

## 2008 CA CASE COMPETITION

### About the Competition

On Friday March 7 and Saturday March 8, 16 students from eight universities in Western Canada competed in the 2008 CA Case Competition hosted by the Institutes of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, along with the CA School of Business (CASB).

Students were given an accounting case study and had less than 24 hours to review the material, make decisions and prepare a professional presentation for a panel of judges.

The Competition was designed to promote the CA profession as an attractive career path and to reward hard working accounting students with a special and memorable experience.

The winning students received a financial prize and a plaque for display in their school trophy case.

### Winning Students

Both **Ricki Beaudoin** and **Paul Lepage** are third year accounting majors at the Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan.

**Ricki Beaudoin:** Ricki is exploring her accounting designation options. But, her number one goal after graduation is some serious travel! Then she plans to come back to Saskatoon and gain employment.

About the competition and becoming a CA, Ricki says, “the case competition was definitely a positive experience. Both our practice cases and the case we completed for the competition allowed me to place myself in the shoes of a CA, so to speak, and gain some knowledge of the types of challenges that CAs face on a daily basis. Becoming a CA is definitely one of my options, and participating in this case has further strengthened my opinion of the CA designation.

**Paul Lepage:** In high school, Paul knew he wanted to either a CA or an engineer. He chose the accounting route and hasn't looked back. He plans to work in public practice and hopes to work for a Big 4 firm while working towards his CA. Paul is specifically interested in financial advisory services and corporate finance. To that end, he is considering pursuing his CFA or CBV designation upon completion of his CA.



From the left: Hank Sam, CA, Judge; Rob Bruce, CA, Judge; Ricki Beaudoin, University of Saskatchewan; Winner; Paul Lepage, University of Saskatchewan Winner; Kristy Kwan, CA, Judge.



CA Case Competition Participants, Judges and Moderator.

About becoming a CA, Paul says, “in my opinion, there is no designation I would rather pursue. I can graduate with confidence knowing the CA designation is respected across the country. CAs are seen as business leaders with valuable expertise in all areas of business transactions. The more I interact with current CAs around the country the more I realize I want to be part of that group.”

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CONGRATULATIONS RICKI AND PAUL!