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CFA Society Colorado Launches the 8th Local CFA Institute Research Challenge

Students to compete for place in Regional Competition in Seattle, Washington, USA

Denver, CO - CFA Society Colorado is proud to announce the launch of the 8th Local CFA Institute Research Challenge. On September 26th, a kickoff session was conducted at Koelbel Hall, Leeds School of Business. Students, academic advisors and Society volunteers discussed the 2016-17 competition schedule, official rules, and eligibility criteria. Mark Greenberg, CFA and Ivan Sichkar, CFA facilitated the session and answered questions from the audience. "Students derive immeasurable value from participation – listening about valuation concepts in a classroom is light years removed from producing bona-fide research report and investment recommendation", commented Timothy Jares, the associate professor of finance at the Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business at the University of Northern Colorado.

The corporate presentation will be hosted later in the Fall by this year's subject company, Arrow Electronics (ARW), a Fortune 500® company. In January 2017, all student teams will make an oral presentation and issue a recommendation about the subject company to a distinguished panel of judges in Denver, Colorado. The winning team will secure a place in the Americas Regional in Seattle on April 6-7, 2017. The successful teams will further compete in the Global Final in Prague, Czech Republic on April 28, 2017.

The CFA Institute Research Challenge offers students the unique opportunity to develop and present an equity research report and compete on a global basis. Students will learn from leading industry experts and their mentors and peers from the world's top business schools. This annual educational initiative is designed to promote best practices in equity research among the next generation of analysts through hands-on mentoring and intensive training in company analysis and presentation skills. The global competition attracted more than 4,000 students from 865 universities in 70 countries during the previous year.



From left to right: Mark Greenberg, CFA – 2016-17 Local Research Challenge Coordinator; students listening to presentation on September 26, 2016; Ivan Sichkar, CFA – current President of the CFA Society Colorado.

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