University of Florida Named Winner of Local CFA Institute Research Challenge in Florida

Students advance to the next level of the world’s leading investment research competition

CFA societies of Florida announced today that the University of Florida has won the local competition of the CFA Institute Research Challenge and now advances to the Americas Regional where it will compete against universities from the United States, Canada, and Latin America.

The University of Florida team consists of Jeffrey Stanton Masse, Rita Murjani, Yonatan Naymark, Mark Raymond Trouville II

The following universities competed with the University of Florida at CFA societies of Florida competition:

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Rollins College, Stetson University, University of Florida, University of Miami, University of North Florida, University of Tampa

Each university sent a team of three-to-five students to participate in the local challenge. The CFA societies Florida was the first step of two for a local team to advance towards the global final in Singapore. The students from the University of Florida will now travel to the Americas Challenge where they will match their wits, analytical skills and presentation abilities against other student teams from the United States, Canada, and Latin America.

The winners of the three Regionals (Americas, EMEA, and Asia Pacific) will then advance to compete in the Global Final in Singapore on 25 April 2014.

John Rice, CFA, president of the CFA Society of South Florida said

The students presented their analysis and buy/sell/hold recommendations on AutoNation. Their presentation at the CFA societies of Florida was the culmination of months of research; interviews with company management, competitors, and clients; and presentation training.

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About the CFA Institute Research Challenge
The CFA Institute Research Challenge gathers students, investment industry professionals, publicly traded companies, and corporate sponsors together locally, regionally, and globally for an annual competition. In order to promote best practices in equity research and company analysis, students
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