



## Towson University students fend off cyber attack

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A team of Towson University students won the Mid-Atlantic Regional Cyber-Defense Competition, March 11-13, at the Science Applications International Corporation's Conference Center in Columbia.

The TU team will advance to the National Collegiate Cyber-Defense Competition finals, to be held in San Antonio April 16-18.

Fifteen teams from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia participated in the competition.

The TU team, coached by Mike O'Leary, director of TU's Center for Applied Information Technology and a professor in the math department, includes team captain Madeline Pelkey, Brian Haar, Shane Lester, Felix Mercado, Brian Namovicz, Finn Ramsland, Bryan Sizemore and Jonathan Wiseman.

During the regional finals, each of the teams had to operate and maintain the IT infrastructure of a fictitious town. Teams had to run and support a range of technologies while under attack from a "Red Team" of professional testers and students of network warfare.

This was the fifth year O'Leary took a team to the competition and the first time they've won.

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