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A list of regional winners follows.

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Laurier announces winners of national stock market competition

Waterloo, Ont. (May 17) — A team of four students from Collingwood has won Wilfrid Laurier University's annual fall Stock Market Competition for high school students.

Melisa Archer, Ivy Leishman, Brad Neville, and Doug Tetzner from Collingwood Collegiate Institute won what is Canada's largest annual competition for high school students. The team turned an original stake of \$100,000 into \$177,051.83 over the 12-week trading simulation that began in February.

Another eight teams from across Canada won regional awards in the contest involving more than 1,000 teams from about 200 high schools.

Sandra Kuehl, manager of the competition, says the Collingwood team made equity trades in gold, mineral, and mining exploration stocks. Its largest gain of \$56,000 came from stock of NSR Resources, a mining exploration and development company.

The national winners will receive \$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 the most to the team, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Laurier.

National and Ontario regional award winners from this competition and one last fall will be invited to attend the annual awards day and luncheon beginning at 2:30 p.m. on June 1 at The Toronto Stock Exchange and moving to the Toronto Hilton at 5 p.m.

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Last fall, a team from Oakridge Secondary School in London won the \$500 Huntly McKay Award for best embodying the ideals and spirit of the competition. Team members are: Scott Aldington, Steve Fisher, Sanjay Kulkarni, Matt Ruscicelli, and Jeff Wilkie. They finished with \$112,697 to rank second in their region and 33rd nationally.

The Stock Market Competition was established in 1968 as part of a first-year business program at WLU, was later played by high school students across Ontario, and then went national in 1983. A university/college competition was launched in 1993.

The purpose of the competitions 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 or the Internet computer system to send their daily buy and sell orders to the university. In return, they receive a transaction report.

Kuehl says students gain a lot — whether or not their portfolio does. "The competition provides students with a realistic means to learn about investing in the Canadian stock market."

Sponsors of the high school competition include the TSE, RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Richardson Greenshields of Canada, Star Data Systems, the Institute of Equity Traders Association (IETA), and Bell Canada.

Regional winners in the high school competition will receive \$250 to be divided among the team members, and a school trophy. They are:

Maritimes: Evan Perry from Riverview High School in Sydney, N.S., with \$146,592. National ranking: Fourth. Advising teacher: Vincent Walker (902) 564-5411.

Quebec: Tomas Maj and Katherine Kulesza from Vanier College in Ville St. Laurent, with \$155,552. National ranking: Second. Advising teacher: Wendy Loucks (514) 744-7551.

Ontario—Greater Toronto: Bryand Adlam, Rob Ellis, Cy Ingrey, Edgar Jan and Kevin Shand from White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville, with \$123,443. National ranking: Ninth. Advising teacher: Casey Kalvaitis (905) 845-4284.

Ontario—South and West: Louise Sylvester, Jason Deland and T. J. Rocheleau from St. Anne High School in Windsor, with \$101,327. National ranking: 48th. Advising teacher: Andy Kiss (519) 735-6024.

Ontario—North and East: Gagan Ajula, Stephan Wiedner and Rod Burke of Timmins High & Vocational School in Timmins, with \$141,857. National ranking: Fifth. Advising teacher: Bill Costiniuk (705) 360-1411.

Saskatchewan/Manitoba: Eluned Jones, Stephanie Phillips, Nancy Ballantine, Louise Galvin and Steven Yuska from Grant Park High School in Winnipeg, Man., with \$97,771. National ranking: 169th. Advising teacher: N. Roseman (204) 452-3112.

Alberta/Northwest Territories: Jayme Schneider, Rick Herman, Tina Ainscough, Jody Moffat and Janey Rolheiser from Drumheller Composite High School in Drumheller, Alta., with \$136,571. National ranking: Sixth. Advising teacher: Dan Hird (403) 823-5171.

British Columbia/Yukon: Jeremy Myers, Dalton Wong, Richard Brambley, Eddy Vanstone and Alex Edwards from Glenlyon-Norfolk Senior School in Victoria, B.C., with \$107,086. National ranking: 21st. Advising teacher: Scott Clazie (604) 598-2621.