

7th Annual USITCC®

Highlights and Winner Circle!

By Kevin Jetton, Foundation for IT Education President/Event Planner (as of March 31, 2025)

The Foundation for IT Education (FITE) held the 7th annual U.S. IT Collegiate Conference or USITCC April 4-6, 2024 in Springfield, Missouri at the University Plaza Hotel. The event could not be successful without the support of our sponsors and more which included:

Conference Sponsors and Exhibitors:

College Raptor/Citizens Bank, Missouri State University

Conference Supporters: South Central IT Initiatives Fund (formerly AITP Region 3)

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Attendance:	133	Student Attendees
	24	Faculty Attendees
	13	Sponsors, Speakers and Exhibitors, Judges, and IT Professionals

	170	Total Attendance from 15 Colleges & Universities

[USITCC 2025 Awards Banquet Event pictures via Missouri State University link](#)

A total of six (6) 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 giving it their all until the end for bragging rights to place at this national IT competition event. The highlights of the closing awards luncheon include the following awards and competition winners:

Distinction Award – Initial Year of becoming affiliated with ITSA

- ITSA Midwestern State University

Student Organization Award for Model Student Organization

- ITSA Eastern Connecticut University
- ITSA Georgia Gwinnett College

Student Organization Award for Premier Student Organization

- ITSA Ball State University
- A-BITS Missouri State University - Springfield
- ITSA Texas State University
- FITP University of Houston

Student Organization Award for IT Student Organization of the Year

- Information Technology Club: University of Pikeville

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New USITCC Apparel Contest

Most Professional	ITSA: University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley
Most Creative	ITSA: Texas State University
Most Cleaver	A-BITS: Missouri State University

Microsoft Office Solutions Contest (42 teams)

1 st	Missouri State University – Springfield	Hoang Dang	Luong Thanh Ha Nguyen
2 nd	University of Iowa	Natalie Brown	Felix Mengens
3 rd	Georgia Gwinnett College	John Brannigan	Thanh Tran
HM	Texas State University	Jenna Hguyen	Lacey True

Database Design Contest (21 teams)

1 st	Georgia Gwinnett College	Thanh Tran	
2 nd	Eastern Connecticut State University	Jake Cohen	Sam Hurlburt
3 rd	Georgia Gwinnett College	Gabe Morrow	Krishan Bhalsod
HM	University of Iowa	Makaela Soto	Ryan Morrow
HM	Texas State University	Lacey True	Nicholas Robertson

PC Troubleshooting (60 contestants)

1 st	Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Brandon Jordan
2 nd	Missouri State University – Springfield	Tyler Olson
3 rd	Gateway Technical College	Michael LaPointe
HM's	Amarillo College	Kyle Cooper
	Georgia Gwinnett College	Loana Morillo Diaz
	Amarillo College	Xander Galusha
	Texas State University	Caleb Knause
	Cameron University	Noah Heaverin
	Gateway Technical College	Pedro Teixeira
	Gateway Technical College	Inderveer Singh Bhatoya

Business Analytics Contest (21 teams) *sponsored by College Raptor*

1 st	Eastern Connecticut State University	Jake Cohen	San Hurlburt
2 nd	University of Iowa	Ryan Morrow	Anne Oddan
3 rd	Texas State University	Nicholas Robertson	Joe Najera
HM	Missouri State University - Springfield	Jessica Snare	Luong Thanh Ha Nguyen
HM	Missouri State University - Springfield	Lanie Deng	Brayden Miao

Security (66 contestants)

1 st	Northwestern State Univ of Louisiana	Brandon Jordan
2 nd	Georgia Gwinnett College	Loana Morillo Diaz
3 rd	Missouri State University - Springfield	Tyler Olson0
HM's	Amarillo College	Jackson George
	Gateway Technical College	Pedro Teixeira
	Cameron University	Lance Wallace
	University of Pikeville	Allek Hall
	Texas State University	Caleb Knause
	Cameron University	Richard Essig
	Amarillo College	Kyle Cooper

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New Hackathon Contest (12 teams)

1 st (Best Overall)	Georgia Gwinnett College	Team Diamond Hands	Project: Polar Pair
	Joel Erulu, Connor Griffin, Sean Nolan		
2 nd (Most Creative)	Texas State University	Team BokoCats	Project: Eat 'em Up:
	Aeslyn Broughton, John Munoz, Shalim Castro		
2 nd (Most Innovative)	Gateway Technical College	Team CNTRL-ALT-DEL	Project: Route 66 Explorer
	Pedro Teixeira, Inderveer Singh, Josh Hardin, Melissa Stratton		
Honorable Mentions:	Ball State University	Team "Bug Busters"	Project: Kickapoo Minigame
	Jadi Miller, Jamison Tucker, Nicholas Sturgeon, Alan Burns		
	Missouri State University – Springfield		
	Team: Hack Street Boys		Project: Hack Street Trails
	Riley Mulroy, Alex Raibley, Ian Ulric, Tyler Olson		
	University of Houston	Team Captsone Strategies	Project: InterestLink
	Fathima Afridi, Brittany Zimmerman, Jeremy Doug, Ray Sheikh		

List of Attending Colleges and Universities (15)

Amarillo College
Ball State University
Cameron University
Eastern Connecticut State University
Gateway Technical College
Georgia Gwinnett College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Missouri State University - Springfield
Northwestern State University of Louisiana
Texas State University
The University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley
University of Houston
University of Iowa
University of Mississippi
University of Pikeville