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Laurier announces winners of national stock market competition

Waterloo, Ont. (Jan. 14) — Four students from Hagersville Secondary School in Hagersville, Ontario, have found one way to beat the recession — and won Wilfrid Laurier University's annual fall stock market competition in doing so.

The students are: Marty Chenette, Matt Howse, Henry Hubers, and Brian Lane.

The team turned its original stake of \$100,000 into \$287,720.59 over a 12-week trading period that began in September. The money was only imaginary but the competition wasn't as the team beat more than 1,000 teams from about 200 schools across the country.

The national winners will receive a cash award of \$500 courtesy of the Toronto Stock Exchange, individual plaques, and a trophy for the school. One member of the winning team, judged by the teacher to have contributed most to the team, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Laurier.

A team of five students from White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville, Ontario, finished with \$144,843.34, an 11th-place national ranking, and the Huntly McKay Award. The students are: Lisa Sutton, Arun Lakhana, Brian Wong, Jason Tighe, and Alex Faltas.

Named for a former executive of the Toronto Stock Exchange, the \$500 award is presented to the team that best embodies the ideals and spirit of the competition.

Winning teams from nine regions will receive \$250, individual certificates, and a school trophy. National and regional awards for Ontario only will be presented at the annual awards luncheon at the Toronto Stock Exchange in June.

The annual spring competition will begin in February.

The stock market competition began in 1968 as part of a first-year business program at WLU in Waterloo, was later played by high school students across Ontario, and then went national in 1983.

Now the largest annual competition involving Canadian high school students, its purpose is to give the contestants a realistic understanding of how the stock market operates in Canada.

Teams watch stock market quotations in daily newspapers and use electronic mail to send their buy and sell orders to the university daily. In return, they receive a transaction report that shows their status.

Sandra Kuehl, manager of the competition, says students gain a lot — whether or not their portfolio does. "The competition provides students with fun and an incentive to learn about investing in the Canadian stock market."

Contest sponsors include the TSE, RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Richardson Greenshields of Canada, Star Data Systems, and Bell Canada.

Regional winners are:

Atlantic: Sean Duguay, Michael Boyer, Ron Craig, Heidi Huestis, and Judy McBrien from Saint John High School in Saint John, New Brunswick. \$103,679.48. National ranking: 41st. Teacher: Paul Hodgins, (506) 658-5358.

Quebec: Jon Zack, Stacey Sobol, and Russell Zack from Marionapolis College in Montreal, Quebec. \$148,260.63. National ranking: 10th. Teacher: Bernd Baier, (514) 931-8792.

Ontario/Western Lake: Rob Braid, Michaela Goridkov, Terry Campbell, and Todd Zavitz from Governor Simcoe Secondary School in St. Catharines, Ontario. \$171,951.65. National Ranking: sixth. Teacher: Rick Symyk, (416) 934-4006.

Ontario/South and West: Trevor Sampson and Pam Robinson from Cardinal Carter Secondary School in Leamington. \$111,167.47. National ranking: 18th. Teacher: Garry Lockhart, (519) 322-2804.

Ontario/North and East: Duncan Purcell from Trinity College School in Port Hope. \$132,480.05. National ranking: 15th. Teacher: David Wills, (416) 885-4565.

Greater Toronto: Chris Saunders, Lisa Sheinfeld, and Yves Zeitoun from Thornlea Secondary School in Thornhill, Ontario. \$108,877.73. National ranking: 21st. Teacher: Marney Pollock, (416) 889-9696.

Saskatchewan/Manitoba: Curtis Chiborak from Lord Selkirk Regional in Selkirk, Manitoba. \$207,513.95. National ranking: fourth. Teacher: Albert Fenske, (204) 482-6926.

Alberta: Curtis Cadieux and Mona Cardinal from Alberta Vocational College in Lac La Biche, Alberta. \$106,480.72. National ranking: 26th. Teacher: Glen Inscho, (403) 623-5630.

British Columbia/Yukon: Brian Johnson, Josh Penner, David Peters, Steven Lindley, and Jeremy Reeves from Fraser Lake School in Fraser Lake, British Columbia. \$173,353.49. National ranking: fifth. Teacher: Gerald Brise, (604) 699-6233.

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Note: The national winners can be contacted through their teacher, Keith Bradford, at (416) 768-3318. The winners of the Huntly McKay Award can be contacted through their teacher, Edward Walker, at (416) 845-4284.