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Enterprise Computing Conference: Connecting Students to Jobs



Before we connect students with jobs, they must have the skills and exposure to the technology that industry requires.

- Educators expect industry to Assist and Enable
- Business leaders expect educators to Motivate and Pull technology



Examples of Success at ECC

IBM Academic Initiative System z update

- **1,067 Academic Initiative System z member schools** reaching students in 67 countries (more than half outside the US)
- **Mainframe Contests** - 43,825 students from 32 countries, high schools, colleges, and universities
 - 12 contests (spanning 25 countries) planned in 2012

Germany, Switzerland, Austria (new), Poland (new), Australia, Spain (new), China, Taiwan, Brazil, Mexico, Spanish South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela), United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine

Additional possibilities include: Japan (new), India (new)

www.ibm.com/university/contest

- **z/OS Mastery Test** - 3,246 students from 40 countries attempted the test
 - Test Z05 System z fundamentals Mastery – NEW
 - 2012 No cost voucher offering for students

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Industry & Academic Proof Points

- **7 Recent Case Studies** (educators, students, clients)
<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/university/systemz/casestudies.html>
- **3 YouTube Videos** (educators, students, industry)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GPC3sM0UQg>
- **Job Board (SystemzJobs.com)** - a no-fee service that connects students and experienced professionals with clients, partners, and businesses.

Systemzjobs.com

Academic Panelists

Professors

- **David Dischiave**
Syracuse University
- **Dr. David Douglas**
University of Arkansas

Students

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- **Andrew Evans**
Marist College
- **Justin Gordon**
Widener University
- **Calvin MacKenzie**
University of Texas at Austin
- **Vance Morris**
West Texas A&M University
- **Ronald Rutkowski**
Illinois State University

• Important Web sites and contacts

- IBM Academic Initiative
 - ▶ ibm.com/university/academicinitiative
- Academic Initiative for the Mainframe
 - ▶ ibm.com/university/systemz
- IBM Academic Initiative Student Portal
 - ▶ ibm.com/university/students
- IBM System z certification and mastery test
 - ▶ ibm.com/certify/mastery_tests/ovrZ05.shtml
- System z Job Board
 - ▶ SystemzJobs.com
- IBM Master the Mainframe Contest
 - ▶ ibm.com/university/contest

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