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## LSU Students Take First Place at Programming Competition

Nine Louisiana State University students, making up three teams total, participated in the 2013 Deloitte Consulting's Hattiesburg Invitational Programming Competition held on February 29 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The nine students, who were divided into three teams for the competition, are all computer science majors. Kathy Traxler, education training specialist of the LSU Center for Computation & Technology (CCT), and Isaac Traxler, IT manager of LSU's High Performance Computing, coached the LSU teams.

"Deloitte hosts this contest as a way to recruit students into their work program," said Kathy Traxler. "Many contestants show an increased interest in applying for employment with Deloitte after participating in this contest and seeing first hand what an excellent opportunity Deloitte offers."

With nine problems to solve, one computer per team, three team members, and four hours to compete, the contest was a tough one. Problems included graph theory, geometry, and string manipulation; most of the problems were modeled a business or technical perspective.

LSU was on the board first with a team of two sophomores and one junior: Morgan Hargrove, Alex Duchene, and Tyler Longwell, respectively. This team stayed in first place throughout the contest and won first place overall.

The second LSU team came in sixth place. Team members were: Mathew Gavin, Michael LeSane, and Adam Dunmars. LSU's third team ranked eleventh with team members Randall Head, Andrew Pinion, and Mitchell Mason.

The competition hosted 20 teams total, including teams from Mississippi State University, University of South Alabama, University of Southern Mississippi, Southeastern Louisiana University, and University of Southern Mississippi-Gulfport.

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