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“ In the IT security industry, the competition for finding good cybersecurity candidates is much more extreme. Coming to a competition like this allows us to see these potential employees in real-world scenarios and distinguish United Airlines as a company looking for the best up and coming talent. ”

Bob Mitera
Sr. Manager IT Security
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Midwest Regional Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition

Be part of the action as top cybersecurity students from the Midwest build and defend their mock production business infrastructure from unknown threats. Students, in teams of eight, will fend off “hackers,” while network enhancement and upgrade challenges are randomly deployed. Teams will be judged on overall performance, score and abilities throughout the event.

This competition is the first of its kind to create a realistic corporate administration and security experience – giving the competitors a chance to compare their education and training against their peers and the real-world challenges that await.

Competition Overview

Over the course of two days, more than 100 student competitors will work to detect and respond to outside threats, including cyber-attacks, while maintaining availability of existing network services such as mail and web servers, respond to business requests such as the addition or removal of additional services, and balance security against varying business needs.

The competition is designed to test each student team’s ability to secure a networked computer system while maintaining standard business functionality. Each team begins the competition with an identical set of hardware and software and is scored on their ability to detect and respond to outside threats while maintaining existing services.

The Competitors

Each team consists of eight full-time students from two-year and four-year colleges and universities from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Missouri, and Wisconsin. The students range in knowledge and experience but are all studying to be the next generation of cybersecurity specialists.



“ Dell SecureWorks is looking to hire people with passion. The students that compete at the Regional level of the CCDC have the enthusiasm we are seeking and we want their resumes. ”

Rudy Ristich
Senior Intrusion Analysis +
Future Operations Team Manager
Dell SecureWorks



SPONSOR BENEFITS

Become a sponsor for the 2026 Midwest Regional CCDC and gain access to the following extraordinary benefits only offered through our competition.

Resume Booklet

All sponsors return from the competition with the best recruiting tool possible... our Resume Booklet. All competitors provide a detailed version of their resume which is compiled into a print and digital booklet for sponsors.

Networking Event

Meet and interview potential new employees during the on-site networking event. The Midwest Regional CCDC provides an opportunity for students and industry professionals to interact and discuss many of the security and operational challenges students will face as they enter the job market.

VIP Tours

Platinum sponsors will be given the opportunity to visit behind the scenes and tour the team competition area in the heat of the contest, which is normally off limits to visitors. Watch your future employees as they work to combat hackers and other security risks.

Red Team Participation

Become a Gold or Platinum sponsor and be part of the action. This unique opportunity allows your company to provide a member for the Red Team. The Red Team works throughout the competition to penetrate the defensive networks of the competitors and provide the “external threat” faced by all internet-based services.

“ The Midwest CCDC is a wonderful opportunity to meet the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. ”

Ed Giles

Senior Vice President
Security Technology/Enterprise Enablement
Northern Trust

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Platinum Sponsor.....\$5,000
Gold Sponsor.....\$2,500
Silver Sponsor\$1,000
Bronze.....\$500

Sponsorship Matrix

	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Logo placement on event website with link back to your company	X	X	X	X
Sponsor listing in event news release	X	X	X	X
Logo placement on event signage		X	X	X
A printed and a digital copy of the Resume Booklet		X	X	X
6-foot table during Networking event		X	X	X
Ability to add additional material to the competitor packets			X	X
Logo placement on Resume Booklet			X	X
Ability to include company employee on the Red Team			1 Employee	2 Employees
Opportunity to address all competitors and attendees during Welcome address on the first day of the competition				X
VIP Tour during competition				X

“ We love being a part of the MWCCDC. Palo Alto Networks is seeking the top talent pool of cybersecurity specialists and this competition suits our needs. ”

Palo Alto Networks

MIDWEST REGIONAL CCDC SPONSORSHIP FORM

YES, please include us as a sponsor at the following level:

- ☐ Platinum Sponsor
- ☐ Gold Sponsor
- ☐ Silver Sponsor
- ☐ Bronze Sponsor

Our sponsorship will include the following monetary and/or in-kind donation:

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- ☐ Yes, use our corporate logo in promotions (*email a high-resolution version of the logo to gonzalezm272@morainevalley.edu*).
Please use the following corporate name when acknowledging our sponsorship:

- ☐ We would like to attend a tour during the event to become better acquainted with the competition for the future.
To make arrangements please contact:

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Title _____

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- ☐ Enclosed is my check and/or money order payable to Midwest CCDC Consortium.
- ☐ Send an invoice for the payment.
- ☐ Call _____ at _____ to make arrangements for our in-kind donation.

Please submit completed forms by March 13, 2026, to be included on all collateral materials.

Midwest CCDC Consortium

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