



Future Cyber Professionals: 2011 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge Winners Honored at the 2012 DoD Cyber Crime Conference

Amongst renowned speakers in the field of cyber investigations, the 2011 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge winners were honored before an audience of over 1200 attendees at the 2012 DoD Cyber Crime Conference. The DC3 Challenge is an online only competition comprised of individual scenario-based progressive level exercises. Each year, the DC3 Challenge:

- Highlights potential of our current and future cyber workforce
- Encourages individuals from all walks of life to test their digital forensics abilities
- Works to solve common issues in the field

Through prize sponsorships, select teams have the opportunity to receive training, network, and present their findings at the annual DoD Cyber Crime Conference. Information on sponsors and their corresponding category winners, may be found on our winner's circle: <http://www.dc3.mil/challenge/2011/stats/winners.php>. This year our DC3 Challenge Team and sponsors had the opportunity to honor winners from:

- Anne Arundel Community College
- Arizona State University
- Department of Defense
- The Defense Criminal Investigative Service
- Northrop Grumman
- Dakota State University
- Poolesville High School

Many of the high school and college winners expressed that before joining in the 2011 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge, they had limited knowledge of what was involved in digital forensics. Through their participation, they gained a better understanding of what is involved in the field, were excited by it, and are eager to get started on the 2012 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge.

Our DC3 Challenge Team has become increasingly impressed with the performance of high school and college participants. Over the years, we've watch as younger participants make their way up the leader board by contributing innovated tools and techniques. To address their need for information and cultivate their potential, DC3 has begun an initiative to start digital forensics clubs in high schools.

For those interested in participating in the 2012 DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge, previous winners strongly recommend that you take advantage of the early submission bonus points. Our 2011 winners recalled that participating in the challenge required a

great deal of time management. Based on their experience, they plan on starting earlier in the cycle by completing lower level exercises first and saving the harder level challenges for later in the year.

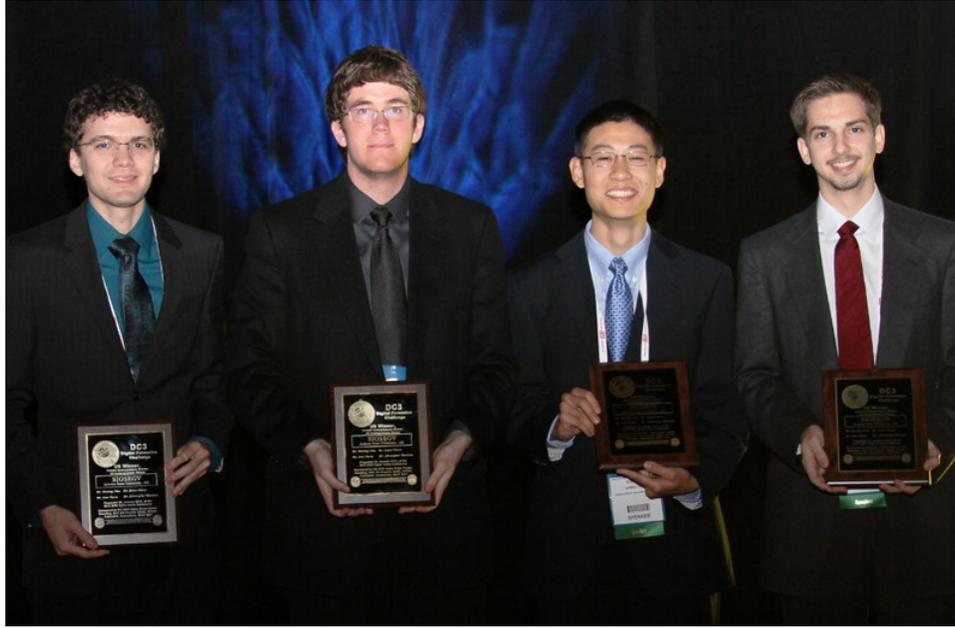
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For more information about the Challenge, please visit
<http://www.dc3.mil/challenge/2012/>

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Ms. London Orcurto, Mr. Richard Clark, Ms. Dina Duncan, and Mr. Christopher Rollins,
Team CSI-207-001 from Anne Arundel Community College



Jose Ibarra, Christopher Thornton, Daming Chen, James Fiacco Team SIGSEGV from Arizona State University



Mr. Fredrick Lorenz, Mr. Jacob Williams, Mr. Luke Simpson, and Mr. Kent Botus, Team 0x90 from the Department of Defense



Mr. Thomas Hyslip and Mr. Gary Rudd, Team DCIS SEFO from the Defense Criminal Investigative Service



Mr. Edward Haymore, Mr. Peter Jackowski, Mr. Adil Ansair, and Mr. Hayden Metz, Team Northrop Grumman from Northrop Grumman



Mr. Brian Edwards, Team DSU MISA-2 from Dakota State University



Mr. Brendan Rowan, Mr. Jack Zhu, Mr. Eric Harrison, and Kevin Harrison
Team AlphaPHS from Poolesville High School with their mentors