

AITP 10th Annual National Collegiate Conference

Highlights and Winner Circle

As of May 10, 2005 and Written by Kevin Jetton

The AITP National Collegiate Conference continues to be the single largest event produced by AITP annually and the 2005 event was yet another huge success with the HIGHEST number of attendees in the history of the event! The event experienced an increase of 6% in paid registrations which totaled 672 and a 4% increase in total attendance of 792 when compared to the 2004 event held in Omaha, Nebraska. The event is positioned for an even stronger attendance gain next year when the event moves to Dallas, Texas March 30-April 1, 2006.

The conference continues to deliver true value and opportunities to the AITP student & faculty attendees along with our conference sponsors which included Robert Half Technology, Microsoft, AITP Foundation for Information Technology Education, MicroFocus, State Farm, Wal-Mart, ICCP Education Foundation, Culminis, Monarch Computers and Chattahoochee Technical College. The combined resources of the Chattahoochee Technical College AITP student chapter and the AITP Atlanta 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 yet a successful AITP National Collegiate Conference. Conference attendees enjoyed the truly first class amenities of the Renaissance Waverly Hotel where all the conference sessions and meals were held. Additionally, the facilities and hospitality of the host student chapter and campus – Chattahoochee Technical College – proved to be a first class venue for the contests and ICCP exams.

The keynote panel moderated by Shawn McKinstrie of Robert Half Technology with panelists Eric McCarron from Ernst & Young and Tom Harrington from BlueLinxCompany.com got the event off to a huge success Friday Morning with tons of tips for obtaining that cool job in the field of IT. The Saturday luncheon speaker, Ron Gandiza of Culminis, really got the crowd going with his message of giving back to the IT community while at the same time, focused on the soft skills required for all IT professionals. Once again, an outstanding lineup of breakout speakers, contest events, ICCP exams, a wired and wireless internet café, scavenger hunt, student banner contest, the first-ever PC LAN/Gaming Tournament & PC Troubleshooting Contest along with tons of fun-networking was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. From all reports, this was truly the “best AITP National Collegiate Conference ever”.

The conference concluded with the awards banquet wherein a huge crowd of 735 enjoyed a wonderful meal while awaiting the announcement of the contest winners and other award recipients including the second annual Robert Half Technology/AITP scholarship recipients. Planning has already started for the 11th annual AITP National Collegiate Conference which will be held in Dallas, Texas March 30 – April 1 2006 hosted by the Dallas AITP professional chapter and the area AITP student chapters. Bids were also being accepted for future AITP National Collegiate Conferences for the year 2007 and beyond but start making your plans to be in Dallas next year!

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Attendance:	672	Total registered student and faculty attendees
	46	Exhibitors, Speakers, Special Guests and Banquet Guests
	74	Committee, AITP Board, EF/EDSIG Board & Volunteers

	792	Total "pre-audited" Attendance
	88	Colleges & Universities Represented

SPONSORS:	Diamond Sponsor:	Robert Half Technology
	Gold Sponsors:	AITP Foundation for IT Education
	Silver Sponsors:	MicroFocus
		Microsoft
		State Farm
		Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
	Bronze Sponsors:	ICCP Education Foundation
	Contributors:	Chattahoochee Technical College
		Monarch Computers

Exhibitors:	AITP
	ICCP
	Microsoft
	AITP Region 3 & 7 Fall Student Conferences
	AITP 2006 National Collegiate Conference – Dallas, Texas
	APICS
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	Virtual Technology Labs

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Special Awards: **TOP Monkey Award (Highest level of overall conference support)**
Charter College – Anchorage Alaska with 8 attendees traveling some
4,360 miles one-way and competing in lots of contest events

Outstanding AITP Student Chapter of the Year (2002-2003)

Region 3 Northwestern State University
Region 5 Northcentral Technical College
Region 11 Widener University

Association Outstanding Student Chapter of the Year Winner:

Northwestern State University, Faculty Advisor: Barbara Russell

AITP Faculty “Extra Mile” Award:

Jack Russell, Ph.D. Northwestern State University

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

Winston Aaron Kotzam, Purdue University
Lindsay Alexandra Mannchen, Univ. of Maryland Baltimore County

AITP Student Chapter Contests

AITP Student Chapter Banner Contest

Most Technical	1 st	La Roche College (\$150)
	HM:	Florida Community College-Jacksonville University of Alaska at Anchorage
Most Artistic	1 st	Kalamazoo Valley Community College (\$150)
	HM:	Northwestern State University Milwaukee Area Technical College

Scavenger Hunt: 1st Mid-State Technical College-Stevens Point (\$100)
HM Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Texas State Technical College-Waco

ICCP Exam Statistics

*90 Test Takers, 162 exams given during the conference and 60 ACP's were earned!

Top Scores: Jared McDaniel, Albert Ritzhaupt, David LeBlanc, S. Krunk, Ph.D. (New CCP)

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Microsoft Xbox Tournament sponsored by Monarch Computers

*30 teams entered/competed

1st	Southwest Baptist University-Bolivar	Scott McCarter
2 nd	Morgan State University	Alan Forbes
3 rd	Missouri Western State College	Brian Parrish

PC LAN Tournament sponsored by Monarch Computers

*45 teams entered/competed

1st	Western Carolina University	Ryan Arrowood
2 nd	University of Alabama	Brandon Jacks
3 rd	Central Missouri State University	Brian Tebbe
HM's	Eastern Illinois University	Patrick Kelley
	Central Missouri State University	Matt Bradley
	DeVry University – Tinley Park	Casey Karner

Undergraduate Student Paper Competition sponsored by Robert Half Technology

1st	Southwest Baptist University	Scott McCarter
2 nd	Mesa State College	Juliana Munoz
3 rd	Widener University	Timothy Morford
HM	Widener University	Joseph Rabena

Gaduate Student Paper Competition sponsored by Robert Half Technology

1 st	Central Michigan University	Maritess Manalo
2 nd	Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Jay Shoemaker

AITP Student Web Site Contest sponsored by the ICCP Education Foundation

1 st	James Madison University - Harrisburg
2 nd	Charter College
3 rd	University of Iowa
HM's	Kent State University
	Florida Community College – Jacksonville
	Illinois State University School of Technology
	Middle Georgia Technical College

PC Troubleshooting by the AITP Foundation for IT Education

*86 teams competing

1st	Horry Georgetown Technical College	Stephen McDowell	
2 nd	Southwest Technical Institute	William Dulitz	
3 rd	Boise State University	Nathan Scafe	
HM's	University of Mississippi	Joseph Bradley	Tim Johnson
	Madison Area Technical College	Jeremy Schraeder	Andy Osborn
	Gateway Technical College – Kenosha	Mark Thiele	
	High Tech Institute	Stanley Stewart	
	Tarleton State University	Daniel Fowler	
	Illinois State University – School of Tech.	Daniel Keller	
	Central Michigan University	Tony Magri	

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Web Design Contest

*52 teams competing

Best Overall	University of Mississippi	Brandon Sherman	
Best Technical	University of Mississippi	Terry Tongumpum	Richard Holmquist
Best Artistic	Illinois State Univ. School of Tech	Andrew Duckett	Kyle Sheldon
HM's	University of West Florida	Ryan Fried	Travis Zimmerman
	Missouri Western State College	Brian Jacobs	Brian Parrish
	Central Michigan University	Jacob Wheeler	
	Oklahoma State Univ-Okmulgee	Robert Ozburn	
	Louisiana State University	Matthew Vince	James Alt

Database Contest sponsored by the AITP Foundation for IT Education

*63 teams competing

1 st	Brigham Young University	Slawomir Blakiewicz	
2 nd	Brigham Young University	Kurt Kirkham	
3 rd	Charter College	Shawn Tumey	Bob Thomas
HM's	Gateway Technical College-Kenosha	Greg Brown	Renee Riedel
	University of West Florida	Joseph Perriott	Case Telle
	Northwestern State University	Tracy Leeper	Brandy Bourgoyne
	New Mexico State University	Albert Vega	Aaron Sebesta
	Northwestern State University	Beth Anderson	Janice Austin

Java Contest sponsored by the State Farm

*29 teams competing

1 st	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Luke Plamann	Mark Schilling
2 nd	Southwest Baptist University	Danny Miller	Pamela Clodfelter
3 rd	Madison Area Technical College	Aaron Parker	Chris Hartwig
HM's	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Jeremy Jinks	
	University of West Florida	Case Telle	Daniel Pittman
	James Madison University	Gregory Kruck	Jonathan Albert

Systems Analysis & Design Contest sponsored by Robert Half Technology

*32 teams competing

1 st	Northwestern State University	La Carlos Williams	Tracy Leeper
2 nd	Northwestern State University	Erin Ponville	Chris Gregory
3 rd	Northwestern State University	Adam Williams	Callista Salazar Cobb
HM's	Purdue University	Jaqueline Harlozinski	Blair Gillam
	Brigham Young University	Slawomir Blakiewicz	
	Brigham Young University	Kurt Kirkham	Robert Turner

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Visual Studio.net Contest sponsored by Microsoft

*51 teams competing

1 st	Murray State University	Mohamed Ebrahim	
2 nd	Illinois State Univ-School of Technology	Brandon Winham	Neil Wilson
3 rd	Louisiana State University	Matthew Vince	James Alt
HM	Purdue University	Matt Goebel	

COBOL Programming Contest sponsored by MicroFocus

*26 teams competing

1 st	Northwestern State University	Jeremy Wilmot	Chad Vicknair
2 nd	University of North Florida	Pamela Brauda	David LeBlanc
3 rd	Illinois State Univ-School of Technology	Daniel Hernandez	Keith Bernicky
HM	University of North Florida	Rachel Etter	Marla Dedman

Network Design Contest sponsored by Wal-Mart

*62 teams competing

1 st	Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Forrest Humphrey	Dennis Ferron
2 nd	Blackhawk Technical College	Nathan Tullis	Allen Metz
3 rd	Arkansas State University	Rodney Ferguson	Sean Corder
HM's	Charter College	Logan Thornton	Ubonsak Boutsomsi
	Blackhawk Technical College	Matthew Skalecki	Andy Rollins
	University of Iowa	Ryan Keehn	Chris Galante
	Madison Area Technical College	Nathan Sutton	Matt Stemrich
	Purdue University	Lonnie Leeper	Blair Gillam
	Horry Georgetown Technical College	Shane Lewis	Steve Zelwak

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COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES IN ATTENDANCE

Abraham Baldwin AGRI College - Tifton	Ashburn, BA
Arkansas State University	Jonesboro, AR
Blackhawk Technical College - Janesville	Janesville, WI
Bloomsburg University	Mt. Carmel, PA
Boise State University	Boise, ID
Brigham Young University	Provo, UT
Central Michigan University	Mount Pleasant, MI
Central Missouri State University	Warrensburg, MO
Charter College - Anchorage	Anchorage, AK
Chattahoochee Technical College	Marietta, GA
Dekalb Technical College - Clarkson	Clarkson, GA
Dekalb Technical College - Covington	Covington, GA
DeVry University - Kansas City	Kansas City, MO
DeVry University - Tinley Park	Tinley Park, IL
Eastern Illinois University	Charleston, IL
Fayetteville Technical Community College	Fayetteville, NC
Florida Community College	Jacksonville, FL
Frank Phillips College	Borger, TX
Gateway Technical College-Kenosha	Kenosha, WI
Gateway Technical College-Racine	Racine, WI
Gwinnett Technical College	Lawrenceville, GA
Hardin-Simmons University	Abilene, TX
High Tech Institute	Nashville, TN
Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Conway, SC
Idaho State University	Pocatello, ID
Illinois State University	Normal, IL
James Madison University	Harrisonburg, VA
Kalamazoo Valley Comm. College	Kalamazoo, MI
Kaplan University	Davenport, Iowa
Kent State University	Ashtabula, OH
Lanier Technical College	Oakwood, GA
La Roche College	Pittsburg, PA
Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge, LA
Madison Area Technical College	Madison, WI
McMurry University	Abilene, TX
Mesa State College	Grand Junction, CO
Middle Georgia Technical College	Warner Robins, GA
Mid-State Technical College	Marshfield, WI
Mid-State Technical College	Stevens Point, WI
Milwaukee Area Technical College-Oak Creek	Oak Creek, WI
Milwaukee Area Technical College-West	Milwaukee, WI
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls, TX
Missouri Western State College	St. Joseph, MO
Monmouth University	West Long, NJ
Morgan State University	Baltimore, MD
Murray State University	Murray, KY

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North Carolina A&T State University	Greensboro, NC
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
Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee	Okmulgee, OK
Purdue University	West Lafayette, IN
Southeast Technical Inst.	Sioux Falls, SD
Southern Illinois University	Carbondale, IL
Southern Polytechnic State University	Marietta, GA
Southwest Baptist University	Bolivar, MO
Southwest Missouri State University	Springfield, MO
Southwest Oklahoma State University	Weatherford, OK
St. Cloud Technical College	St. Cloud, MN
Tarleton State University	Stephenville, TX
Texas A&&M University-Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi, TX
Texas State Tech. Coll.-Abilene	Abilene, TX
Texas State Tech. Coll.-Waco	Waco, TX
Texas State University - San Marcos	San Marcos, TX
Texas Tech University	Lubbock, TX
University of Alabama	Birmingham, AL
Univ. of Alaska at Anchorage	Anchorage, AK
University of Illinois - Springfield	Springfield, IL
University of Iowa	Iowa City, IA
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	Austin, TX
University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington, TX
University of Texas at Dallas	Dallas, TX
University of West Florida	Pensacola, FL
University of Wisconsin	Whitewater, WI
West Texas State Technical College	Abilene, TX
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee, NC
Western Wisconsin Technical College	La Crosse, WI
Widener University	Chester, PA
Wilkes Community College	Wilkesboro, NC
Williams Baptist College	Walnut Ridge, AR