

## **5<sup>th</sup> Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition Set for March 11-13, 2010**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) will be held on March 11-13, 2010, pitting students from five area colleges/universities against a “Red Team” of hackers trying to disrupt and compromise their networks. **Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, Community College of Baltimore County, Millersville University, Towson University, and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)** were the winners of the Qualifying Rounds, which were conducted remotely during January and February, involving 100 students from 15 two- and four-year schools.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Mid-Atlantic CCDC will unfold at the new SAIC facility in Columbia MD and provide a chance for government and industry officials to observe the competition, discuss cyber security career choices with the top students from the region, and become better informed regarding current trends in security and information assurance.

CyberWatch, the National Science Foundation, White Wolf Security, and the Community College of Baltimore County host the event, which will open with a **Networking Reception/Job Fair at 4:30pm on Thursday, March 11th**. Sponsors include Boeing, CSC, Northrop Grumman, SAIC, and Tenable Network Security, with equipment and software provided by Solera Networks and Core Security.

Students from the following institutions, who also participated in the Qualifying Rounds, are expected to attend the competition: Anne Arundel Community College, Catawba Valley Community College, George Mason University, George Washington University, James Madison University, Northern Virginia Community College, Prince George's Community College, University of MD College Park, University of Pittsburgh, and Wilmington University.

The winner of the Mid-Atlantic CCDC will move on to represent the region in the national CCDC, April 16-18, 2010, in San Antonio TX.

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