Cerritos College Students Win PROGFest 2014

Computer and Information Science Students Show off Programming Skills

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NORWALK, Calif. – February 20, 2014 – Cerritos College is pleased to announce that a group of Cerritos College’s computer and information science students won in the PROGFest 2014.

PROGFest is an annual computer programming challenge hosted by California State University, Los Angeles, geared toward high school and community college students.

Top computer science students from around the state gather at the Cal State Los Angeles campus once a year for a grueling five-hour programming competition.

This year, Cerritos Collage won first place and the team of Anthony Guardado and Eric Kannampuzha took top honors. In addition to the contributions of the two winners, the Cerritos College team’s overall score was pushed to first place by Josemari Feliciano, David Huang, Tera Lim, Matt Perreault and Alexander Vega. The eighth student, Japneet Kaur also helped in all the preparations, but had to withdraw. A total of 12 community colleges competed in the challenge.

In the competition, the students demonstrated their skills in solving sophisticated programming problems using Java, C, C++, C#, J#, VB and VB.NET.

Teams were awarded for correct solutions, but penalized for incorrect submissions. From among all the competitors, 42 rejections were scored, weighing heavily against the teams that submitted them.

In computer and information science, problems such as these students tackled in the competition could lead to commerce-halting outages, loss of communications with spacecraft and other headline-making stories, according to Cerritos College Computer and Information Science Professor Dean Mellas. “Our students got a taste of the harsh real-world conditions that await them outside the halls of academia. Congratulations to them all,” said Professor Mellas.
About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at http://www.cerritos.edu/.

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