

TEAM Program - News Update  
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The Queen's University multidisciplinary team of Holly Blair (Chemical Engineering), Andrea Buzinski (Chemical Engineering), Catherine Chao (Chemical Engineering), Meaghan Kahnert (Mechanical Engineering), Peter Kurjanowicz (School of Business), Mike Lees (Law & MBA), Jason Mohan (Chemical Engineering), and Peter Ralevic (Masters Environmental Studies) was awarded 1st Prize at the Ontario Centres of Excellence Discovery 07 (<http://www.ocediscovery.com/>) Connections Program design competition. The TEAM Shell group was selected for its superlative project management, team work, and communication skills from approximately 950 students, in 233 project teams, from 12 institutions. The success of that team owes a great deal to the support and help of Shell Canada and the Ontario Centres of Excellence (<http://www.oce-ontario.org/>). Congratulations TEAM!



### Connections Competition Criteria

An important part of the Connections Program is the inter-institution competition held at the annual OCE showcase Discovery 2007, where College and University teams compete on a level field for cash prizes. As you know each institution holds a series of presentations or a showcase where representatives of OCE and industrial partners judge the winner from each program. The winners will be competing at Discovery to find the top 3 for this year.

These winners were chosen for clarity of presentation and for an explanation of:

- Understanding and meeting client (industrial partner) needs.
- Defining project plan including milestones and deadlines.
- Plan execution and adapting to unforeseen situations.
- External communication – interfacing with client
- Internal communication – team dynamics
- What have they learned through this project?
- Presentation quality

The technical content of the student project was the concern of the academic institution which is educating the students; the non-technical, soft skill aspect of the projects is OCE's interest.

#### For Discovery 2007

The judges will spend 5-10 minutes with each team to decide individually and as a group which teams they feel best on the following criteria

- Communication, both individually and in teams, as a leader and as a member.
- Communication, orally and in writing.
- Definition of objectives.
- Meeting deadlines.
- Making clear presentations.