The SIU Student Web Development Team is participating in the Web Project Competition, sponsored by the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP). The team is composed of five students (Peter Schorsch, Lee Cooper, Cody Lingle, Ren Jing, and Ziyad Alotaibi) who are currently enrolled in the Information Systems Technologies (IST) program at SIU. The faculty advisor is Dr. Andrey Soares, an Assistant Professor in Information Systems Technologies.

The team has been working since Fall 2015 on a fully functional web application to support the activities of the future Midwest Water Polo Society (MWWPS), which is being formed to assist the development of the sport in the Midwest. The application will provide a way for teams to communicate and schedule competitions.

The team will present results of their work at the AITP National Collegiate Conference and Career Fair held from April 7-10, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois. Team members will also use this opportunity to enter other competitions such as Database Design, System Analysis and Design, PC Troubleshooting and Network Design. This is a great opportunity for the students to practice what they learned in class and to demonstrate the skills built in the IST program.

Currently, the team is working on a fundraising campaign to help cover the expenses for registration, lodging, transportation, food and t-shirts. To help funding the SIU Student Web Development Team, please visit: [https://www.gofundme.com/siucaitp](https://www.gofundme.com/siucaitp) or contact the faculty advisor, Dr. Andrey Soares (asoares@siu.edu).