

APICS 2nd Annual Boston Area Student Case Competition

Saturday April 03, 2010

Competition Questions and Answers

Note: Please check the **Competition Agenda** and the **Competition Rules** posted on this website for additional information about our 2nd Annual Case Competition

Who may be on a Team?

Any Graduate or Undergraduate currently enrolled in a part-time or full-time program may participate in the competition.

Do I have to be an APICS Member or an APICS Student Chapter Member?

No. The competition is open to all students, but we hope that your participation in the competition will show you the value of APICS and that you will join!

The competition is called the "Boston Area Competition," do I have to be from the Boston area to compete?

No. The competition is called *The Boston Area Student Case* competition because that's where we started, but we welcome Students and Guests from any geographical location!

If I participate, what will I get from the day?

You'll get a lot!

- You'll practice your business skills on a case drawn from a real-world challenge.
- You will present your case solution to Judges who are senior level industry practitioners and will ask questions and challenge your findings - great practice for your next job!
- You'll have a great resume-building experience.
- You will have the opportunity to meet and talk with students from other colleges, APICS members, and industry practitioners.

I want my college to be represented, what do I do?

If you're an educator, placement professional, or interested APICS Member, just contact some motivated students and suggest that they form a Team.

I'm a student, and I want to participate in this event, what do I do?

All you need to do is find 3 other interested students and you have your Team! If you have formed a Team, congratulations, you are the Team Leader! Go to the link for Register a Graduate / Undergraduate Team and sign up!

What is a Team Leader's responsibility?

First, you must register your Team. Then, the Team Leader is the focal point for all communication up to and after the competition. You will receive competition information from Boston APICS, and it is your responsibility to make certain that everyone on your Team is informed and ready to participate on competition day.

Who may be a Team Leader?

The Team Leader is the person who pulled your Team together. A Team Leader may be a student, a professor, a placement office professional, or an innocent bystander.

How do we register for the competition?

Once a Team Leader registers his/her team, the four students on the team are registered for the competition and the full day - nothing else is required.

A Team Leader who is not a student should register his/her team but must also register himself/herself as a Guest for the competition.

Any other person who is not involved with a team - APICS member, Chapter member, professor, faculty advisor, interested professional, etc. should register as a Guest (at no charge).

Why would I want to be a Guest at the competition?

Because this is a fun, exciting, dynamic event!

We will have almost 100 highly motivated graduate and undergraduate students coming early on a Saturday morning to spend 4 hours analyzing a real-world case and then making an interactive presentation to a panel of Judges who are senior executives in operations management.

- Are you looking for a new employee?
- Does your business need some consulting assistance from a team of students mentored by a professor?
- Interested in networking?

Are Graduates and Undergraduates competing together?

No. This year we will have parallel competitions for Graduates and Undergraduates.

Is there a financial investment?

Yes, but it is small compared to the value. The only cost for the competition day is a \$100 non-refundable registration fee for each Team. This fee covers everything you need for the day (except your PC), including the competition, continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks.

If you are traveling from a long distance, you may incur travel costs, a hotel stay, and meals costs outside of the competition.

Most of the event costs will be covered through the generosity of Bryant University, APICS Chapters, and Company donations.

When do we have to pay our registration fee?

The registration fee must be paid when you register; your team will not be registered unless payment is made in full.

I am a student without transportation, how do I get to Bryant?

If we have sufficient students who have no way to get to Bryant, we will investigate the possibility of commercial transportation. Other options might be family, friends, carpools, or college-sponsored transportation.

Is there a hotel nearby?

Yes. There is a Hampton Inn approximately one mile from the Bryant campus main entrance. There is a Comfort Suites less than a mile from the entrance. If you are making overnight arrangements, please email Bob Hurley at academics@bostonapics.org

Are there prizes?

Yes, we have prizes!

- \$600 to each First Place Graduate and Undergraduate Team
- \$400 to each Second Place Graduate and Undergraduate Team
- \$200 to each Third Place Graduate and Undergraduate Team
- Other awards and drawings to be determined.

Is the day challenging, exciting, and fun?

You bet!

- Last year, on a scale of 1 to 5 (3 is average), 93% of the competitors rated their enjoyment of the day a 4 or 5 (100% 3 or higher).
- Last year 86% said they would participate again with a 4 or 5 rating, and 100% responded with 3 or higher!
- Look at our web page for some of last year's student comments.

How should I prepare?

If you're a Team Leader you need to register your Team and share some emails with your teammates prior to and after the competition. That's it! Then, arrive on time on April 03, 2010 ready to go.

Still have questions?

Email Bob Hurley, Boston APICS, VP of Student and Academic Activities at academics@bostonapics.org