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ANNUAL STUDENT CASE COMPETITION IN FEBRUARY

The annual Student Case Competition is quickly approaching on February 19th and 20th in Downers Grove, IL. Now February may seem like a long way off, but it comes very quickly after spending the holidays at home and enjoying a long winter break! All student members and student chapters should begin to fielding teammates to go head to head with other students within the Milwaukee chapter and our district.

If you don't know much about the Case Competition, here is a quick overview. Teams of students are presented with a case study representing a real life situation built on principles

of Operations Management and Supply Chain Management. Armed with a tool kit of essential background information about the scenario, laptops, caffeine and late night snacks, students are given all night and into the morning to come up with a solution to the case, which they will present in both a written document as well as a formal oral presentation to their peers as well as the professional members of the district in attendance.

Educational Opportunity

The Student Case Competition is a unique opportunity to step

into the real world and apply the concepts you've learned about in books and in the classroom to the real world. The short deadline and business-style presentation are intended to replicate the pressure of a job situation and is an excellent opportunity to practice the necessary skills in a learning environment.

So, don't miss out on this excellent learning opportunity, as well as the chance to network with other APICS student members around the Great Lakes area. For more information, visit the APICS Great Lakes District website at www.apicsgreatlakes.org.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- See Page 4 for date change info on our upcoming CSCP CLASS
- If you're interested in our BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE, information is on Page 3
- Are you looking for a job? See Page 3 for OM/SCM JOB POSTINGS
- Keep an eye out for EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES throughout Feedback

LEAN TRANSFORMATION: BEYOND THE TOOLBOX

Join APICS Milwaukee and the BloodCenter of Wisconsin for an evening combining Lean Operations concepts with healthcare and research applications.

This month's PDM, a timely mix of Operations and Healthcare, will be held on January 21 at the Corwne Plaza Hotel in the heart of Milwaukee's exciting research and healthcare epicenter. As healthcare costs continue to rise, the health

research industry is looking to utilize concepts that have been successfully used on factory floors for decades.

Our speaker will be Cindy Mand, MBA, the Director-Lean Enterprise for the BloodCenter of Wisconsin, where she is responsible for strategy development, communication and the

Educational Opportunity

integration of continuous improvement methodologies and tools throughout the organization.

Mand will touch on concepts such as shaping the future lean vision, various levels of transformation within the organization as well as the necessary firm foundation and the importance of strong lean leadership.

See you there for a unique discussion and great networking!

FROM THE PRESIDENT



The holidays are now past; I would like to thank all of you that donated to the charity of your choice.

Times are hard for many of our friends and neighbors, and I am sure the help is deeply appreciated.

Over the last month, our thoughts were about the Christmas season and giving to others.

Now is the time for you to look into the future, and what you can do for yourself, your family, and your future

during the coming year. The economy seems to be turning around and jobs are starting to open up. You need to look at your educational needs and what is available to you. Get yourself prepared for whatever the New Year brings.

CPIM and CSCP classes will be starting in the coming weeks, these Certifications will be the perfect additions to your resume. Potential employers are looking for people committed to expanding their knowledge in Operations Management

Below is a list of upcoming classes. Hope to see you at our Monthly Meeting

CPIM (Certified in Production & Inventory Management)

January 9th & 16 (CPIM)
Basics of Supply Chain Management

January 30 & Feb 6th (CPIM)
Master Planning of Resources

Feb 20 & 27
(CPIM) Detailed Scheduling & Planning

APICS Fundamentals Class

(5 Wednesday's) February 24, March 3, 10, 24, 31, 2010

Certified Supply Chain Professional

(13 Wednesdays) 6-9 pm

Beginning February 10

Weekend classes are scheduled from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM for two consecutive Saturdays.

Late fees may apply so get your reservations in early. All classes are held at Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC). To register for classes, call WCTC at 262-695-6576, email joswald@wctc.edu, or go to the WCTC website. http://www.wctc.edu/business_resources/CCT/workshops.php

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CALLING ALL EARLY RISERS!

Have you been looking for an opportunity to plug into APICS on a different time schedule and format than our monthly PDMs? We are once again offering our APICS Breakfast Roundtable.

Educational Opportunity

The roundtable breakfast setting—a small group of people sharing ideas, opinions and strategies related to a particular topic, continues to

thrive with members dedicated to its quality and timeliness. Topics are selected by the group as a whole based on issues and trends they are seeing in the workplace and beyond. The intimate nature of the group fosters a collaborative atmosphere focused on particular areas of discussion. For those looking for employment and interested in networking, the small group setting makes this an excellent opportunity.

While there is no cost to attend the event, each member is responsible for their meal costs. Attendance is worth 1 certification maintenance point.

Information on this month's roundtable is at right and on our website www.apicsmilw.org/events. If you have questions, please contact Janice DeCaluwe at Janice.decaluwe@zero-zone.com or Fred Kindelberger at fkindelberger@orion-corp.com.

CURRENT JOB POSTINGS

Are you looking for a new career opportunity? Check out the APICS Milwaukee Job Board. Also, keep in mind that APICS will extend your membership for six months if you are unemployed. This benefit can be used three times for a total of 18 months of extended benefits.

In the mean time, we're here to help! Keep networking (LinkedIn is a great way to do so!) and attending PDMs. Current postings on the Job Board are at right, for more information, visit www.apicsmilw.org/jobs/jobboard.

- Manager-Procurement-Capital Projects
- Mgr of Demand Planning
- Commodity Manager

FACES IN THE CROWD

You may not know it but you have the opportunity to meet and collaborate with individuals from industry leading companies nearly every month. Professional Development Meetings (PDMs) are excellent opportunities to network with individuals at the forefront of operations management. Take a look at the list of companies represented at our last PDM, we hope to see your company!

- Rexnord Gear Products
- UW-Whitewater
- Carroll University
- Dash Development
- Guardian Business Solutions
- Rockwell Automation
- Sellars Wipers
- ESI Consulting
- Perlick Corporation
- PFERD Advanced Brush
- Danfoss Inc
- Phoenix Products
- CHR Hansen
- HB Performance Systems
- Industrial Electric Wire
- Rite-Hite Corporation
- A & A Manufacturing

APICS Roundtable

Breakfast

Date

January 13, 2010

Time

7:15–9:00 am

Location

Maxwell's Restaurant
1005 S. Moorland Rd
Brookfield

Topic

Lean Accounting—A Review of the Accounting Side of Lean

Top 5 Reasons Why the APICS CSCP is Right for You

- 1) The APICS CSCP is the only certification that encompasses the entire supply chain.
- 2) The APICS CSCP sets the standard.
- 3) Join more nearly 6,500 APICS CSCP designees worldwide.
- 4) Employers and recruiters seek APICS CSCP designees.
- 5) Increase your professional value and secure your future.

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COME FOR THE EDUCATION, STAY FOR THE NETWORKING

SPRING 2010 CPIM

- **Basics of Supply Chain Management**
January 9
- **Master Planning of Resources**
January 30th
- **Detailed Scheduling and Planning**
February 20
- **Execution and Control of Operations**
April 10
- **Strategic Management of Resources**
May 1

SPRING 2010 CSCP

- February 10, 17, 24
- March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- April 7, 14, 21, 28
- May 5

FALL 2010 FUNDAMENTALS OF PRODUCTION AND INVENTORY CONTROL

- February 24
- March 3, 10, 17, 24

DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS!

Thursday, January 21

Lean Transformation: Beyond the Toolbox

Speaker: Cindy Mand MBA, Director, Lean Enterprise, BloodCenter of Wisconsin

Crowne Plaza Wauwatosa

5:00 pm

Thursday, February 11

In Conjunction with Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)

Machine Shed, Pewaukee

Educational Opportunity

Thursday, March 18

APICS in the AM

The Goal is Green in America

April 2010

Case Study with Bucyrus and Baker/Tilly