

# NEWS RELEASE

---



June 6, 2011  
For Immediate Release  
Contact: Elayne Starkey  
302.739.9631  
elayne.starkey@state.de.us

## Center for Internet Security and U.S. Cyber Challenge Announce 2011 Delaware Cyber Foundations Winners

*Nearly 1,000 high school students from 26 states participated in online cyber security contest*

**Dover** – The Center for Internet Security, through the [U.S. Cyber Challenge \(USCC\)](#) initiative, announced the winners of the Cyber Foundations competition, a national online contest designed to test the computer networking skills of high school students while introducing them to the growing field of information technology. The top scoring students in each school and state earned awards for their achievements.

The 2011 Delaware winners are:

**Kevin Schiavi**, Salesianum School  
**Yura Kim**, Cab Calloway School of the Arts  
**Jacob Davis**, Charter School of Wilmington

Kevin placed 7<sup>th</sup>, Yura 14<sup>th</sup> and Jacob 16<sup>th</sup> out of 1,000 students who competed nationwide.

Other Delaware schools' top scoring champions are: **Gina Picciano**, Padua Academy; **Austin Ryan**, Concord High School; **Parth Gadani**, Delmar Senior High School; **Brianna Navarro**, Red Lion Christian Academy; **Benjamin Keeper**, St. Mark's High School; and **Rubal Bagga**, William Penn High School.

The Cyber Foundations competition was conducted throughout March and April and featured a series of timed quizzes to test aptitude in the three most important foundational skills of effective cyber security: networking, operating systems, and system administration. Students were provided with tutorials and training materials to review in each of the three subject areas and then participated in a series of increasingly challenging quizzes focused on those foundational skills.

Delaware's Chief Information Officer Jim Sills, III said, "Delaware students performed exceptionally well in this competition, placing three students in the top 16 in the nation. We are excited and proud that so many young Delawareans are attracted to the 'hot' and growing field of cyber security."

Cyber Foundations is one of several initiatives underway through USCC and is conducted through collaboration with the [SANS Institute](#), which developed the curriculum and competition. "Identifying and nurturing the next generation of cyber security professionals is critical. Delaware is honored to be a charter member of this important program, starting with our summer collegiate camps last year. " said Elayne Starkey, State of Delaware's Chief Security Officer.

High school students can register for the next round of competition to be held in October-November 2011. Early registration is open at <http://workforce.cisecurity.org/competitions-camps/cyber-foundations/cfall-2011.cfm>

**Follow The United States Cyber Challenge On Social Media:**

 Facebook: @USCyberChallenge

 Twitter: @USCC2011

 <http://www.youtube.com/user/USCyberChallenge>

 <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=3132439>

###