



# APICS Pittsburgh Chapter #31 Newsletter

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## Greetings!

Planning on attend [APICS 2016](#) in Washington DC?

The Pittsburgh Chapter is exploring the possibility of renting a bus/limo/party bus/RV for those members interested in traveling as a group. After thinking about it, please respond to this [quick poll](#).

APICS Pittsburgh Board

## Join us!

### Professional Development Meeting

**Wednesday, April 13th, 2016**

**Hosted by:**

**Pittsburgh Chapter**

[Register now!](#)

Where:	Pocket Nurse® 612 Frankfort Road Monaca, PA 15061-2218
When:	Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 <b>6:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> <b>Registration</b>
RSVP	Constant Contact E-mail Response Required by Monday April 11th 2016. If no invitation was received call 1 866 MYAPICS or (866-692-7427) Ext 105 or e-mail to: <a href="mailto:APICS.Pittsburgh@gmail.com">APICS.Pittsburgh@gmail.com</a> Please include your name, daytime telephone number, type of Membership, and your Company affiliation.

## President's Message

The Pittsburgh Chapter would like to commend all the students who participated in the Mid Atlantic District Student Case Completion held in February. They were professional and presented a good grasp of the APICS Body of Knowledge in presenting their solutions. The Pittsburgh Area had two local teams in the competition. The University of Pittsburgh and Robert Morris University. Congratulations to Robert Morris for achieving third place in their first student APICS student case competition. The University of Pittsburgh was awarded first place and will represent the Mid Atlantic District at the APICS 2016 International Conference in Washington DC. Good luck Pitt.



The March PDM provided an excellent networking opportunity during dinner. I applaud the Robert Morris student adviser for making sure that her students were circulated throughout with the professional members. Networking sessions should be looked at as an investment in your future. There is no better place to start building your professional network that at a PDM with other Supply Chain professionals. Remember the Six degrees of separation theory.

Please review the [web site for the proposed Chapter By-Law changes](#) and candidates for the Chapter's Board of Directors ([President: Tom Brown](#), [Executive VP: Kevin Little](#), [VP Finance: Ed Giacchino](#)). Both of these topics will be voted on by the membership at the May PDM.

Thank you for being part of the APICS Pittsburgh Chapter. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 1-866 MY APICS extension 100 or [thomassbrown@eaton.com](mailto:thomassbrown@eaton.com).

	<p><b>Tour precautions:</b>  <b>Parking in front of the facility.</b>  <b>Note: No open toe shoes or cameras allowed.</b>  <b>Limited registration of 35.</b>  <b>Construction Congestion warning:</b>                  Due to construction there are lane restrictions around the Monaca / Industry exit off of 376 West - suggestion for attendees to add 1/2 hour to their travel time.</p>
Notice	No show reservations and cancellations received after noon on Monday will be invoiced for the full cost.
Cost:	\$10 for APICS student chapter members \$25 for APICS members \$30 for Visitors
Agenda	<p><b>6:00 - 6:30 Registration</b>  <b>6:30 - 6:50 Welcome &amp; Overview</b>  <b>7:00 -7:45 Tour of Facility</b>  <b>7:45 - 8:45 Dinner &amp; Networking</b></p>

## Education

### APICS Pittsburgh Chapter Upcoming Class Schedule

**Basics of Supply Chain Management**

Dates: April 21 - June 23, 2016 (10 sessions)  
 Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
 Location: Eaton Corporation, Moon Township  
 Instructor: Jack Martis

**CSCP Exam Preparation**

Dates: April 26 - July 12, 2016 (12 sessions)  
 Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
 Location: Polyconcepts (formerly Leeds), New Kensington  
 Instructors: TBD

**CSCP Exam Preparation**

Dates: May 3 - July 19, 2016 (12 sessions)  
 Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
 Location: Eaton Corporation, Moon Township  
 Instructors: TBD

**Detailed Scheduling and Planning**

Dates: April 6, April 20, May 4, 2016 (3 full day sessions)  
 Time: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
 Location: MSA Safety, Murrysville  
 Instructor: Jim Dobos

**Execution and Control of Operations**

Dates: June, 2016 (3 full day sessions)  
 Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
 Location: MSA Safety, Murrysville  
 Instructor: Jim Dobos

**CPIM class fees are \$575 for APICS members, \$675 for non-members. CSCP class fee is \$1,800 for APICS members, \$2,000 for non-members.**

If you are interested in any of these classes and have not already registered, please contact Jack Martis at [jfm2620@comcast.net](mailto:jfm2620@comcast.net) or call at 1-866-MY-APICS x102 or 724-331-0866. Also, we are always looking for organizations to host classes. If you're interested in bringing APICS education directly to your employee base, please contact me directly.

## Current Membership

APICS Pittsburgh Chapter:  
**429** members

**New Members:**

- Marjorie Barley
- Eric Carlin
- William Cody
- Jeremy Cooper
- Karly Ellison
- Andrew Essel
- Mark Esterheld
- Thomas P. Goral
- Seth Higgins
- Michael Leasure
- Anthony Lucian
- Ryan McCray
- Prakash Mirchandani
- Matthew Nosal
- AJAY RAO
- Maxwell Robertson
- Jacob Salac
- Troy Slagle
- David Sturrock
- Xuanyang Sun

## Student Chapters

Morgan Wanner  
Jakob Widok

**Thanks for renewing your Membership:**

Thomas W Staszak CPIM  
Anderson O Dela Torre CSCP  
William L Machuga  
Robert H Whitaker  
John I Bacci  
Larry Calabrese  
Douglas E Gardner CSCP  
Cynthia Jennings CSCP  
Matthew J Drake CFPIIM  
Ronald C Beckman  
Kevin A Little CSCP  
Jamie Telesz  
Troy Slagle  
Thomas P Goral  
Yunbeom Seo CPIM CSCP  
Kimm Mills  
Thomas McKeon  
David OLeary  
S. Jean Heller  
Philip A Gossic  
William D O'Shurak CPIM  
Charles Casey  
Michael Cuccaro  
Brian D Maden CPIM  
Robert A Merda CPIM  
Sheri L McKenna CPIM

**Congratulations to Members achieving CSCP last month:**  
Your name could appear here!

**Congratulations to Members achieving CPIM last month:**  
Jason Hemmis CPIM  
Justin Malloy CPIM

February membership totals came in at 46,853. New members totaled 2,134 and new student members totaled 960.

**JOIN APICS FOR A PRINCIPLES OF MRP SEMINAR IN PITTSBURGH  
August 11, 2016**



Materials Requirements Planning (MRP) is a vital component in the supply chain. It acts

**Congratulations Bill Geisler, CSCP!**



The Duquesne University student chapter of APICS was pleased to award Bill Geisler the Student Chapter Mentor of the Year Award. Bill was involved with both the Duquesne Supply Chain Connection as well as hosting an event for potential job seekers on campus. Bill's involvement is appreciated by the entire Duquesne Supply Chain program, as well as the APICS Pittsburgh Chapter.

**Congratulations to the University of Pittsburgh for winning the Mid Atlantic District Student Case Competition!**



University of Pittsburgh: L to R: David Uber, Sneha Kumari, Dr. Prakash Mirchandani (advisor), Michelle Masters, Rohan Pande

**Great job Robert Morris University for placing third in your first Mid Atlantic District Student Case Competition!**

as the bridge between master planning and production in a system. MRP helps to determine requirements and keep priorities. The APICS Principles and Practices of MRP seminar assists beginning and experienced planners using a MRP system. Through classroom discussion and practical, hands-on exercises, this seminar will help attendees gain a firm understanding of the principles and functions of MRP in the manufacturing process.

Price

APICS Member \$299  
Nonmember \$399

[Register today!](#)



Robert Morris University: L to R: Dr. Alben Ivanova (advisor), Casey Miller, Jessica Chin, Samantha Kovalyak, Stephanie Split, Dr. Kihyun Park (advisor)

**Certification Maintenance  
Points Opportunity  
Pitt Center for Supply Chain  
Management Breakfast  
Event**

**April 8, 7:00 - 9:15 AM  
Alumni Hall, University of  
Pittsburgh**

Announcing the next Breakfast  
Networking and Informational Event,  
which is being presented by the Center  
for Supply Chain Management at the  
University of Pittsburgh.

**A CEO's Perspective on Supply  
Chain Management**

As a supply chain management professional, you work hard and fight the good fight every day to optimize the supply chain and improve performance. At the next Breakfast Speaker Series, we will hear the perspective from the C-suite about supply chain management opportunities, challenges, and risk.

Dawne S. Hickton, former CEO of RTI International Metals and current director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, will discuss the importance of supply chain management for achieving growth and profitability across the entire organization. Understanding this kind of top-level viewpoint can greatly help supply chain management professionals at all stages of their careers.

For more information and to register for the event, please access the following link:  
<http://www.business.pitt.edu/katz/breakfast-speaker-series>

**Duquesne Student Chapter Member's  
Oracle Conference Reflections**



**Nick Hoch, Senior, Duquesne University**

Earlier this year, I had the pleasure of attending the Modern Supply Chain Experience hosted by Oracle with some of my fellow classmates. We were selected for this event after we applied and attended as "Future Supply Chain Leaders." The event was an incredible experience that allowed me to get first-hand knowledge of where supply chain is headed. The most emphasized aspect at the conference was the cloud. The cloud is supposed to be the next big wave in supply chain and Oracle was reaching out to us for a chance to learn more about it. Along with the great opportunity to learn more about supply chain with others who are involved in the industry, networking was an important part of the event. There would be networking sessions that allowed everyone in attendance to roam around to different booths and meet each other. This was an excellent opportunity and an event I would suggest to other supply chain professionals to attend given the chance.

**Aaron Wilkinson, Senior, Duquesne University**

Having the opportunity to attend the Modern Supply Chain Experience sponsored by Oracle as part of the Future Supply Chain Leaders (FSCL) program was perhaps one of the most valuable and exciting experiences during my time in the business program at Duquesne University. While at the conference I had the opportunity to network with both supply chain professionals and my fellow peers



Chapter Management Excellence is an integral component to enhancing the member experience. Successful APICS chapters provide their members with opportunities for stellar education, career development, and networking.

The APICS Chapter Benchmarking and Recognition (CBAR) program recognizes chapters that have exceeded minimum standards and exemplify excellence in overall chapter management. We are proud to announce the APICS Pittsburgh Chapter received the **2015 CBAR Platinum** Award designation, an admirable accomplishment for an APICS chapter.

As a member of an APICS Platinum Award Winning Chapter, the CBAR designation signifies your chapter's commitment to providing an exceptional membership experience.

pursuing similar majors and made many connections that I anticipate will last as my career in the supply chain field advances. It was truly a great experience to just be able to sit in and absorb all of the information the conference had to offer and see some of the emerging technologies that Oracle was highlighting, including their cloud computing technologies. In addition to that, all of the keynote speakers were exceptionally captivating and provided us with much insight. As a whole, the experience is one I will not soon forget and would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to do so to attend.

**Matt Schuetz, Senior, Duquesne University**

In January, my fellow classmates and myself were afforded the opportunity to attend the Oracle Modern Supply Chain Experience in San Jose, California. During our time, we were part of a group of over 100 of the best in brightest students in the supply chain field: "The Future Supply Chain Leaders". We were given the chance to network with professionals, as well as attend multiple sessions to become more familiar with Oracle business solutions and industry knowledge. I feel that we represented both Duquesne University and the APICS Pittsburgh Chapter well and I believe that it was a very worthwhile endeavor. I would recommend the experience to any students who are looking to expand their network and knowledge of the growing trends in the supply chain.

## Professional Development

### 2016 Professional Development Meeting Schedule

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 (leave a message based on your question or comment and a Board Member will call you back)

April 13, 2016	Pocket Nurse	Beaver, PA	<a href="#">Presentation and facility tour</a>
May 11, 2016	Compunetix/Chorus Call	Pittsburgh, PA	Presentation and facility tour
June - August	Summer Break		
September 14, 2016	Leeds (Leedsworld Inc.)	New Kensington, PA	Presentation and facility tour
October 12, 2016	PPG - Springdale Coatings Plant	Springdale, PA	Presentation and facility tour
November 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Open		