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Lembcke, Sam BeVier and Machkasova presented their work on "Specialization of Java Generic Types." Andy Lopez presented a paper on "A Core Course on Systems for a Liberal Arts Curriculum," and Emily Christiansen and Machkasova presented their research, "On Meaning Preservation of a Calculus of Records."

UMM computer science faculty members, Dian and Andy Lopez, also attended the MICS Steering Committee meeting and each chaired two paper sessions for the conference.

In addition, UMM students Jon Quarfoth and Andy Korth presented their research at the National Undergraduate Research Conference (NCUR) in Asheville, N. C. Their work, with Dian Lopez, was titled "Parallel Computing Using MPI And Task Allocation Algorithms."

Photo: First-place winners

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