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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Teams Take First and Third Place at Panoply Computer Security Competition held at UTSA

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Teams from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi took home first and third place at the Panoply Cyber Security Competition held Oct. 15 at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Members of the two Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Cyber Defense Teams were Brad Hannah, junior; Jose Chica, junior; Andrew Lopez, freshmen; Sean Sandoval, freshmen; Esteban Campos, junior; Nathan Darr, junior; Justin Mausolf, sophomore; and David Avila, freshmen. Both teams made up of Computer Science majors were coached by Steve Alves, Computer Science instructor of the School of Engineering and Computing Sciences and assisted by Irvan Hendrik and Hayford Osei.

Held during National Cyber Security Awareness Month in October, Panoply is an annual computer security competition hosted by the UTSA Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security. Eight teams of four college students each compete to maintain and secure critical server services. Teams accumulate points by securing critical server services while under attack by external entities.

The competition establishes a pipeline of highly qualified college students who are interested in pursuing cyber-security careers. This year’s event included teams from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), Texas A&M University-College Station, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio College, St. Philip’s College, and Our Lady of the Lake University.