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USF's Institute of Transportation Engineers Takes First Place in District 10 Traffic Bowl

Student group makes a come from behind victory and now heads to the national competition.

TAMPA, Fla (June 18, 2012) A team of civil engineering students took first place in the annual Traffic Bowl sponsored by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) at the organization's summer meeting held June 14 in Daytona Beach. The team was comprised of graduate students Menna Yassin, Lyndonia Smith, Kyle Taniguchi and alternate Qing Wang, current USF ITE Student Chapter president.

The Traffic Bowl is a Jeopardy-style event in which university teams answer questions that are primarily selected from several reference manuals used by transportation engineers. Questions can range from the numeric (such as asking the minimum mounting height of a sign) to definition-type questions.

USF competed in the District 10 event where five university teams (UF, FIU, Univ. of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, UCF, and USF) competed in elimination rounds with UF and USF emerging as the victors heading into the final round. Though competition was fierce, the USF team made a come-from-behind win and now heads to Atlanta to represent ITE District 10 at the International ITE Conference in August. USF will face eight other schools from the United States and Canada at the international conference.

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