

2nd Annual USITCC® and ISECON 2019

Highlights and Winner Circle

By Kevin Jetton, Foundation for IT Education VP & Event Planner (as of April 8, 2019)

The Foundation for IT Education along with presenting sponsor Accenture held the 2nd annual U.S. IT Collegiate Conference or USITCC April 4-6, 2019 in Galveston at the Galveston Island Convention Center and San Luis Resort and Spa on Galveston Island. The event was once again held in conjunction with ISECON 2019 – the Information Systems Education Conference and successfully facilitated a dual conference opportunity for faculty attendees!

The event could not be successful without the support of our sponsors and more which included:

Presenting Sponsor: Accenture

Conference Sponsors: College Raptor, COMMON, ICCP, Global Shop Solutions, Technical Youth, Our Lady of the Lake University

Exhibitors: myEducator, State Farm, Tarleton State University, Texas State University

Attendance:	262	Student Attendees
	58	Faculty Attendees
	27	Sponsors, Speakers and Exhibitors
	6	USITCC Committee members and staff
	2	Judges, Proctors & Volunteers
	<u>5</u>	Guests
	360	Total "pre-audited" Attendance from 38 Colleges & Universities

Merit Award:

Top “Performing School” Award

the University of Iowa for the most overall USITCC conference wins based on this weighted scale:

- 6 points: 1st place awards
- 4 points: 2nd place awards
- 3 points: 3rd place awards
- 1 point: Honorable Mentions

A total of nine (9) IT competition events were available for the student attendees to choose from each of which was staffed with a volunteer contest coordinator and judging team. The problem statements were challenging yet students rose to the occasion for the bragging rights to claim placing at a national IT competition event and were presented with medals, trophies and certificates and a winner photo! The conference awards banquet photo gallery will be posted soon so check back for the link for ALL the awesome pictures! Also hundreds of pictures were shared on Twitter or Instagram via the hashtag #USITCC many of which became the closing awards banquet opening slideshow presentation!

Plans are already underway for the 2020 USITCC event so stay tuned to the USITCC website once the dates and location are finalized in the greater Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

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The conference keynote session was facilitated by Bob Graham co-founder of Serious Soft Skills and got the attendees up on their feet wanting to “Take Charge of their Career”. He focused on the soft skills needed to give an edge in the hiring process and throughout one’s career. Bob also led a special workshop entitled “Building your Killer Personal Brand” during the conference.

USITCC attendees also had a chance to win a new notebook PC donated by the Amarillo Tech Initiative in a fast-paced exciting live online quiz of questions via their mobile device about the conference keynoter, sponsors, speakers, exhibitors and more. Facilitated by USITCC Contest Director Dr. Mark Grimes, Assistant Professor at the University of Houston’s Bauer College of Business, over 140 participants watched the lead change numerous times and **Sean Regan of Quinnipiac University** took the lead on the final question and was presented with his new Dell Latitude 3390 laptop PC!

ISECON 2019 Paper Recognitions

Best Paper Award

“An Exploratory Study on Variances in Perceptions of Smart Home Technologies”, Thomas Mendoza, Georgia Southern University, Hayden Wimmer, Georgia Southern University, and Carl Rebman, University of San Diego.

Best Paper Award – Honorable Mention

“Understanding Perceptions of Conceptual Information Technology Adaptive Learning”, Kamal Kakish, Cindy Robertson and Lorraine Jonassen, Georgia Gwinnett College.

ICCP George Eggert Memorial Award for top onsite student ICCP exam takers

1 st	Robert Coleman	Ball State University
2 nd	Zachary Calhoun	Ball State University
3 rd	Danielle Sims	Cameron University

Database Design Contest (49 teams)

1 st	Georgia Gwinnett College	Lauren Marsicano	Edgar Alvarez
2 nd	University of Iowa	Nicholas Gorden	Kelly Flynn
3 rd	Sam Houston State University	Johan Shirazi	Nhi Do
HM’s	University of Mississippi	Samantha Herbert	Jonathan Taylor
	University of Houston	Kyle Fuller	Jordan Medrano
	Waukesha County Technical College	Ankita Vidhani	
	Missouri Western State University	Antonio Cristobal	Cecilia Tackett

Microsoft Office Solutions Contest (48 teams)

1 st	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Amanda Blanton	Gustavo Sanchez
2 nd	University of Wisconsin-Stout	Karl Carey	Nicole Ruf
3 rd	Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Sebastian Roldan-Gomez	
HM’s	Amarillo College	Allan Herron	Samantha Raleigh
	Cameron University	Danielle Sims	Michele Tilley
	University of Iowa	Emily Larson	Cindy Chen

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Business Analytics Contest (29 teams) *sponsored by CollegeRaptor*

1 st	University of Iowa	Adam Roper	Dannis Men
2 nd	University of Iowa	Emily Larson	Cindy Chen
3 rd	University of Iowa	Yihui Wang	Jihwan Park
HM's	Sam Houston State University	Nhi Do	Franklin Junay Lemus
	Purdue University	Devang Patel	Brandon Zammit
	Missouri State University	Lino Perez Salas	Noah Bauman

Network Design Contest (34 teams)

1 st	University of Wisconsin – Stout	Karl Carey	Luke Bednar
2 nd	Texas State University	Martin Cantu	Juan Uribe
3 rd	University of Wisconsin – Stout	Nicole Ruf	Derek Muck

Application Development (36 teams)

1 st	Brookhaven College	Lorenzo Clemente	Mohsen Shoraki
2 nd	Georgia Gwinnett College	Ryan Cunico	Hasan Mohammed
3 rd	Tarleton State University	Kaylie Hart	
HM's	Texas State University	En Emerson	Raymond Beecham

Systems Analysis & Design Contest (32 teams) *sponsored by Global Shop Solutions*

1 st	Purdue University	Amit Shah	Brandon Zammit
2 nd	Sam Houston State University	Johan Shirazi	Nhi Do
3 rd	University of Houston	Ysbeck Maleno	Valerie Smith
HM's	Missouri State University	Jake Skidmore	Noah Baumann
	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Firas Ghazouani	

PC Troubleshooting (101 contestants)

1 st	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Sean Skipton	
2 nd	University of Houston	Jordan Medrano	
3 rd	Missouri State University	Lino Perez Salas	
HM's	Amarillo College	Cameron Meyers	
	Amarillo College	John Emery	
	Missouri State University	Holden Bridges	
	Gateway Technical College	Michael LaPointe	
	Gateway Technical College	MacKenzi Ruby	
	University of Houston	Varun Maheshwari	
	University of Wisconsin-Stout	Karl Carey	

Mobile Application Development (10 teams)

1 st	Georgia Gwinnett College	Joshua Sales	Daniel Sales
2 nd	Amarillo College	Julian Jacques	Andrew Hands
3 rd	Amarillo College	Samantha Raleigh	Allan Herron

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Security (74 contestants)

1 st	Missouri State University	Lino Perez Salas
2 nd	Waukesha County Technical College	Jason Wiegele
3 rd	University of Houston	Varun Maheshwari
HM's	Amarillo College	Bri Morales
	Amarillo College	Cameron Meyers
	Missouri State University	Holden Bridges
	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Sean Skipton
	Purdue University	Tianpeng Feng
	Georgia Gwinnett College	Ryan Cunico
	Amarillo College	John Emery

List of Attending Colleges and Universities (38)

Amarillo College	Oklahoma Panhandle State University
Appalachian State University	Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology
Ball State University	Our Lady of the Lake University
Baylor University*	Purdue University-Main Campus
Brookhaven College	Quinnipiac University
Cameron University	Saint Vincent College*
Colorado Mesa University	Sam Houston State University
Eastern Connecticut State University	Tarleton State University
Eastern Kentucky University*	Texas State University
Fayetteville Technical Community College	University of Houston
Florida Keys Community College	University of Iowa
Gateway Technical College	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor*
Georgia Gwinnett College	University of Mississippi
Iowa State University	University of Missouri-St Louis
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	University of North Alabama
Missouri State University	University of San Diego*
Missouri Western State University	University of South Carolina
Moravian College*	University of Wisconsin-Stout
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Waukesha County Technical College

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