J. Bruce Harreld, IBM Senior Vice President of Strategy and Dave Willmer, Regional Manager with Robert Half Technology (and also the Columbus Ohio AITP professional chapter president), did superb jobs in getting the conference off to a super start daily. The best lineup of breakout speakers and topics, most contest events ever, an Internet Café, scavenger hunt, student banner contest and tons of fun-n-networking all came together creating a super conference experience for all in attendance. The conference concluded with the annual awards banquet feeding 622 registrants and guests representing 84 colleges and universities from all over the country ended "almost" on time (9:15pm) due to the announcement of the Kevin Jetton AITP Service Scholarship by AITP's Education Foundation and was a total shock to Kevin - the conference director - who has played a key role in all of 8 of the AITP National Collegiate Conferences and other AITP events at the national, regional and local chapter level throughout his AITP tenured membership dating back to 1978. Conference chairman Jeff Brewer, Purdue University conference co-chairs Leslie Lorenz & Chantelle Huguena and the Purdue University AITP student chapter conference committee did an excellent job throughout the conference.

Planning has already started for the 9th annual AITP National Collegiate Conference to be held in Omaha, Nebraska April 1-3, 2004 and multiple Omaha area AITP student chapters will serve as co-hosts. Bids are also being accepted for future AITP National Collegiate Conferences for the year 2005 and beyond.

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2002 AITP Association President  
AITP National Collegiate Conference Director

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**Attendance:**

561	Total registered student and faculty attendees
45	Exhibitors, Speakers, Special Guests and Banquet Guests
43	Committee, AITP Officers, AITP/EF/EDSIG Board, Volunteers
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649	Total "pre-audited" Attendance
84	Colleges & Universities Represented

**SPONSORS:**

Diamond Sponsor:	Robert Half Technology
Gold Sponsors:	Microsoft AITP Education Foundation
Silver Sponsors:	State Farm Insurance Company Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Bronze Sponsors:	MicroFocus ICCP Education Foundation

### **2001-2002 Faculty Advisor of the Year Award**

Barbara Russell, Northwestern State University

**Exhibitors:**

- AITP
- FBI
- IBM
- ICCP
- Microsoft
- NelNet
- Northwestern State University (2003 AITP Region 3 Student Conf)
- Purdue University Graduate School
- Questia
- Robert Half Technology
- St. Louis AITP chapter (2003 AITP association conference)
- State Farm Insurance
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

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**Special Awards:**            **Largest AITP Student chapter**            (as of 12/31/2002)  
University of Florida AITP student chapter with 164 members

**TOP Monkey Award (Highest level of overall conference support)**  
Northwestern State University by sending 37 attendees, 4 faculty members and competing in “tons” of contest events

### **Outstanding AITP Student Chapter of the Year (2001-2002)**

Region 2    Edmonds Community College  
Region 3    Tarleton State University  
Region 5    Bradley University  
Region 9    Central Michigan University  
Region 11   Widener University

### **Overall Association Winner:**

Tarleton State University  
Faculty Advisors: Robin Wells & Dan Collins

### **AITP Student Chapter Contests sponsored by Robert Half Technology**

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

Most Professional	1st	Bradley University
Most Artistic	1st	Widener University
	2nd	Northwestern State University

**Scavenger Hunt:**

1st	Madison Area Technical College (Team “Mad-X”)
2nd	Midstate Technology College - Stevens Point (Team “Eye Dee Ten Tee’s”)
3rd*	Big Country/Hardin-Simmins & TSTC-Abilene
3rd*	Northcentral Technical College (Team: “Morgain’s Marauders”)

\*Tie for 3rd place!

### **ICCP Exam Statistics**

\*290 ICCP exams given during the conference

IS Core 2003 Exam:	Top Scores:	Nathan Sweeney, John Caldwell
	Honorable Mentions:	Matthew Goodall, Morgan Becky
Web Development 2003 Exam:	Top Score:	Michael Wooten
	Honorable Mention:	John Caldwell

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### **Undergraduate Student Paper Competition sponsored by Robert Half Technology**

\*16 papers were submitted of which 11 were declared finalists

1st	Central Michigan University	Eric Pynnonen
2nd	Northwestern State University	Kelli Fontana
3rd	Mesa State College	Ken Comstock
HM's	Widener University	John Lynn
	Texas A&M University	Vikram Taneja
	Oklahoma Baptist University	Amanda Thompson

### **Graduate Student Paper Competition sponsored by Robert Half Technology**

\*3 papers were submitted of which 3 were declared finalists

1st	University of Texas at Arlington	Zeeshan Rahat Kuresl
2nd	Central Michigan University	John Griffith
3rd	Central Michigan University	Tarun Damodaran

### **AITP Student Web Application Contest sponsored by the ICCP Education Foundation**

\*15 submissions of which 6 were declared finalists

1st	Boise State University
2nd	University of Alaska - Anchorage
3rd	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
HM's	Kalamazoo Valley Community College
	Stark State College
	Chattahoochee Technical College

### **Database Contest sponsored by the AITP Education Foundation**

\*62 teams competing

1st	Central Michigan University	Eric Pynnonen
2nd	University of Alaska - Anchorage	Galina Ivanova, Maxim Sorokoletov
3rd	Purdue University	Erik Anderson, Mark Broda
HM's	Northwestern State University	Curtis Penrod, Kelli Fontana
	Murray State University	Justin Key, Amanda Dawson
	Central Missouri State University	David Carlson, Wes Horne
	Bradley University	Alan Fuhs

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### **JAVA Contest sponsored by the AITP Education Foundation**

\*23 teams competing

1st	University of West Florida	Chad Cardiff, Michael Wooten
2nd	Central Missouri State University	Jacob Rogers, Kim Jackson
3rd	Brigham Young University	Shaun Smith
HM's	Oakton Community College	Dragos Stanclu, Christina Hauptmann
	University of Wisconsin -Whitewater	Chris Wegner, Joe Rogers
	Murray State University	Dumitru Orlov

### **Systems Analysis & Design Contest sponsored by Robert Half Technology**

\*22 teams competing

1st	Northwestern State University	Kelly Ellis, Kelly McKenzie, Andy Baragona
2nd	Northwestern State University	Tina Mouton, Deran Schilling
3rd	University of Florida	Chris Ringwood, Allyson Stokes, Daryl Lewis
HM's	Northwestern State University	Trey Staley, James K. Smith
	Central Michigan University	Colleen Cline, Dave Miller, Clint McPherson

### **Visual Basic Programming Contest sponsored by State Farm Insurance Company**

\*43 teams competing

1st	Southwest Missouri State University	Andrew Steinmann
2nd	Fox Valley Technical College	William Drumm
3rd	University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Lee Zaastraw, Josh Ducharme
HM's	Purdue University	Eric Anderson
	Illinois State University	Neil Wilson
	Southwest Texas State University	Jon Woo

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### **Webmaster using Microsoft Frontpage 2002 Contest sponsored by Microsoft**

\*21 teams competing

1st	University of Mississippi	Mark Grimes
2nd	University of Mississippi	Tim Johnson, Brandon Sherman
3rd	Northwestern State University	Tina Mouton, Deran Schilling
HM's	Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Michelle Yaple, Amy Campen
	University of Southern Indiana	Jason Hopp, John Russell

### **COBOL Programming Contest sponsored by MicroFocus**

\*26 teams competing

HM's	University of North Florida	Tyrone Thomas, Robert Dunlap II
	Idaho State University	Jeffrey Parkinson, Robert Parkinson
	University of North Florida	Albert Ritzhaupt, Crystal Chauvin
	University of Wisconsin - Platteville	Josh Ducharme, Lee Zastraw
3rd	Texas State Tech College-Waco	Robert Fulcher
2nd	Northwestern State University	Curtis Penrod, Nick Hammonds
1st	Fox Valley Technical College	William Drumm, Mark Pauly

### **C++ Programming Contest sponsored by Microsoft**

\*21 teams competing

1st	Texas State Technical College-Waco	Justin Knox
2nd	Oklahoma Baptist University	Matthew Green, Colin Phillips
3rd	Oklahoma Baptist University	Nathan Sweaney, Ryan King
HM's	Illinois State University	Dan Knox, Tom Ness
	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Michael Wyatt
	Northcentral Technical College	Michael Tipping, Keith Dassow

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

\*57 teams competing

1st	Frank Phillips College	Stephen Sable, Leslie Litterell
2nd	Michigan Technological University	Paul Beilke, Joshua Pawlak, David Beaudette
3rd	Boise State University	Ryan Smith, Josh Saari
HM's	Southeast Missouri State University	Garrett Dugan, Matthew Fischer
	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Chase Griffin, Emily Hutson

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### 2003 COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE LIST OF ATTENDING SCHOOLS

Appalachian State University	Boone, NC
Augustana College	Rock Island, IL
Ball State University	Muncie, IN
Blackhawk Technical College	Janesville, WI
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Mooreton, PA
Boise State University	Boise, ID
Bradley University	Peoria, IL
Brigham Young University	Provo, UT
California State Univ.-Fullerton	Fullerton, CA
Central Michigan University	Mount Pleasant, MI
Central Missouri State University	Warrensburg, MO
Chattahoochee Technical College	Marietta, GA
College of Saint Mary	Omaha, NE
Columbia College	Columbia, MO
Davenport University	Bay City, MI
DeVry University - Chicago	Chicago, IL
DeVry University - College Park	College Park, GA
DeVry University - Kansas City	Kansas City, MO
DeVry University - Tinley Park	Tinley Park, IL
East Mississippi Community College	Scooba, MS
Eastern Illinois University	Charleston, IL
Edmonds Comm. Coll.	Lynnwood, WA
Fayetteville Technical Community College	Fayetteville, NC
Fox Valley Tech. Coll.	Appleton, WI
Frank Phillips College	Borger, TX
Gateway Technical College	Kenosha, WI
Gwinnett Technical College	Marietta, GA
Hardin-Simmons Univ.	Abilene, TX
Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Conway, SC
Idaho State University	Pocatello, ID
Illinois State University	Normal, IL
Kalamazoo Valley Comm. Coll.	Kalamazoo, MI
Kent State Univ. Kent	Kent, OH
Kent State Univ.-Ashtabula	Ashtabula, OH
Kirkwood Community College	Cedar Rapids, IA
Madison Area Technical College	Madison, WI
McMurray State University	Abilene, TX
Mesa State College	Grand Junction, CO
Metro Community College	Omaha, NE
Michigan Technological University	Houghton, MI
Middle Georgia Tech. College	Warner Robins, GA
Mid-State Tech. College	Stevens Point, WI
Mid-State Tech. College	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Milwaukee Area Technical College	Oak Creek, WI
Morgan State University	Baltimore, MD
Murry State University	Murray, KY

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North Carolina A&T State University	North Carolina
Northcentral Technical College	Wausau, WI
Northern Michigan University	Marquette, MI
Northwestern State University	Natchitoches, LA
Oakton Comm. College	Des Plaines, IL
Oklahoma Baptist University	Shawnee, OK
Oklahoma Panhandle State	Goodwell, OK
Oklahoma State University	Okmulgee, OK
Purdue University	West Lafayette, IN
Rochester Institute of Technology	Rochester, NY
Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, MO
Southeast Technical Inst.	Sioux Falls, SD
Southern Illinois University	Carbondale, IL
Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, MO
Southwest Missouri State	Springfield, MO
Southwest Texas State University	San Marcos, TX
Stark State College	Canton, OH
Tarleton State University	Stephenville, TX
Texas A&M University	College Station, TX
Texas State Tech. College -Abilene	Abilene, TX
Texas State Tech. College -Waco	Waco, TX
Texas Tech University	Lubbock, TX
University of Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage, AK
University of Florida	Gainesville, FL
University of Illinois - Springfield	Springfield, IL
University of Mississippi	University, MS
University of New Mexico	Albuquerque, NM
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 West Florida	Pensacola, FL
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Whitewater, WI
University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Platteville, WI
Western Wisconsin Technical College	La Crosse, WI
Widener University	Chester, PA
Williams Baptist College	Walnut Ridge, AR