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Quick Facts

- The “Battle of the Brains” contest will bring the smartest IT talent from the region to Georgia Southern University on Oct. 29.
- The team that solves the most problems correctly in the least amount of time will win a coveted spot on the World Finals roster.



Will Thacker

ROCK HILL, S.C. – A team of Winthrop students is working together to build their mental endurance and speed in anticipation of an upcoming test on Oct. 29.

This isn't mid-terms or finals – it's for the [36th annual IBM-Sponsored Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest](#).

The “Battle of the Brains” contest will bring the smartest IT talent from the region to [Georgia Southern University](#) for the Southeast USA regional contest

Winthrop will send one team - **Brandon Clopton, James D’Aniello, Ryan Nikin-Beers** and alternate **Bethany Ritter** – to compete for a spot as one of the 100 teams to attend the World Finals in Warsaw, Poland on May 14-18, 2012, according to advisor [Will Thacker](#), associate professor of computer science.

This year’s regional competitions are expected to attract tens of thousands of students from universities in approximately **90 countries** on **six continents**, all with the same dream to walk away with awards, scholarships, job opportunities, prizes, and, of course, bragging rights to the holy grail of programming: the **“World’s Smartest Trophy.”**

On Oct. 29, the teams of three students will apply their programming skills to solve complex, real world problems under a grueling five-hour deadline. Organizers said tackling these problems is equivalent to completing a semester’s worth of computer programming in one afternoon.

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Others competing at Georgia Southern are: Armstrong Atlantic State University, Bob Jones University, Clemson University, College of Charleston, Columbus State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, Mercer University, Morehouse College, The Citadel - The Military College of South Carolina and Wofford College

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