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U.S. Cyber Challenge and Moraine Valley Community College Hosted Successful Cyber Security Competition in Illinois

*Top cybersecurity talent in Illinois, including many veterans,
participated in intensive cybersecurity instruction and competition*

Palos Hills, IL, August 16, 2013 – U.S. Cyber Challenge, in partnership with Moraine Valley Community College, hosted the U.S. Cyber Challenge Illinois Summer Cyber Camp in Palos Hills, Illinois – 30 miles outside of Chicago. The Summer Cyber Camp was conducted August 12-16, 2013, and included four days of instruction by SANS instructors, a career fair and a cyber competition.

This morning, on August 16, 2013, participants were divided into teams to compete in a “capture the flag” competition. The winning team of the challenge included Dax Earl, Brandon Greene and David Vogel.

The camp curriculum included in-depth workshops on a range of topics, including penetration testing, social engineering, tactical attacks and network forensics – all taught by college faculty, SANS Institute senior instructors and other cyber security experts. The week was capped off by a virtual “capture the flag” competition and awards ceremony on Friday, August 16, 2013 at 1:00pm at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Illinois. Each of the students were awarded a certificate of competition certificate by U.S. Cyber Challenge which was also signed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, a supporter of the cybersecurity workforce development. The awards ceremony included remarks from the Director of CSSIA Erich Spengler, Lead for National Initiative for Cyber Security Education (NICE) Dr. Ernest McDuffie, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Moraine Valley Community College Dr. Pamela Haney, FBI Special Agent Zachary Lowe, Sherman Consulting, Inc. Managing Director Rudy Pamintuan, and James Adgate of (ISC)².

Over 30 individuals attended the Illinois Cyber Camp. Attendees to the invitation-only camp were selected based in part on their scores from Cyber Quests, an online competition offered through the U.S. Cyber Challenge (USCC) in April that drew over a thousand participants from over 400 schools nationwide.

During the camp, participants gained an understanding of the dimensions of the workforce shortage. They learned about opportunities available to them through USCC, its partners and through www.CyberCompEx.org -- allowing participants to continue their career paths.

The 2013 Cyber Summer Camp Series features two national weeklong camps and two statewide camps. The camps are part of several initiatives underway through USCC, a

national campaign focused on identifying and developing cyber security talent to meet the country's critical cyber security workforce needs.

For more information about the Cyber Camp program and each of the specific camps, visit U.S. Cyber Challenge online at www.uscyberchallenge.org.

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About U.S. Cyber Challenge:

U.S. Cyber Challenge (USCC) is a program of the National Board of Information Security Examiners (NBISE), a 501(c)3 organization, and has the mission to significantly reduce the shortage in the cyber workforce by serving as the premier program to identify, attract, recruit and place the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. USCC's goal is to find 10,000 of America's best and brightest to fill the ranks of cybersecurity professionals where their skills can be of the greatest value to the nation.