

## Central Minnesota APICS honors S.C.S.U. Student Chapter

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In recognition of the St. Cloud State University Student Chapter's outstanding achievements in the past year, the parent chapter Board of Directors held an awards ceremony on May 11 at the S.C.S.U. campus. In attendance were: College of Business Dean Diana Lawson, Associate Dean Paula King, Orn Bodvarsson chairperson of the Department of Management, CMN APICS Board of Directors President Darrell Watercott, past-president Marjorie LaTour; faculty liaison Alex Polacco, and member-at-large Bruce Skalbeck. Also present were student chapter committee members from both the past and current boards.

After introductions, Bruce Skalbeck announced that the student chapter had excelled in their performance in the past year and subsequently qualified for the Gold Award. Dr. Skalbeck also mentioned that considering how efficiently the students had organized themselves and raised their performance within such a short period of time, he had recommended (to APICS headquarters) that the chapter be given an *Award of Excellence*.

Dean Lawson commended the students on their achievements and spoke of the university's and the College of Business' commitment to excellence. Associate Dean King spoke of the continuing need for



L-R: Chris Hassinger, Steve Wetterling, Tom Bullert, Robert Kreidermacher, Katie Voigt, Brandon Backes, Damon Spurlock, and Dean Lawson. Absent were: Past president Ben Johnson and committee members Mike Brophy and Mike Hedeem.



CMN APICS Board of Directors president Darrell Watercott presents Katie Voigt, past V. P. of the student chapter with an award certificate. Katie is currently president of the student chapter.



Dean of the College of Business Diana Lawson and CMN APICS Board president Darrell Watercott

partnerships and collaboration between academia and industry. Chairperson Bodvarsson also praised the students and cited the chapter's participation in S.C.S.U.s Spring Research Colloquium as an example of their achievements.

Darrell Watercott spoke of the enthusiasm with which the students had participated in parent chapter events and the positive impression they had made with his colleagues and others. He mentioned that he was especially pleased with the scope of what the students had accomplished during the Spring semester. Darrell mentioned how student teams had successfully complemented their education by working on several projects for Miller Manufacturing.

APICS' requirements for a student chapter are detailed in a student manual which provides a framework for the organization and management of the chapter. The manual describes the roles and responsibilities of the officers and specific elements for administration, education, programs, and public relations activities. The manual has a recognition program which awards points for levels of accomplishment at the platinum, gold, silver, and bronze levels.

*S.C.S.U.s student chapter has approximately 50 members who are in their senior year.*