

A cyber team from the School of Information Security and Applied Computing at Eastern Michigan recently placed second at the Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) in Grand Rapids, Michigan on February 25th. This competition is primarily defensive based, and they completed against 11 other teams from several other colleges and universities across Michigan.

The team consisted of Jacob Rickerd (team leader), Alex Fisher, Adam Flickema, David Gibson, Gillian Lemke, Alex Prindle, Brad Squilletts, and Seth Rasmussen. Joe Eastman, the Information Assurance Student Association Advisor led the effort of coaching and advising the team. In their effort to be prepared for this event, the team training focused on learning, logistics, and practice in order to embrace the Cyber Security spirit. The achievement was possible by the commitment of students, extensive training, and the knowledge of Cyber Defense acquired at EMU and how to apply it directly for a possible scenario way possible in Cyber Defense: performing in a hostile technical environment where the team build and maintain defense while being attacked constantly.

The EMU Cyber Security program and training prepares students to excel through real life cases like this cyber trial by fire, which prepare our students to be more confident in both skills set and aptitude to take on more challenges technical obstacles when they join the workforce.