

Wideman Education Foundation – Press Release

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2011 Wideman Prize for Project Management Excellence Awarded

The Wideman Education Foundation (WEF) congratulates the Project Clearwater team on winning the 2011 Wideman Prize for Project Management Excellence.

The Clearwater team from the Simon Fraser University (SFU), Burnaby campus demonstrated to the panel of judges their skill and leadership in planning and executing their project to the highest of standards. Working as a team, Project Clearwater successfully planned and managed a series of fund raising activities aimed at supporting the “Water School”. The “Water School” is a charitable organization that helps communities in developing nations learn about, and use, the Solar Disinfection (SODIS) method for purifying drinking water.

In a hard fought morning of presentations the panel of judges narrowed the field of finalists down to two (Project Clearwater and Project Cake Without Icing). Through a great final round presentation Project Clearwater carried the day and were pronounced the winners.

The Wideman Prize for Project Management Excellence is an annual prize awarded to a team of young students who have demonstrated skills and leadership in Project Management. The competition is open to students enrolled in WEF approved Project Management under-graduate courses. Teams who enter the competition consist of teams of four to five who work together to select, initiate, plan and execute a real project as part of their studies. Placing the emphasis on “learning through doing” the competition allows students to engage in real world challenges while applying the practices of Project Management learned through class.

In accordance with the WEF mission, the Wideman Prize is designed to promote sound



The Project Clearwater team (kneeling – from left to right) Cris Morfopoulos, Jake Tauriainen, Chris Kyle, Pasha Azadmar with (left to right at rear) WEF President Joan Vincent, WEF board member Heidi Nucklaus, Director of Project Competitions Robert Gotham and SFU professor Kamal Masri.



The Project Clearwater team poses with Joan Vincent (WEF President) and the panel of judges

Project Management education. By introducing the element of competition to student's educational environment, the Prize is designed to lift the bar on student's achievement levels and attract a broader cross section of students to learn about Project Management practices and skills. As such, the Wideman Prize helps students experience Project



2011 Wideman Prize finalists with SFU Professors Kamal Masri and David Sussman top right

Management in the real world and encourages them to develop the leadership and organizational skills needed to succeed in today's complex and fast paced projects.

The WEF Board of Directors congratulates all teams who participated in this year's competition and to those who made it through to the finals. The remaining teams reaching the finals were Project Refresh,

Project Arts Alive, The Good Drive, The Big Book Drive and the Team Cake Without Icing. The WEF Board of Directors also expresses their thanks to our partners at Simon Fraser University for their support in hosting this year's competition, the team of Judges who evaluated the finalists and to Telus Inc. for their kind financial support.

Cc: The Project Clearwater team: Cris Morfopoulos, Chris Kyle, Jake Tauriainen, Pasha Azadmard and Brian Nguyen (not in attendance).

Cc: 2011 Judging team: Mr. Tom Callen, Ms. Tina Chahal, Mr. Mike Dewing, Mr. Bob Provost, Mr. Vijay Ranganathan, Mr. Fred Roth and Mr. Walter Wawruck.

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