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Summary: Andy Korth and Tyler Hutchison won one of the two best undergraduate paper awards for their paper during the Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium 2007 held April 20-21 in Grand Forks, N.D.

(April 25, 2007)-Andy Korth and Tyler Hutchison won one of the two best undergraduate paper awards for their paper "On the impact of geography and local mating in evolutionary computation" with Nic McPhee, computer science faculty, during the Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium 2007 held April 20-21 in Grand Forks, N.D.

Korth, Hutchison and Scott Lembcke also took first place out of 42 teams during the programming contest, with a second UMM team – Emily Christiansen, Eli Mayfield and Daniel Selifonov – placing eighth. The first-place team won \$500, which they split four ways, donating a quarter of their winnings to UMM's computer science discipline.

“We had a total of four fine papers presented by UMM computer science students and all the presentations went really well,” said McPhee. The bulk of UMM’s computer science students attended the event.

The Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium is a regional conference dedicated to providing higher education participants an educational experience focused on the integration of computer-based technology in the teaching and learning processes of all disciplines and the incorporation of the study of this technology in the curriculum. The Symposium was established in 1967, making it one of the nation's oldest conferences focusing on sharing creative thinking about computer-related issues and their opportunities and implementation at smaller institutions of higher education.

Additional photos of the Symposium, taken by McPhee, can be seen at [CSci Photos](#).

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