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USI students score again in APICS competition

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University of Southern Indiana students have won honors in graduate and undergraduate categories for the 1996 regional and national competitions sponsored by the American Production and Inventory Society (APICS). The local APICS chapter is one of 13 in Region 12, which is made up of Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Two business administration seniors, Cutede Neff and Lori Peters, and junior Tamara Seaman won first place in regional competition and third place at the national level for undergraduates. Their paper, "The Effects of Remote Bar Coding on the United States Postal Service Processing and Distribution Facility in Evansville, Indiana," was required for the operations management undergraduate class.

Three M.B.A. students, Constance Harness, Paul Hollar, and Andrew Hubbard, submitted "Understanding and Preventing Cumulative Trauma Disorder: An action Plan for a Small Job Shop." The paper, required for USI's operations management graduate class, won first place in regional competition for part-time graduate students.

USI students, guided by faculty advisor Dr. Marwan Wafa, chair of the Management and Marketing Department, have placed in regional or national APICS competitions nearly every year since 1990. Dr. Wafa's approach is to encourage the students to regard research as "more than a class assignment, more than just the boundaries of the University -- it should be of use."

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Constance Harness lives at 1433 Lisa Lane, Mt. Carmel, Illinois.
Paul Hollar, Andrew Hubbard, and Cutede Neff are Evansville residents.
Lori Peters, now of Evansville, is a former Tell City, Indiana resident.
Tamara Seaman, of 5500 S. St. Philip Road, Evansville, is a Mt. Vernon High School graduate.