

UCF computer team among nation's best — once again

The University of Central Florida student computer team ranks among the nation's top 13 squads on the strength of its performance in the recently completed 1998 International Collegiate Programming Contest.

In world finals competition involving 54 colleges or universities out of an initial field of more than 1,200 teams, the three-person UCF squad outperformed contestants from all but a dozen U.S. universities, which included MIT, Stanford, California-Berkeley and Duke.

Foreign institutions dominated the competition,

winning nine of the top 10 places, including first through third. The showing demonstrated how readily colleges and universities from abroad have mastered a technological field formerly dominated by U.S. institutions.

UCF qualified for the international finals by winning the regional competition for the U.S. Southeast last fall. It marked the 16th consecutive year that a UCF team had won, placed or showed in the regional face-off. UCF has finished as high as second in the tougher international competition.

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