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**College Students Demonstrate Their Knowledge of Industrial Operations Management at Annual APICS Event**

*Northeast District Student Case Competition award winners announced*

Boston, Mass., May 17, 2011: The Third Annual APICS Northeast District Student Case Competition was recently held on the campus of Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut. The event was hosted by the Boston and New Haven chapters of APICS, the Association for Operations Management.

This annual competition allows college students to showcase their skills in and knowledge of the field of operations management. Each team of competitors is presented a case to analyze, which includes specific problems for which they must develop solutions to present to the judges. These cases are developed to mirror real-world issues the students likely will face when they are hired in the field of operations. The solution are judged on criteria including feasibility, originality, and whether or not they reflect a clear understanding of the core competencies of operations management.

Sixty-eight students from 11 different universities competed in this year's event, which was held on Saturday, April 16. Both graduate and undergraduate students participated, and they were judged in separate tracks. Nine teams competed in the Graduate division and seven teams in the Undergraduate. First prize in each division was a cash award of \$1,200 for the team, with second place winning \$800, and third place taking home \$500. In addition, the top five winning teams in each division also received free student memberships to the APICS chapter of their choice.

Executives from a diverse group of industries served as judges for the event. Companies represented included BD Biosciences, Bigelow Tea, BASF, Dupont, Welch's, GN Netcom, Webster Industries, GE, and Covidien.

Here are the 2011 winning teams:

Graduate Division

1st Place - Boston University comprising of Graduate students **Jane Fowles, Matt Fox, Ravi Kolipaka, and Tim Moran.**

2nd Place - The University of Connecticut\*

3rd Place - The University of Connecticut\*

Undergraduate Division

1st Place – Northeastern University comprising of **Tom Ackerman, Stefanie Barron, Spencer Murray, and Dan Wittstein.**

2nd Place - Rutgers Business School

3rd Place - Bryant University

\*Schools could enter more than one team in each division

Colleges represented at the 2011 Student Case Competition were:

- Boston University
- Bryant University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Northeastern University
- Quinnipiac University
- Rutgers
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Western Connecticut State University
- The University of Buffalo
- The University of Connecticut
- The University of Massachusetts, Boston

This competition not only allows students to showcase their knowledge in a fun and supportive atmosphere, but it also gives them a unique opportunity to network with industry leaders face-to-face. The chance to shine in front of these high-level business leaders can put students on track for career success. Competitors come away with a prestigious experience to note on their resumes, as well as valuable contacts for their post-graduation job search.

#### About APICS

APICS, The Association for Operations Management, is a not-for-profit international educational organization respected throughout the world for its education and professional certification programs. With more than 70,000 individual and corporate members in 20,000 companies worldwide, APICS is dedicated to using education to improve the business bottom line