

## USITCC 2023: Texas State ITSA was “all over it”

Twenty-six (26) Texas State Information Systems & Analytics, CIS & CS majors attended the USITCC event (U.S. IT Collegiate Conference) in Plano, Texas March 30-April 1, 2023 at the Dallas/Plano Marriott Hotel at Legacy Town Center. This was the first USITCC national event since 2019 when Texas State took 16 students to Galveston, Texas due to the assorted pandemic variant surges that always managed to occur over the holiday breaks the last few years.



**2023 USITCC Team Texas State University**  
*after the closing awards banquet*

**2023 USITCC Competition Winners (Left to Right):**  
Sam Serio, Shahmeen Razzak, Nicholas Robertson,  
Jose Lopez III, Andrew Ly, Joseph Maynard, Sebastian  
Osuke, Harsh Parmar, Marcus Block

A total of 225 IT students, faculty and more from 20 different schools attended the 3-day conference. Texas State conference wins from the 8 different IT competition events included:

- Network Design: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Andrew Ly and Jose Lopez III
- Network Design: Honorable Mention Joseph Maynard, Marcus Block
- Network Design: Honorable Mention Harsh Parmar, Sebastian Osuke
- Security: Honorable Mention Sam Serio
- Business Analytics: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Shahmeen Razzak,  
Nicholas Robertson

Additionally, the Texas State University ITSA student organization was recognized as a Model Student Organization for 2022 by the Foundation for Information Technology Education.

The additional Texas State University CIS department faculty assisting with this conference included:

- Kevin Jetton, ITSA Faculty advisor, USITCC conference event planner and Microsoft Office contest problem statement developer/judge
- Dr. Garry White, ISECON 2023 paper presentation and USITCC Network Design and Security Contest teams mentor
- Dr. Tahir Ekin, USITCC 2023 conference session speaker on Data Analytics
- Mr. Brad Hamman, USITCC Office contest judge
- Mr. Zach Kelley, USITCC Office contest and judge
- Ms. Christy Etter-Esse, Travel Accounting and Transportation shuttle service

We would like to thank everyone that helped support our students to attend this national IT conference and competition event!