

SPSU students do well in national AITP competition

SPSU's Student Chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) co-hosted the organization's National Collegiate Conference in Atlanta in April and took home some honors from the competitions held during the event.

Prof. Dawn Tatum, an instructor in the Information Technology Department, served as co-chair of the conference, with more than 700 registrants. In all, 22 SPSU students were in attendance to network with conference sponsors, compete and take industry certification exams. The sponsors were very impressed with the caliber of the students in attendance and many have since received job interviews and offers for employment, according to Prof. Tatum.



Alex Durden (l) and Peter Luxbacher with their trophies.

SPSU students Alex Durden received second place and Russ Richstein received an honorable mention in the PC Troubleshooting competition, which required contestants to analyze and repair an operating system in serious distress within two hours.

A team of students led by Dr. Jack Zheng, co-advisor of the SPSU AITP Chapter, received an honorable mention in the Web Application Project, which required them to begin working six months prior to the conference to design and implement a website application for a nonprofit organization or business. Antonio Reyes, Supaporn (Nisse) Pankao, Kornchai Anujhun and Bhagya Raja Kondaraju were notified a month prior to the event that SPSU was a finalist and would be required to give a presentation on their project during the conference. Peter Luxbacher took second place while Russ Richstein and John Eidson received honorable mentions in the Security competition, which involved performing a malware analysis based on a scenario provided by the sponsor, Dell SecureWorks.