Dr. Tom Nedorost joined UCF in 2012 as a lecturer of computer science and information technology. He serves as faculty sponsor and coach of the UCF Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition Team, and is the faculty advisor for Hack@UCF.

Dr. Nedorost lauds the team’s success. “Seeing a team rise to become the national champion in cyber defense in its second season is a clear indication that our students at UCF are incredibly talented and dedicated to the field of cyber security.”

“I’m very optimistic about the team’s future. But we need community support to take us to the next level, and I look forward to leading the charge.”

**Established in 2013, they won the 2014 national title in the Raytheon National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition.**

**They beat 179 other teams including Rochester Institute of Technology, University of California Berkeley, U.S. Air Force Academy and Southern Methodist University.**

**They brought the highly-coveted Alamo Cup home to Orlando.**

**UCF’s national champion team photo was displayed in Times Square, New York City.**

**AND THEY’RE JUST GETTING STARTED!**

** ABOUT THE TEAM**

In 2013, the UCF Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition Team was born from the 200-member Collegiate Cyber Defense Club at the University of Central Florida (also known as Hack@UCF).

In just two years, the team has won the 2013 and 2014 Southeast Collegiate Cyber Defense Competitions, and the 2014 national title.

Team members practice two evenings and one weekend day per week, in addition to carrying full-time course loads. Practices are performed in a simulated corporate environment that is randomly attacked by current computer viruses, spyware and other malicious hacking methods. As the threats are presented, the team responds as they would in real-world scenarios: by quickly analyzing the attack and developing effective cyber defenses.

Outside of group practice, team members spend considerable time researching cyber defense topics and techniques to prepare their teammates for future practice sessions.

All 2014 national championship team members are eligible to compete in 2015.

**COLLEGIATE CYBER DEFENSE CLUB @ UCF**

Established in 2012 to promote cyber security awareness in the community, the University of Central Florida’s Collegiate Cyber Defense Club (Hack@UCF) meets weekly during the academic year, hosts guest speakers, provides training in offensive and defensive security techniques, and participates in virtual international “Capture-The-Flag” security competitions under the name Knightsec.

**LEARN MORE...**
YOUR SUPPORT WILL INSPIRE FUTURE SUCCESS
The UCF Collegiate Cyber Defense Team plans to continue its winning record for years to come.
Your much needed financial support will help keep the team’s practice space modern and high-tech. Your support will enable team members’ extraordinary time commitment and inspire their dedication to make a difference for UCF and for the nation’s cyber security.

CONTACT
If you or your company is interested in helping the team perpetuate their amazing success, see a variety of sponsorship levels below and contact Robin Knight for more opportunities at (407) 362-8751 or robin.knight@ucf.edu.

LEVELS OF SUPPORT

PLATINUM SPONSOR $10,000+/YEAR
• All lower level benefits plus
• Sponsor’s name/logo prominently embroidered on the sleeve of the CCDC team’s official uniform shirts worn during competition and special events
• Sponsor invited to observe spring CCDC Team practice sessions
• Sponsor invited to meet the CCDC Team members
• Photo opportunity with Sponsor representatives, CCDC team members, and the massive National CCDC Championship trophy (while the trophy is displayed at UCF)
• Sponsor invited to conduct a 30-minute recruiting session during a weekly CCDC club meeting
• Sponsor receives 5 additional club T-shirts (total of 10 shirts)

GOLD SPONSOR $5,000+/YEAR
• All lower level benefits plus
• Sponsor’s name/logo prominently displayed on club’s website home page
• Sponsor designated as the Team’s host sponsor of a Capture-The-Flag competition
• Sponsor receives 2 additional club T-shirts (total of 5 shirts)

SILVER SPONSOR $3,000+/YEAR
• All lower level benefits plus
• Sponsor’s name/logo displayed on the back side of the CCDC club T-shirt
• Access to resumes of club and team members in our digital archive
• Sponsor job/internship postings will be distributed to club and team members
• Sponsor receives 3 club T-shirts

BRONZE SPONSOR $1,500+/YEAR
• All lower level benefits plus
• Sponsor’s name/logo listed on the Sponsor page of the club’s website
• Sponsor designated as the host sponsor of a weekly club meeting and company representatives will be recognized, if present, at the meeting

DONATIONS $500+/YEAR
• Thank you letter on behalf of the UCF CCDC Team from the Collegiate Cyber Defense Club @ UCF
• Open invitation to attend the weekly club meetings and events