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**US Cyber Challenge Competition to Identify Cyber Stars**  
*Delaware Colleges and Universities Sponsor Challenge*

*DOVER, DE* – The State of Delaware is one of only three states in the country to hold the 2010 Security Treasure Hunt competition. The goal of the contest is to identify young men and women with the potential to become world-class cyber security professionals. The Delaware Security Treasure Hunt is an online contest running from May 1 through May 16, 2010. Competitions in New York and California began on April 12 and end on May 20, 2010.

Area colleges and industry leaders have come together including Wilmington University, Delaware Department of Technology (DTI), Delaware Technical & Community College, SANS Institute, and the University of Delaware, to support this worthwhile program. This first-time collaborative effort offers more opportunity to identify and reach out to local talent in an effort to develop their cyber skills.

This Security Treasure Hunt, which is similar to a scavenger hunt, is the primary qualification for competitors to earn a place in the 2010 Cyber Camps. The competition delivers an on-line quiz sending the competitors to a simulated environment where they can safely explore find answers and return to the quiz.

Experts agree that America is critically short of individuals capable of stopping threats to our information systems. “It is critical to be able to meet the immediate needs of the nation in the area of cyber skills. We are excited to see the launch of this effort and to be partnering with the states,” said Karen Evans, nationwide Director of the USCC. “It is crucial that we address our current shortfalls in developing a high tech workforce for the future,” said Dave Wennergren, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Information Management, Integration and

Technology) and Deputy Chief Information Officer at the US Department of Defense. “I am very hopeful that the new US Cyber Challenge will help us find this workforce for the future and increase the number of American children who go into computer science and engineering fields.”

Delaware’s Security Treasure Hunt is an important part of the overall US Cyber Challenge ([www.uscyberchallenge.org](http://www.uscyberchallenge.org)), a nationwide effort looking for interested Americans with the skills to fill the ranks of cyber security practitioners, researchers, and warriors. Some will even become the top guns in cyber security. The program will nurture and develop their skills, give them access to advanced education and opportunities.

Winners from the three-state Security Treasure Hunt competition will be eligible to attend one of the Cyber Challenge summer camps within their state:

- *California students:* Cal Poly Pomona on July 19-23, 2010
- *New York students:* Polytechnic Institute of New York University on July 26-30, 2010
- *Delaware students:* Wilmington University on August 9-13, 2010

To compete, sign up at [www.securitytreasurehunt.com](http://www.securitytreasurehunt.com). For Delaware rules and eligibility visit:

[www.dti.delaware.gov/information/cybersecurity\\_challenge.shtml](http://www.dti.delaware.gov/information/cybersecurity_challenge.shtml).

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