

2026 NCCDC Sponsor Opportunities





Why NCCDC?



Access to the best and brightest cybersecurity and information technology talent



Connect with universities and faculty from across the country to promote and expand your organizational message



Strengthen industry and governmental relationships through sponsorship networking



Benevolence and advocating within the community



Benefit from tax preference through donations

Mission

The mission of the Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) system is to provide institutions with an information assurance or computer security curriculum a controlled, competitive environment to assess their students' depth of understanding and operational competency in managing the challenges inherent in protecting a corporate network infrastructure and business information systems.



Assess competitors' understanding of critical business infrastructure



Challenge competitors' ability to manage, maintain, and protect business infrastructures



Promote & Champion competitors in the workforce through exposure to industry professionals

History

While similar to other cyber defense competitions in many aspects, the CCDC is unique because it focuses on the operational aspect of managing and protecting existing infrastructure. Other exercises examine the abilities of a group of students to design, configure, and protect a network over the course of an entire semester; however, this competition is focused on the more operational task of assuming administrative and protective duties for an existing “commercial” network.

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2005

To help facilitate the development of a national level cybersecurity competition, the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS) at The University of Texas at San Antonio agreed to host the first Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) for the Southwestern region in April of **2005**.

2006

The following year CCDC expanded beyond the Southwest region to include the Midwest (MWCCDC), Northeast (NECCDC), and Southeast (SECCDC) regions. The first National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition was held in San Antonio, Texas in April **2006**.

2010

On June 28, **2010**, Congress passed House Resolution 1244 commending the CIAS for its development of the NCCDC, the competition's role in promoting cybersecurity curricula in institutions of higher education, and the efforts of UTSA and the greater San Antonio area to promote the cybersecurity industry in Texas.

2012

In **2012**, the CCDC expanded to ten regions across the United States, including the At-Large (ALCCDC) regional which covers Alaska and Hawaii. The Dakotas, Montana, and Wyoming were eventually absorbed into the ALCCDC, and a Wildcard Competition was added allowing all 2nd place teams to compete for a last stand chance to take part in NCCDC.

2015

By **2015**, the CCDC had grown to over 200 colleges and universities with over 2000 competitors and the NCCDC, with Raytheon, hosted the first NCCDC Champion's Tour in Washington, DC.

2020

In **2020** and 2021, the CCDC and the NCCDC converted to virtual events to adapt to a global pandemic. While most CCDC regions and NCCDC have returned to physical events across the country, CCDC events remain prepared for any circumstance. All qualifying rounds and the ALCCDC are run virtually.



Recognize - we recognize our CCDC sponsors on a national stage, across diverse business and technology platforms using a variety of progressive approaches

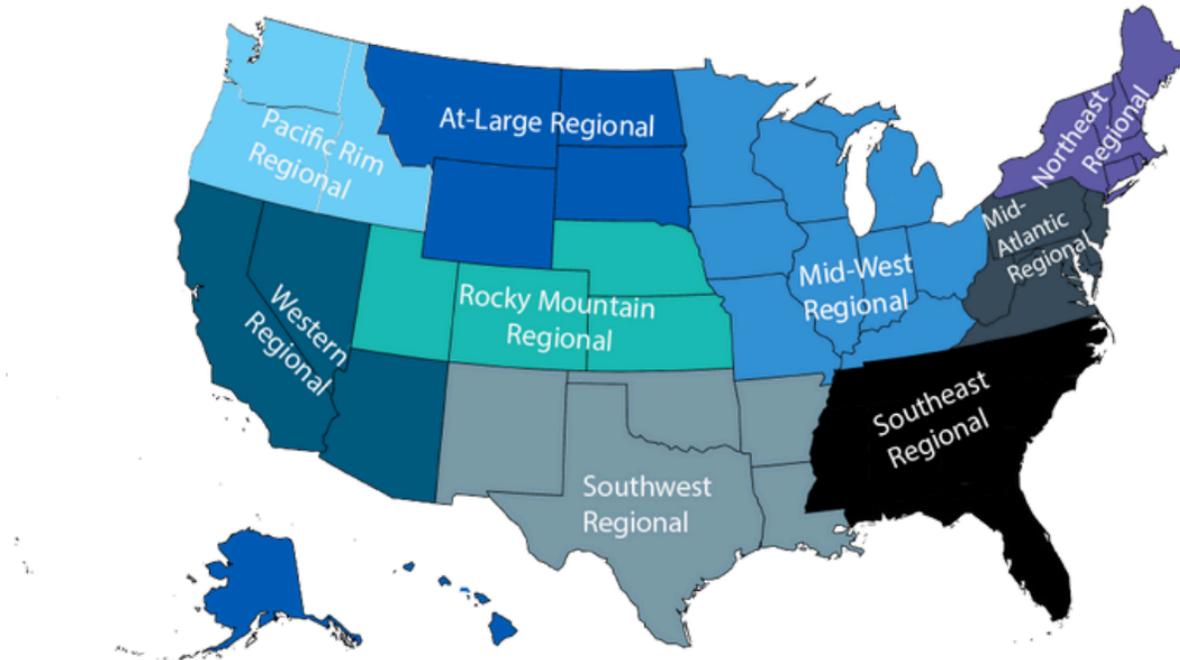


Participate - CCDC sponsors have a unique opportunity to engage competitors directly in the competition and as potential employers and mentors



Promote - CCDC sponsors can promote their organizations through direct contact with peers and customers both onsite during competition play and through marketing materials shared through a variety of channels

The Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition



The CCDC is comprised of nine regions across the country and is a coalition effort where each region is run by regional partners. Each region hosts qualifying and regional competitions for their geographic areas. The winners from all nine regions, and a Wild Card winner from 2nd place teams, go on to compete in the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (NCCDC) in the Spring.

2025

National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition

NIGHTWING



- Multi-day competition with 8 or more hours of competition time each day
- Competitors are given an operational network they must secure, operate, and defend
- Supported by White (Judge), Orange (Customer), Red (Adversary), and OPS Teams
- Teams are limited in their external hardware, software and Internet access to ensure a level playing field
- Teams are scored based on their ability to detect and respond to outside threats, maintain availability of existing services such as mail servers and web servers, respond to business requests such as the addition or removal of additional services, and balance security needs against business needs

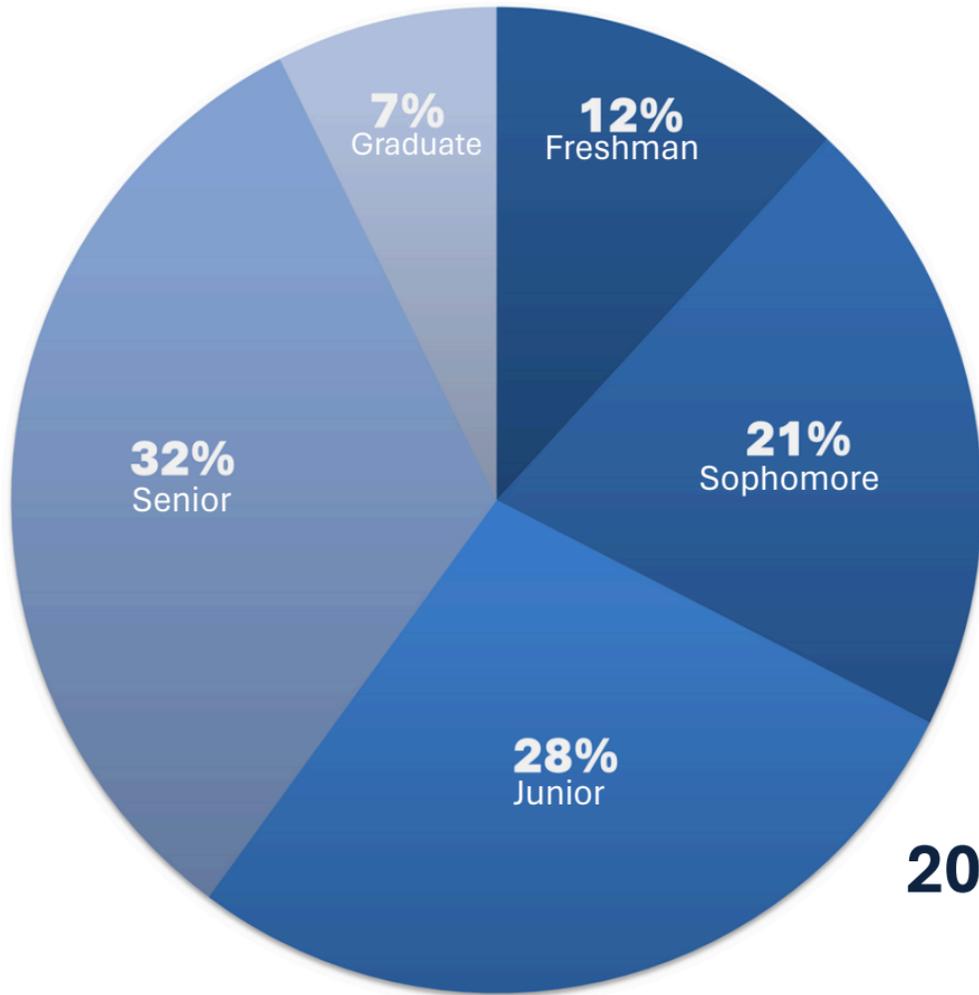
Competitors



A CCDC participant is a competitor. They are motivated by a desire to decipher, discover, innovate, and excel within their preferred virtual world. They are tribal and deeply connected by those things.

CCDC teams belong to any interested two- or four-year college or university and consist of up to 8 students with no more than 2 graduate students on any team. Each competitor must be a full-time student. Only one team per institution is permitted each CCDC season.

Coaches have no contact with teams during the competition. Each team is led by a Team Captain - a student chosen by their peers to manage the team's effort and serve as a liaison to competition staff.



TEAMS
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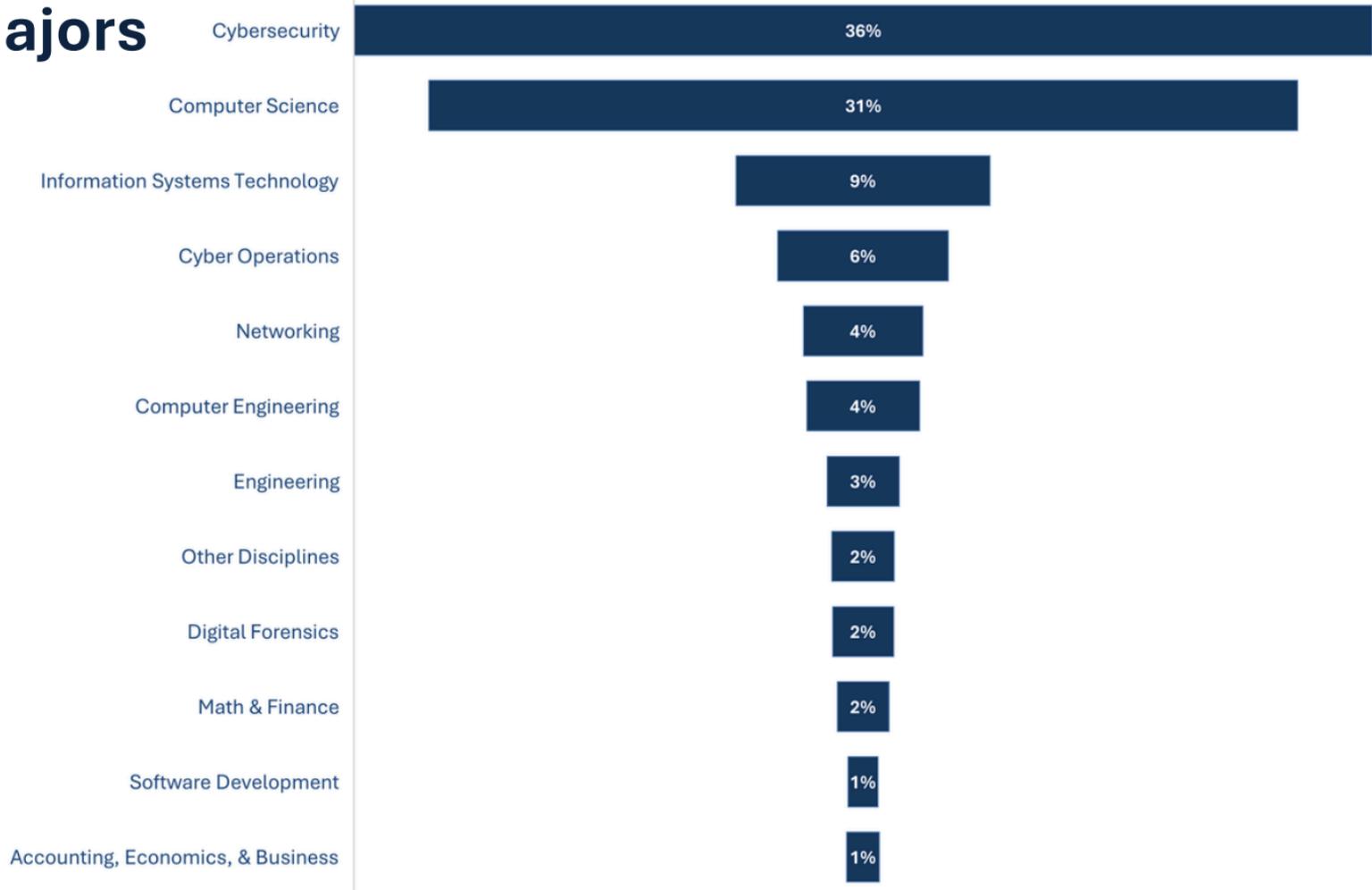
COMPETITORS
1,820

VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR
175 registrations
100 attendees

DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY
386 participants

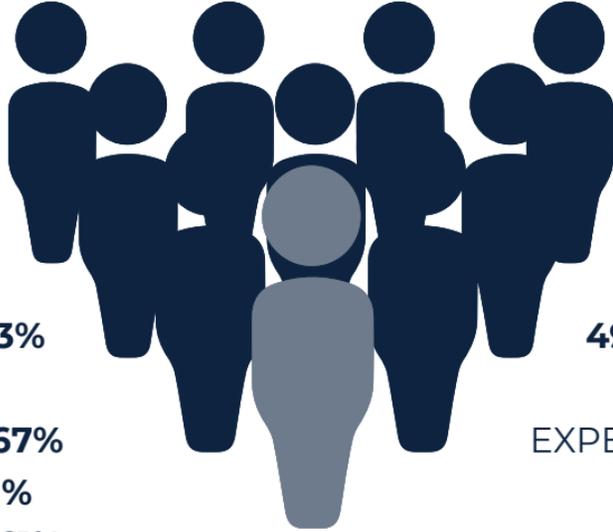
2025 CCDC Competitors

2025 Majors



IMPROVED SKILLS

TEAM WORK **78%**
COMMUNICATION **69%**
TIME MANAGEMENT **52%**
NETWORK OPERATIONS **53%**
INCIDENT RESPONSE **61%**
DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS **67%**
BUSINESS OPERATIONS **41%**
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION **61%**



JOB READINESS

78% LISTED ON RESUME
12% CONTACTED BY RECRUITER
31% SECURED AN INTERNSHIP/JOB
49% UTILIZED LEARNED CCDC SKILLS
71% FELT IS A UNIQUE
EXPERIENCE/STAND OUT AMONG PEERS
18% OBTAINED INDUSTRY
CERTIFICATION

CCDC Impact

The CCDC sent an anonymous survey to all 2024 CCDC competitors asking for input on the effectiveness of the competition. Students were asked to select skill sets they felt were improved by participating in CCDC events and identify any outcomes directly related to the competition.



Sponsor Benefits

The entire CCDC program is supported through the generosity of its donors. The *VIRTUAL* NCCDC packages are discounted 20%.

The Supporter level is \$4k and includes the following benefits:

- Website/social media – logo placement
- Logo placement on the Inject Scoring Engine/Public Scoreboard
- All sponsors may provide swag to be included in the official NCCDC backpacks for coaches and competitors

Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Titanium levels receive all the Supporter level benefits as well as the benefits listed in the sponsor table.

2026 NCCDC Benefits Table

(benefits in addition to the base level - **based on availability first come/first choice)

	Silver 8K	Gold 16K	Platinum 24K	Titanium 40K
Virtual White Team Positions (available on first come/first choice basis)	1	2	4	6
Dedicated Zoom room at the 2026 CCDC Virtual Career Fair (VCF)				
Access to NCCDC Competitor Resumes & Rosters (those choosing to circulate)	Day 1 Comp	3 days prior to Comp	1 week prior to Comp	2 weeks prior to Comp
Access to all CCDC Competitor Resumes & Rosters (those choosing to circulate)		3 days prior to VCF	March 2026	Feb 2026
Red Team Positions		1	2	3
Opportunity to provide video (up to 5 minutes) to be played prior to ceremonies				
Choice of branded swag from promotional items for NCCDC backpack				
Choice of official NCCDC co-branded item (T-shirt, Coin, Badges)**				
5 minute speaking opportunity during Opening or Awards Ceremonies (limit 1 spot per ceremony - total of 3 opportunities)**				

CCDC Links and Mentions

NCCDC Video Coverage and Information

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CH_-c5dyuQw - “Developing Tomorrow’s Cyber Defenders”

2023 NCCDC Coverage and onsite interviews from Raytheon (RTX) 2023 Presenting Sponsor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ua0gkOQU7sU> - “Reliaquest at the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition”

2019 NCCDC Coverage and onsite interviews from Reliaquest 2017 NCCDC Platinum Sponsor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JVTfQDNqIU> - “National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition”

2017 The University of Texas at San Antonio Center for Infrastructure Assurance & Security NCCDC coverage and competition information

CCDC Regional Information

CCDC Regional Page and Information

<https://nccdc.org/index.php/competition/regionals>

At-Large region

<https://alccdc.org/>

Mid-Atlantic region

<https://maccdc.org/>

Mid-West region

<https://www.caepnc.org/mwccdc/>

Northeast region

<https://neccdl.org/>

Pacific Rim region

<http://prccdc.com/>

Rocky Mountain region

<https://www.regis.edu/academics/colleges-and-schools/anderson/rmccdc>

Southeast region

<https://cyberflorida.org/seccdc/>

Southwest region

<https://southwestccdc.com/>

Western region

<https://wrccdc.org/>

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