

Computer team finishes No. 2 in Southeast

UCF advances to international competition for eighth time

UCF placed two teams among the top five of the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest Southeast regional competition in Tampa earlier this month, including a second-place finish that will send the team on to the international finals in March.

The contest is organized by the Association for Computing Machinery, the world's largest computing organization. It is run in 15 regions, and the top two finishers from each region advance to the finals, emerging from an initial field of some 650 teams worldwide. In the competition, each team is given between six and 10 problems and must try to solve as many of them as possible within a five-hour time limit.

There were 58 teams from five states — Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina — entered in the Southeast regional, held Nov. 6 at the University of South Florida. Florida schools made a clean sweep of the top five positions, with the University of Miami finishing first, followed by UCF, USF, Florida State and UCF again.

This year marks the 12th straight year that UCF has finished among the top three teams in the Southeast, a feat matched by no other school in the region, which includes schools such as Georgia Tech, Duke, Vanderbilt and Auburn. UCF has finished first in the regional five times, including three straight years from 1989-90 to 1991-92.

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This also is the eighth time in those 12 years that UCF will participate in the international competition. In 1986-87, UCF finished second in the world, losing out only to Stanford University. In all, the University of Central Florida has finished in

the top seven internationally four times, an overall performance matched by few schools in the world.

Members of UCF's second-place team are Robert Franceschini, Michael Smith and Travis Terry. Members of the fifth-place finishing team are Glenn Martin, Michael Kujawa and Lance Jackson. A third team,

consisting of Ana Ortega, Joel Davis and David Stober, also participated in the competition. The team advisor is Ali Orooji, professor in the university's computer science department.

This year's international contest will take place in Phoenix, Ariz., on March 9.

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