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## Cisco Live Dream Team: Student Positions Available



**Mark Your Calendars  
for the following  
events from the  
ASCP!**

March 17, 3:00 ET  
Student Learning:  
Games Arcade and  
Cisco Aspire

April 14, 3:00 ET  
Academy Success  
Dashboard: Analytics

May 5, 3:00 ET  
Cisco PACT

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Each year, thousands of Cisco customers and partners, along with IT and communications professionals, attend Cisco Live for an unparalleled combination of education and training on the latest technologies and trends. This year, Cisco Live will host over 10,000 attendees in San Diego, California from June 7-11, 2015.

Cisco is soliciting applications for ten (10) post-secondary Networking Academy students and alumni from the U.S. and Canada to become part of the Cisco Live Dream Team for 2015. Selected candidates will work with Cisco engineers to help set up the NOC (Networking Operating Center) at the San Diego



## Tenure Policies Under Federal Scrutiny

A portion of a 2011 Indiana state law that would allow tenured teachers to be fired before non-tenured teachers in the case of a reduction in force is unconstitutional, according to a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge William T. Lawrence ruled Thursday that a tenured Madison Consolidated Schools teacher laid off during a reduction in force (RIF) in 2013 should not have had his contract canceled, because six non-tenured teachers were retained for positions he was certified for.

Lawrence found that a provision of a 2011 teacher

Convention Center, maintain the physical layer, and respond to support needs.

Cisco Live has become a coveted opportunity for students and alumni to interact with industry professionals, and develop real-world troubleshooting and customer service skills. Post-secondary candidates are nominated by their academy instructors to apply for the Dream Team, and submit applications and short videos demonstrating their desire to pursue an IT career, along with examples of their technical aptitude and civic/community service.

2015 Dream Team applicants must be:

- at least age 21 as of June 1, 2015
- enrolled in an academy course during 2014-15 school year
- available to travel to San Diego for at least ten (10) consecutive days between June 2-13
- CCENT certified or completion of CCNA 1 & 2
- able to perform required physical tasks (i.e. extensive walking, lifting) over long hours, possibly including a night shift
- able to pay for incidental costs during the trip
- able to provide a written recommendation from an academy instructor

Cisco will provide each Dream Team student with:

- Flights to and from San Diego, California
- Hotel room + room tax
- Meals while at Cisco Live
- Event pass (keynote, sessions, etc.)
- Cisco certification exam voucher

Nominate your top students now by pointing them to the [info page](#) to learn about the opportunity and how to apply. They must be age 21 or older by June 1.

Cisco Live will be held this year in June in San Diego, California.

The deadline for this once in a lifetime opportunity is March 30th, 2015!

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accountability law which allowed schools to consider performance rather than seniority in RIF situations violated teacher Joseph Elliott's contractual rights as a tenured teacher under the 1927 Teachers' Tenure Act.

The state and the MCS school board argued unsuccessfully that "the 'concept of tenure' does not at its core refer to the right of tenured teachers to be retained over non-tenured teachers in the event of a reduction in force."

Lawrence found that argument unpersuasive, saying to hold otherwise would be "contrary to the entire spirit and purpose of the [Teacher's Tenure] Act" and would permit administrators to do "indirectly that

## Internet of Everything Impacts Jobs



Soon your students will be graduating and entering the workforce. Give your students a tactical advantage by equipping them with knowledge of the job market necessary for continued success.

To meet growing demand in areas such as big data, cloud computing, mobility, security, and software-defined networking in this era of the Internet of Everything, companies will need to get creative and upskill their employees. Check out Cisco's white paper to discover more than two dozen job roles that represent fertile ground for growth and enable your students to achieve in the workplace.

[Click here for the White Paper on the rising trends in the job market.](#)

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## Netriders: Last Week to Register!



which the law expressly forbids him to do directly."

The court's ruling said state law already provided means for underperforming teachers to be terminated, and that there is "simply no basis for the repeated assertion of the state and board that" the RIF provision is necessary to protect Indiana students from "ineffective" teaching.

The ruling was hailed as a victory by the Indiana State Teacher's Association.

"It's a victory for teachers who have experience and are good at what they do," said ISTA president Teresa Meredith. "We're definitely encouraged by the verdict. It takes away the fear for an experienced teacher that because of that

## NetRiders 2015 Schedule for USA and Canada

Registration is open Monday, February 16 - Friday, March 20

	CCNA	CCENT	IT Essentials
Round 1	Thursday, April 9	Wednesday, April 8	Tuesday, April 7
Round 2	Wednesday, April 29	Tuesday, April 28	Thursday, April 30
Round 1&2 Times	4:00 - 9:00 pm EDT 3:00 - 8:00 pm CDT 2:00 - 7:00 pm MDT 1:00 - 6:00 pm PDT	4:00 - 8:00 pm EDT 3:00 - 7:00 pm CDT 2:00 - 6:00 pm MDT 1:00 - 5:00 pm PDT	4:00 - 8:00 pm EDT 3:00 - 7:00 pm CDT 2:00 - 6:00 pm MDT 1:00 - 5:00 pm PDT
Round 3	Tuesday, May 19	Exam times CCNA Round 3 - to be scheduled with competitors	

The Regional 2015 Cisco Networking Academy United States and Canada NetRiders Skills Competitions are open to Cisco Networking Academy students in the United States. This is a great opportunity for students to compete against other students to test their ICT/networking skills and gain recognition with potential employers.

This year, we are offering **3 levels of competitions** (CCNA, CCENT and IT Essentials) for the United States and Canada.

- The competitions will be offered in **English and French**, but students may only compete in **one language**.
- Students may only compete in one level each calendar year.
- Beginning with 2015, they may only compete **one time** in each level (CCNA, CCENT or IT Essentials).
- Please help your students to be **strategic selecting the competition level** that they meet all eligibility requirements for and that this is the best year to take that specific level (CCNA, CCENT, or IT Essentials).

Registration will be open from **Monday, February 16, 2015 through Friday, March 20, 2015**.

Students will need an enrollment key to register. Here are the 2015 keys:



experience they'll be let go to keep a teacher who makes less."

Source: [WRTV](#)

Competition	KEY	Who should enroll?	Competition content
CCNA	<a href="#">USCAN_2015_CCNA</a>	Currently enrolled in or completed in last 10 months the <b>3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> CCNA course</b>	Geared toward CCNA certifications with a few IoE and soft skills questions per round
CCENT	<a href="#">USCAN_2015_CCENT</a>	Currently enrolled in or completed in last 10 months the <b>1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> CCNA course</b>	Geared toward CCENT certification with a few IoE and soft skills questions per round
IT Essentials	<a href="#">USCAN_2015_IITE</a>	Currently enrolled in or completed in last 10 months the <b>IT Essentials course</b>	Geared toward IT Essentials course content with a few IoE and soft skills questions per round

Instructors may use the same keys to enroll in one, two or all three competition levels. Within 72 hours of enrolling, instructors will be moved into an Instructor-Observer role, which allows them to view the list of students enrolled where they can sort by state/province or academy.

There will also be a **Practice Site** open during Registration and the entire competition period.

**Please encourage your students to participate in this exciting event!**

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## Upcoming ASCP Webinar: Student Learning with Gamification

There are many engaging and fun tools that Cisco provides as part of the Networking Academy. These tools facilitate student learning through competitive and enjoyable methods. Join us as we present a few of the ways in which learning the basics of networking can be fun.

This webinar will take place Tuesday, March 17th at 3:00 pm EDT (GMT-04:00). The session will take place on the Cisco Webex platform.

### Details:

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To start the session  
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1. Go to:

<https://ciscolearning.webex.com/ciscolearning/k2/j.php?>

[MTID=tfd9f7770ff9eaefd2756a6cbb4ad6969](#)

2. Log in to your account.
3. Click "Start Now".
4. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen.

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