 

February 1, 2013

**Miami University's**

**26th Annual High School Programming Contest**

**Saturday, April 13, 2013**

Dear Computer Science/Mathematics Educator:

Miami University's Computer Science and Software Engineering Department is pleased to invite you to our **Twenty-sixth Annual High School Computer Programming Contest** to be held Saturday April 13, 2013 at Miami University's Oxford campus. Each school may send teams consisting of one to four participating members from grades 9-12 and one adult advisor who does not participate in the actual contest. Contestants will use PC-compatible computers and programming languages C/C++, C#, Java, Python, or Visual Basic to solve at least eight problems with varying degrees of difficulty; no other languages will be supported. Check-in and the practice contest begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by time for your teams to get lunch. The four-hour competition begins promptly at 12:30, and the awards ceremony around 4:45 p.m. We encourage you to visit the contest website at:

[**http://tinyurl.com/cse-contest**](http://tinyurl.com/cse-contest)

to examine sample problems and solutions, schedule, rules, previous results, and information about the contest environment. Advisors are encouraged to review previous years' problem sets to determine if the contest is appropriate for their students.

**Register your school online** using the "Registration" link at the contest website, listed above. There you will find information about mailing your payment. The cost is $75 per team, which includes a t-shirt for each student.

**The registration deadline is Monday, April 1.**  Since space is limited and we want to give all schools an equal chance to register, we will confirm registration for only one team per school until the registration deadline. If any spaces remain available following the deadline, multiple team requests will be considered. Although we will acknowledge receipt of multiple entries when they are submitted, you will not be advised whether or not additional entries are accepted until the deadline passes.

If you have any questions concerning the contest, please address correspondence to **nguyenp@miamioh.edu**. If you have received this letter by mistake, please forward it to the advisor of past programming teams, the advisor of your student computer organization or an appropriate computer science instructor. **If you know of other schools that might be interested in participating, please feel free to pass this information along to them as well.**

Sincerely,

Mike Zmuda,

Organizer,

Miami University High School Computer Programming Contest