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U.S. Cyber Challenge and Delaware Universities to Host Annual Cybersecurity Boot Camp & Competition

Program Dedicated to Reducing Shortage of Hackers Nationwide

Arlington, VA, July 6, 2016 – Next week, U.S. Cyber Challenge (USCC) will host the 7th annual State of Delaware Summer Cyber Camp program in collaboration with the University of Delaware, Delaware State University, Wilmington University, Delaware Technical Community College (Delaware Tech) and the Delaware Department of Technology and Information (DTI) from July 11-15, 2016. This year, the camp will take place at Delaware State University in Dover. For four days, participants will develop their cybersecurity skills through intensive classroom instruction by industry experts. On the final day, campers will compete in a cyber-attack and defense competition. Competitions like these are an integral part to assessing the true skill level of each individual. Immediately following the competition, an award ceremony will take place to honor the competition winners and camp participants.

Curriculum at the Delaware camp will include in-depth workshops on a range of topics including packet crafting and pen testing, all taught by college faculty, SANS Institute senior instructors, and other cybersecurity experts.

The week will be capped off by a virtual “Capture the Flag” competition and awards ceremony on Friday, July 15, 2016. The competition begins at 8:00 AM and takes place in the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center in Parlor B & C. The award ceremony will follow the completion of the competition at 1:30 PM. Both events are open to the media. The awards ceremony will include remarks from Senator Tom Carper, Delaware State CIO James Collins, a representative of (ISC)², and U.S. Cyber Challenge National Director Karen S. Evans.

Over 50 individuals will be attending the Delaware camp. Attendees to the invitation-only camps were selected based in part on their scores from Cyber Quests, an online competition offered through USCC in April that drew hundreds of competitors nationally.

The camp is supported in part through partnerships with the Center for Cyber Safety and Education, NIC, the Association for Federal Information Resources Management (AFFIRM), SANS Institute, Department of Homeland Security, the Federal CIO Council, Cyber Ninjas, Workday, Amazon Web Services, Monster Government Solutions, CenturyLink, AT&T, and PCM-G. Local sponsors include Wilmington University, Delaware State University, University of Delaware, and Delaware Technical Community College.

The 2016 Cyber Summer Camp Series features three week-long camps located in Delaware, Illinois and Utah. The camps are part of several initiatives underway through USCC, a national campaign focused on identifying and developing cybersecurity talent to meet the country's critical cybersecurity workforce needs.

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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