



# RISSC REPORT

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### Security Tips from SANS on Twitter:

**#security-tip** - Beware of Shoulder Surfing. A person who is standing near as you fill out a form ...

**#security-tip** - Be better than James Bond. Choose your password wisely ...

**#security-tip** - Paper files Have to Be Protected Too. The most serious leaks happen through very human methods ...

**#security-tip** - Nobody from the Help Desk needs your Password to troubleshoot ...

**#security-tip** - Use caution when opening email attachments: Email attachments are a common tool for attackers ...

**#security-tip** - Never wear your name badge out of the office. Exposing your badge permits identity thieves ...

*Source: Tweets from SANS Institute July/Aug 2009*

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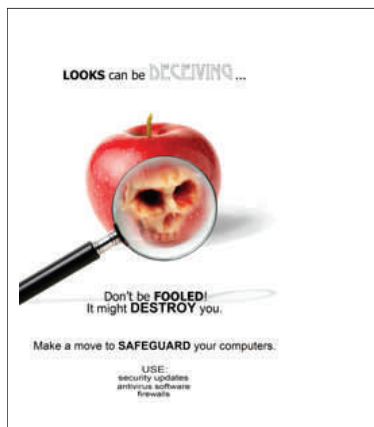
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## RISSC VIDEO/POSTER CONTEST RESULTS

In an effort to help build security awareness on the RISSC partner campuses, RISSC sponsored an inaugural Student Video and Poster Contest in April 2009. The contest was promoted on each of the RISSC campuses and open to fulltime students from any discipline at any of the RISSC Partner Institutions.

A couple of videos and quite a few posters were submitted online by the April 26th contest deadline. A volunteer judging panel, comprised of Scott Kerfoot, Microsoft; Adam Alvarado, Ace Productions; Edson Gin, Consultant; Joe Luna, Logic Security Solutions and Javier Torner, CTO at CSUSB, had the difficult task of sorting through the entries.

RISSC personnel, a few of the judges and some of the students gathered on May 13th



*The 1st and 2nd Place winners for the 2009 RISSC Student Poster and Video Contest were announced at a special reception in May, 2009 on the Mt. SAC Campus. From right, 1st place, Kira Espenilla and 2nd Place, Jenna Anderson both from Mt. SAC.*

for an awards reception in Founder's Hall on the Mt. SAC Campus.

Kira Espenilla, a Graphic Arts student at Mt. SAC, won the 1st place award. Along with the award came a check

for \$300 and a trip to Washington, DC in October, 2009 to present her work at the annual NSF-Advanced Technology Education Conference. One of her classmates, Jenna Anderson, (continued on page 2)

## WHAT IS RISSC?

As you continue to use technology in your classrooms, offices and in your homes, the security of your computer should be of your utmost concern. It is essential that you ensure your computer's physical security, protect the integrity of the data on your computer and your own privacy. The Regional Information Systems Security Center

(RISSC) at Mt. SAC is interested in helping you with all of these important objectives.

With the support of a National Science Foundation Advanced Technology Education Grant, RISSC is dedicated to computer security. The main areas of focus are workforce development, curriculum development, outreach

and dissemination. RISSC has an active Industry Advisory Board and welcomes new members. RISSC also offers a variety of classes, certificates and degrees at Mt. SAC and at RISSC Partner Institutions; Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State LA, Cal State Dominguez Hills and Long Beach City College.

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[Parviz Partow-Navid](#)



**Cal State Dominguez Hills Carson, CA**  
[Mohsen Beheshti](#)



**Long Beach City College Long Beach, CA**  
[John Hugunin](#)

**RISSC PARTNER ACTIVITIES OR WHAT WE DID ON OUR SUMMER VACATIONS**

In the academic world, summer is often the time to regroup, re-energize and refresh. The proper setting: a desert island, a white sandy beach? For a number of our RISSC partners, this summer provided opportunities to exchange knowledge about information assurance and computer security with colleagues throughout the state and country.

Parviz Partow-Navid, Cal State Los Angeles, attended a two day Council for Emergency Management and Homeland Security

(CEMHS) Summit in late June at the CSU Chancellor's Office. Much of the second day was dedicated exclusively to curriculum development across a broad range of disciplines.

Dan Manson, Cal Poly Pomona hosted a Computer Forensics Workshop for Brea Olinda's Global IT High School students. Here's a [link](#) to a story about the workshop.

Dan Manson and Mohsen Beheshti, Cal State Dominguez Hills, attended the Colloquium for Information Systems Security Education in

early June in Seattle. Here's a [link](#) to a CD-ROM of the complete proceedings.

RISSC Director, Robert Loya, stayed close to home on the Mt. SAC Campus. However, he spent some time in the campus' broadcasting studio working with teleprompters and cameras developing a multimedia presentation. "Ten Ways to Keep Your Computer Safe" won't be coming soon to a theater near you but it's likely to be available on the [RISSC Website](#) in a few months.

**RISSC POSTER/VIDEO (CONT.)**

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was awarded 2nd place and Frank Senn, a Computer Security student at Mt. SAC took home the 3rd place award.

The contest was modeled after the annual [Educause](#) Computer Security and Awareness Poster and Video Contest.



The RISSC entrants were also invited to submit their entries to the national [Educause](#) contest for an opportunity to win additional recognition and prizes. The [Educause](#) winners were just announced in mid-August and RISSC wishes to extend special congratulations to Kira Espenilla for her 3rd place finish in the national competition! Look for more info regarding the [RISSC 2010 Contest](#) this spring.

**SOCIAL MEDIA & SECURITY?**

Social Networking sites have never been more popular, whether it be MySpace, Facebook and now the current leader in terms of exponential growth, Twitter. And, although most of have learned since childhood not to talk to

strangers, the prevalence of so many of these social networking sites throws that old adage out the window and presents a modern day dichotomy. Can you, your employees or your students use these sites, "talk to strangers" and even people you know well, and still keep your computers safe from hackers and other threats? In light of the recent attacks that have crippled Twitter for a few days in early August, we bring you more information on the topic:

- David Coursey [PC World](#) takes a look at whether companies should follow the lead of the Marines and ban the sites altogether.
- Ian Paul at [Computer World](#)
- concurs that a ban makes sense.
- Mike Schaffner, [Forbes](#), calls for both corporate and personal responsibility.
- Robert Siciliano [Huffington Post](#), explores the fine line between security and privacy.
- [Social Media Security](#) is a clearinghouse of information with resources related to Social Media's vulnerabilities.



**Is the concept of Social Media & Security feasible?**

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