
**USACO TEAM BRINGS HOME
THE GOLD**

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Last issue, I wrote all about the USA Computing Olympiad and the USA Invitational Computer Olympiad. We chose four students to represent the U.S.A. at the International Olympiad on Informatics, the high school programming world championships, which were held in Nowy Sacz, Poland, August 18–25.

I am delighted to report that our four students excelled. Veterans Eric Price and Alex Schwendner joined with John Pardon and Matt McCutchen to garner four gold medals. Eric Price achieved the rare perfect score, earning 300 points on each day of the competition.



LEFT TO RIGHT: ALEX SCHWENDNER, ERIC PRICE, JOHN PARDON, MATT MCCUTCHEN

This is an extraordinary event, rarely achieved and almost never repeated. That being said, both China and the Slovak Republic also won four gold medals, leaving only 12 medals for the remaining 67 countries.

The 2005–2006 season is gearing up with contests scheduled for:

- December 9–12, 2005
- January 13–16, 2006
- February 10–13, 2006
- March 17–20, 2006
- April 27, 2006

If you know pre-college students who would enjoy competing, please send them to <http://www.usaco.org> to learn all about how it works.

Thanks to USENIX for their tremendous support over the years!

The USACO continues to strive to accomplish its mission with an expanding number of programs and qualifying events. If you'd like to assist or if your organization would like to support the USACO, please contact Rob Kolstad at kolstad@usenix.org.