

BIS-AITP Students Compete and present at National IS/IT Research and Collegiate Conferences in Texas

On Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019, students of Eastern Connecticut State University and members of the ECSU BIS-AITP Student Chapter embarked on a trip to Galveston, Texas where they competed and presented at the United State Information Technology Collegiate Conference (USITCC) and (Information Systems Education Conference) ISECON conferences. BIS major students, Buddy Kaiyala, Peter Ereshena, and Kurt Sturmer made the trip to the conferences, accompanied by their faculty advisor, Dr. Citurs. At the conference, the BIS students took part in the competitions on Thursday, April 4th. Kurt Sturmer competed in the Microsoft Office Solutions Contest, while Peter Ereshena and Buddy Kaiyala competed in the Database competition. The competitions lasted until around 10:30 pm, Thursday evening.

Friday, April 5th Dr. Alex Citurs gave a research presentation on Agile vs Traditional Software Development at the ISECON conference. On Friday, Peter Ereshena, Buddy Kaiyala and Dr. Alex Citurs also gave a joint research presentation on Information Systems/Information Technology Student Recruitment and Retention in IS/IT majors. The research presentation audiences were faculty members and judges from many different universities from across the United States. The ECSU research presentations to faculty and students were a success. After their presentations and contests were over, they attended other presentations and technology seminars as well as checked out the conference exhibits. After the last seminars on Saturday were over, the Eastern BIS students were able to see the surrounding area and talk with fellow competitors and presenters at the conferences. The final scheduled conference event was the Awards Banquet on the evening of Saturday, April 6th, where First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention awards were given out to students from colleges and universities from across the country that had competed the previous days. The BIS students are all looking forward to competing and presenting at next years' USITCC and ISECON national conferences.

