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De Pere High School Team Captures First Place in Wisconsin Stock Market Game

*Makes 45.72 percent profit in 10 weeks,
wins trip to New York*

(Madison) A team from De Pere High School has won the 2011 spring semester statewide competition of the Wisconsin Stock Market Simulation (SMS) and a trip to New York. Team members and their faculty advisors will receive Certificates of Appreciation signed by Governor Scott Walker at a banquet on May 25 at The Marq restaurant near Green Bay.

Team members include students Mike Mezzoleni and Mike Timm. Their faculty advisors are James Boyd and Kevin Dessart.

“I congratulate these students and their advisors for doing a great job in a tough market,” said Peter Bildsten, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI). “It is an outstanding achievement for them to win this competition.”

The De Pere team used a hypothetical \$100,000 to buy and sell stocks. Its trading strategy resulted in earning the 45.72 percent profit or \$45,266.20 during the 10-week competition. A Marinette High School team, MHS-21, came in second by earning \$42,357.26 and a Kettle Moraine High School team, KettleMoraineHS1-1, came in third by earning \$41,570.61. The De Pere team’s trip to New York includes a guided tour of the New York Stock Exchange, tickets to the Broadway show Rock of Ages and a visit to Ellis Island. Robert W. Baird & Company sponsors the trip and Air Tran donated two airlines tickets.

DFI supports Wisconsin’s SMS which is run by Economics *Wisconsin*. Over 5,176 Wisconsin students separated into 1,294 teams took part in the competition during the spring of 2011. There are two separate 10-week competitions each year. A school-year challenge that runs six months also is available. For more information, contact Stephanie Czosnek at 414-221-9785 or email her at econed@economicswisconsin.org.