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New England Institute of Technology Students Win First Place at the 76th Annual Society for Advancement of Management International Business Skills Competition

East Greenwich, RI – Dr. Douglas H. Sherman, Provost and Senior Vice President at New England Institute of Technology (NEIT), is pleased to announce that a team of NEIT students were named the Society for Advancement of Management International Collegiate Business Skills Champions in the Associate's Division at the 76th Annual Society for Advancement of Management International Business Conference held via Zoom on March 18-21, 2021. This annual series of competitions dates back more than 40 years and is organized by the Society for Advancement of Management (SAM). The competition provides an opportunity for students to showcase their current skills and helps them to further develop fundamental skills for business success.

The students competed in five business competitions designed to engage them in the application and practice of classroom learning to real-world challenges. The International Collegiate Business Skills Championships [ICBSC] included five events: the Extemporaneous Speech, Business Knowledge Bowl, Business Pitch, Written Case Study, and Presentation Case Study Competitions. Teams are scored by academic and industry professionals who have real-world experience in leadership and management. Team and Individual Awards are recognized by the Society for outstanding performance overall and separately in each competition segment.

In addition, NEIT was recognized as the 2021 Best SAM Chapter (Large Division) in the United States.

Here are this year's award recipients:

International Collegiate Business Skills Champions – Associate Division

Team Overall Achievement Category

- 1st Place – New England Institute of Technology**
- 2nd Place – University of South Carolina – Sumter
- 3rd Place – Marshall University

Individual Overall Achievement Category

- 1st Place – Arly Guardado of Groton, CT, New England Institute of Technology,**
Associate in Science degree in Respiratory Care
- 2nd Place – Jennifer Renzi of Exeter, RI, New England Institute of Technology,**
Associate in Science degree in Medical Assisting and Administration
- 3rd Place - William Barrineau – University of South Carolina – Sumter

Extemporaneous Speech Competition

- 1st Place – William Barrineau – University of South Carolina – Sumter
- 2nd Place – Lindsay Lew – University of South Carolina – Sumter
- 3rd Place – Jessica Semiday of Cumberland, RI, New England Institute of Technology**, Associate in Science degree in Medical Assisting and Administration

Business Knowledge Bowl Competition

- 1st Place – William Barrineau – University of South Carolina – Sumter
- 2nd Place – Jennifer Renzi – New England Institute of Technology**
- 3rd Place – Arly Guardado – New England Institute of Technology**
- 3rd Place – Jamison Lewis – Marshall University

Business Pitch Competition

- 1st Place – Arly Guardado – New England Institute of Technology**
- 2nd Place – Jessica Semiday – New England Institute of Technology**
- 3rd Place – William Barrineau – University of South Carolina – Sumter

Written Case Study Competition

- 1st Place – University of South Carolina – Sumter
- 2nd Place – New England Institute of Technology**
- 3rd Place – Lake-Sumter State College

Presentation Case Study Competition

- 1st Place – New England Institute of Technology**
- 2nd Place – University of South Carolina - Sumter
- 3rd Place – Lake-Sumter State College

“On behalf of the entire NEIT community, we congratulate these students for their hard work and dedication in achieving these prestigious awards,” stated Sherman. “These students demonstrated impressive 21st century entrepreneurial skills as they competed against colleges and universities from across the nation. Understanding and using teamwork, critical thinking and communications skills provides the competitive edge required to achieve these awards. They are an inspiration to all students.” ###

About the Society for Advancement of Management

The Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) is the world’s oldest management society, formed in 1912 to provide a place for discussion and promotion of Frederick Winslow Taylor’s principles of scientific management. A non-profit organization run and advanced by hundreds of volunteers; members come from a variety of disciplines--production, finance, marketing, accounting, research and development, entrepreneurship--but share a common bond of interest in becoming stronger managers. SAM builds bridges among academicians, practitioners, and students not only to better share management expertise but also to develop and promote new management ideas.

About New England Institute of Technology

Under the leadership of President Richard I. Gouse, New England Institute of Technology is a private, non-profit technical university and is accredited by the New England Commission on Higher Education. Founded in 1940, the university offers more than 50 associate, bachelor’s, master’s, doctoral and online/hybrid degree programs focusing on a proven combination of technical expertise coupled with experiential learning. Visit www.neit.edu and follow news of the university on Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Instagram and LinkedIn.