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Winners Announced for 2015 U.S. Cyber Challenge Delaware Competition

Delaware's Cybersecurity Elite Complete Week-long Boot Camp

Arlington, VA, July 27, 2015 – U.S. Cyber Challenge (USCC) is proud to announce the winners of the 6th Annual Delaware Cyber Camp competition. Following a week of intensive classroom instruction on a variety of cybersecurity topics, over 60 participants competed in the camp's final activity, the "Capture the Flag" (CTF) competition that took place last Friday morning, July 24th at Delaware Technical Community College in Dover. Those who came out on top and won the competition include Alyssia Bates, Jon Butler, Rauni Kangas and Tim Plimpton.

The awards ceremony that followed the competition included remarks from Federal Communications Commission CIO David Bray, Delaware Tech President Dr. Mark Brainard, USCC National Director Karen S. Evans, Camp Director and Delaware Tech professor Jerrod Bates, (ISC)² Managing Director Dan Waddell, and a congratulatory video message from US Senator Tom Carper.

"Given events in both the public and private sectors, it is undoubtedly clear to all that we have a long way to go to properly secure our networks and protect the private information of individuals," stated David Bray. "Seeing these individuals competing in the U.S. Cyber Challenge CTF gives me hope that we have the talent and it's just a matter of working with them to get them into the right jobs to help protect our nation and reduce vulnerabilities."

The camp is run in collaboration with University of Delaware, Wilmington University, Delaware Technical Community College, Delaware State University and the State of Delaware. The week's activities included classes on memory forensics, packet crafting and pen testing; career fair; ethics panel; and today's competition and award ceremony.

This year's Delaware Cyber Camp including 66 participants who were selected and invited based in part on their scores from Cyber Quests, an online qualifying competition held in April. Nearly 2,000 individuals competed in this year's Cyber Quests.

The goal of US Cyber Challenge camps is to increase the quantity and quality of our country's cybersecurity workforce. There is currently an extreme workforce shortage for highly skilled professionals in the field, and these camp programs are an integral part of identifying and training talented individuals while simultaneously networking them with companies and institutions in need of their skill sets. Camp participants also have the opportunity to continue their career networking through the newly launched

CyberCompEx.org – an online social networking site designed specifically for the cybersecurity community.

The camp is supported in part through sponsorships by (ISC)² Foundation, iSight Partners, NIC, the Association for Federal Information Resources Management (AFFIRM), Avue Technologies, SANS Institute, Lockheed Martin, Microsoft, Department of Homeland Security, the Federal CIO Council, Cyber Ninjas, VMD, Hewlett Packard, Workday, Amazon Web Services, Monster Government Solutions, Clifton Larson Allen, CenturyLink and Accenture. Local sponsors include Wilmington University, Delaware State University, University of Delaware, Delaware Technical Community College, Cigital and PJM.

For more information about the Cyber Camp program and each of the specific camps, visit U.S. Cyber Challenge online at www.uscyberchallenge.org.

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About U.S. Cyber Challenge:

U.S. Cyber Challenge (USCC) is a program of the Center for Internet Security, a 501(c)3 organization, and has the mission to significantly reduce the shortage in the cyber workforce by serving as the premier program to identify, attract, recruit and place the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. USCC's goal is to find 10,000 of America's best and brightest to fill the ranks of cybersecurity professionals where their skills can be of the greatest value to the nation.

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