

ASCM AND DELOITTE ANNOUNCE 2018-2019 SUPPLY CHAIN CASE COMPETITION FINALISTS

Students exhibit exceptional industry knowledge and strategic thinking, moving them into the next competition round

CHICAGO, IL – February 28, 2019 – The <u>Association for Supply Chain Management</u> (ASCM) and <u>Deloitte</u> are pleased to announce the 2018-2019 ASCM <u>Case Competition</u> finalists. ASCM student members from colleges and universities around the world showcased their supply chain knowledge by working on end-to-end supply chain challenges drawn from real-world company experiences.

ASCM is proud of its rich tradition of student team case competitions. The program began as a grassroots event, with many <u>APICS</u> chapters, colleges and universities taking part. Over the years, the Case Competition has evolved into a flagship event, giving students the opportunity to compete in a best-in-class global experience, involving advanced problem-solving and robust opportunities for mentorship, internships and networking, in addition to prize money.

"Deloitte collaborates with ASCM to bring real-world challenges to the competition. Each year, Deloitte presents students with rigorous cases to help demonstrate the evolving supply chain field and the growing challenges supply chain organizations are facing, with the goal of helping to develop the next generation of supply chain leaders," said Ken Olsen, managing director and global supply chain planning lead, Deloitte Consulting LLP.

2018-2019 finalists include the following:

- Atlanta
 Case Western Reserve University
- Boston
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Chicago

 George Brown College
- Hyderabad
 Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
- London

 Jacobs University Bremen
- Mexico City
 Tecnologico de Monterrey Campus Querétaro
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 - San Francisco

 Harvey Mudd College
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Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The final competition will be held at the ASCM 2019 conference in October. Final round first, second, and third-place student team winners will be awarded \$5,000 and an additional \$2,500 going to their departments / schools.

"Many of our ASCM corporate members report that there is a skills gap between supply chain graduates and entrylevel supply chain professionals – especially when it comes to soft skills. Our goal in facilitating the ASCM Case Competition is for participating students to gain real-world experience, exercise teamwork and practice high-demand skills like negotiation, long-term thinking and knowledge of the latest technological advancements, said ASCM CEO Abe Eshkenazi, CSCP, CPA, CAE. "Each year we are impressed with the innovative solutions and creativity that students showcase, and we look forward to seeing them drive the industry forward."

To learn more about the ASCM case competition and see previous participant feedback, case material directives, the competition schedule and more, visit: <u>www.apics.org/case-competition/home</u>.

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