Cameron University student wins first prize at national information technology collegiate conference

Cameron University senior Gilron Charles, an international student from St. George’s, Grenada, took first place in the Computer Security Scenarios competition, held during the Association of Information Technology Professionals’ 18th Annual National Collegiate Conference earlier this month. Charles, an information technology major, was one of 49 participants in the contest. In addition, he participated in the Networking competition, the PC Troubleshooting competition, in which he placed 11th among 144 participants, and, along with teammate Ralph Saunders of Lawton, in the Systems Analysis and Design competition.

During the conference, Charles earned certification as a Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) in three areas: Networking Fundamentals, Windows Operating System Fundamentals and Security Fundamentals. He also earned designation as an Associate Computing Professional from the Institute for the Certification of Computing Professionals (ICCP). Charles was one of only 12 students at the conference who successfully attained that certification, which requires two exams: an Information Systems core and a specialty exam.

In addition to teaming with Charles for one competition, Saunders participated in the Database Design Competition. He is majoring in information technology with a concentration in computer information systems.

Other Cameron students who attended the conference include Sona Aryal, Kathmandu, Nepal, who took part in the Mobile Application Development competition, and Philmore Thompson, Lawton, who participated
in the Cyber Security and Visual.Net competitions. Aryal is a majoring in information technology with a concentration in cyber security, and Thompson is majoring in computer science.

During the conference, the students also attended presentations related to information technology and explored professional opportunities during a job fair.

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