

NAPM-AZ/Harry Wiggins Scholarship

President Sheryl Hand presented the NAPM-AZ/Harry Wiggins Scholarship to David Kubick at the November NAPM-AZ Dinner Meeting. David is a senior at ASU majoring in supply chain management with a minor in biochemistry. In addition to his excellent academic record and internship experience, he has a strong commitment to leadership and community service. He is currently serving as the President of the Supply Chain Management Association at ASU. The Scholarship Selection Team was composed of President Sheryl Hand and Board Members Otto Furuta and Brent Williams.

NAPM-AZ established this scholarship in 1989 to honor Harry Wiggins, a long time ASU faculty member and successful businessman.

NAPM-AZ/SCMA Mentoring Program

NAPM-AZ and the Supply Chain Management Association at ASU have established an exciting "one on one" mentoring program for supply chain management students. Otto Furuta, NAPM-AZ Board Member and Liaison to ASU developed the mentoring program to provide guidance and facilitate resources for ASU students. The scope of subjects can range from "difficult to find information" for class assignments to help with career development. Mentors facilitate input but do not make decisions for students nor do the student's work.

Our NAPM-AZ members who volunteered to be mentors are assigned to an SCMA student who requests assistance. This unique "one on one" relationship builds trust, fosters openness, and maximizes continuity. The success of mentoring is based on generating mutual respect, clear communication, professional experience, and resources. NAPM-AZ mentors generally have a broad experience base. If additional resources are required, the mentors can utilize the NAPM-AZ Board and membership, or ISM.

A charter and process have been developed to provide structure and direction. The Mentoring Steering Team composed of two members from the NAPM-AZ Board and two members from the SCMA Board provide coordination and oversight. The current Steering Team members are Otto Furuta and Brent Williams from NAPM-AZ and David Kubick and Sharon Lee from SCMA. After each mentoring session, mentors and mentees answer separate surveys which go to the Steering Team. These surveys identify any problems and provide inputs for suggested changes.

The orientation for this initial pilot phase was held on November 18 at ASU. There were eleven mentors and eleven mentees. We used a mock interview not only as an icebreaker to introduce mentors to mentees but also as an opportunity for students to be interviewed by mentors who are supply chain professionals. What an awesome experience! Brent Williams did a fantastic job in developing the interview questions and coordinating the mock interviews. There was positive feedback from both mentors and students. Mentors and students were very happy with the results, and we all had fun in developing these relationships. In the next phase, we will increase the number of mentors and students.

This mentoring program is a win-win situation for both NAPM-AZ and SCMA. Students receive mentoring from experienced supply chain professionals, mentors build on their skills and resume, NAPM-AZ and SCMA build on their relationship, and NAPM-AZ promotes supply management through the development of current and future supply chain professionals. If you have any questions, please contact Otto Furuta at ofuruta@macsazllc.com