

## AACC Students Win Annual Community College Ethics Bowl

A team of five students from Anne Arundel Community College prevailed at the 2009 Community College Ethics Bowl sponsored by the University of Baltimore's Hoffberger Center for Professional Ethics. This year's event was hosted by the Community College Baltimore County (CCBC) Dundalk Campus on Saturday, April 18.

Participating AACC students included Charles Dickson of Fort Washington, an engineering major; Grant Hadsell of Severna Park, a political science major; Oliver Minall of Bowie, an engineering major; Sara Stallworth of Bowie, a law and jurisprudence major; and Chris Straight of Crofton, a law and jurisprudence major. Qualified students earned credit in the Honors program.

The competition was based on 10 case studies that posed moral and ethical dilemmas. Although the cases were distributed in advance, participants did not know which cases they would be required to address until they were actually facing an opposing team. In three different sessions, each team set forth the primary argument for a particular case and then responded to another team's argument for a different case. No notes could be taken into the sessions.

Possible topics included: biofuels; medical outsourcing; client confidentiality; high-occupancy toll lanes; surreptitious DNA gathering; active military losing child custody; slow medical care for the elderly; convicted women raising their babies in prison; Cherokee tribal status for descendants of slaves; and genetic information nondiscrimination.

In addition to AACC, competing teams hailed from the Baltimore Police Academy, Baltimore City Community College, CCBC Catonsville Campus, CCBC Dundalk Campus, CCBC Essex Campus, Howard Community College and Montgomery College/Gaithersburg High School.

Faculty mentors for the AACC team included head coach Kevin Murphy, instructor, Philosophy; Monna Clark, professor, Legal Studies; Jill Voran, professor, Speech; Katherine Voss, Honors staff; and Sue Wilson, adjunct faculty, Legal Studies.

Last year's competition was hosted by Baltimore City Community College. Next year's event will be hosted by Anne Arundel.