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UCF students headed to China

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Three **University of Central Florida** students will travel to China to compete in a computer programming championship from Feb. 1 to 6.

UCF students David Callies, Kissimmee; Ryan Patterson, Palm Bay; and Jonathan Calhoun, of Bedford, Pa.; will be among the 21 U.S. teams competing in the Battle of the Brains, the annual Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming being staged in Harbin, China.

They will join 102 university teams from 87 other countries to solve problems modeled after real-world business challenges.

UCF has finished in the top three at the regional competition every year over the past 28 years. Teams quickly complete problems, such as cracking complex password codes or redesigning virtual spaces, that amount to completing a semester's worth of work in five hours.

The winning team receives scholarships and prizes from IBM.

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