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Saint Augustine's College computer science students win first place at conference

Raleigh — Three Saint Augustine's College computer science students took top honors at the Students & Technology in Academia Research and Service Alliance (STARS) conference held Aug. 10-13 in Auburn, Ala.

Samuel Jean-Phillip, Kristen Respers and Christopher Assi each won a \$100 award for the SPARCS Middle School Outreach project. During the project, Jean-Phillip, Respers and Assi, along with students from North Carolina State University, offered seven technology workshops for Centennial Campus Middle School students. The sessions were designed to broaden interest and participation in computing by developing activities that make computer science fun for young people.

The project is offered through an \$855,463 grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant funds the program for three years. This year's SPARCS program begins in September.

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