June - Meeting

Student Case Competition: <https://conferences.shrm.org/2017-student-summits>

The 2017 SHRM Student Case Competition and Career Summit is the premier student HR conference in the United States. SHRM provides world-class opportunities for students, student chapter advisors, faculty members and HR professionals to connect through events held in multiple locations across the country. You will hear from in-the-know keynote speakers, have the opportunity to sit down with local HR practitioners, be able to engage with fellow attendees or compete in the Case Competition. This event is sure to enhance your perspective on what it means to be a member of the HR community and prepare you to advance both personally and professionally.

**Case Competition Divisions.** The Case Competition provides a realistic preview of the types of problems that students may eventually encounter in the workplace. The case study focuses on any number of HR/workplace issues and requires strategic thinking, ethical decision-making, and strong leadership and presentation skills.

To help level the playing field and more effectively address the varying experience levels of both traditional and nontraditional students, Case Competition teams will compete in one of two division levels:

**Division I:** Each team is made up of a minimum of two and a maximum of six undergraduate students, with each team member being age 25 or younger as of January 1, 2017.

**Division II:** Each team is made up of a minimum of two and a maximum of six students meeting one of the criteria below:

The team is made up entirely of graduate students (regardless of age) OR

The team is made up of undergraduate students and at least one team member is age 26 or older as of January 1, 2017.

**Case Competition Teams.** This year, **30 teams** will have the opportunity to compete at each Case Competition event (Central, West and East).

[**Engaging Keynote Speakers**](https://conferences.shrm.org/2017-student-summits/keynotesession-speakers)**.** Each 2017 SHRM Student Case Competition and Career Summit features an inspiring keynote speaker with a unique message specifically for students. Be prepared to come away inspired about the future. You may want to consider who the keynote speaker will be (in addition to dates and location) when selecting the Career Summit you plan to attend!

**Career Connection Zone.** The Career Connection Zone provides an opportunity for students to connect with their peers and HR professionals who will expand their network, increase their influence and grow their contacts list. The Career Connection Zone is part interview, part workshop and part engaging conversation. Come ready to get in the Zone!

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I would like to hear from you on this upcoming change. Here are some items to consider (I am sure you will think of many more):

         Do you feel your student chapters would best benefit from a competition held in their home state or by attending a regional competition?

Items to consider:

o   Cost and time for State Council or hosting chapter to organize a  state event

o   Possibility of incorporating the student competition into your state conference

o   Travel time and expenses for your students to attend either an event in state or out of state

o   Availability of local area expertise presenters on your state’s HR concerns

o   Connecting with HR professionals in your state

o   Benefits of networking with HR students outside of your home state

         If you decide to host your own event, how can NHRMA best assist you with it?

o   Provide financial assistance for event? In what way?

o   Set up a scholarship for a local member to attend?

I know this is a big decision for each of your states. Please share this information with your Boards. I am really interested to hear your take on this and your ideas moving forward. I am sure you all will agree that we all want to be sure to do what is best for our regional student members.