

# RUTGERS STUDENT TEAM COMPETES IN 2009 STMA STUDENT CHALLENGE

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** SFMANJ awarded \$1000 to assist a team of three Rutgers undergraduate students to compete in the 2009 STMA Student Challenge, held at the STMA Annual Conference in San Jose, CA in January 2009.

January 26, 2009

SFMANJ Board of Directors  
c/o Mr. Don Savard  
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Dear Mr. Don Savard:

The Rutgers University turf students who competed in the Student Challenge in San Jose this January at the STMA National Conference would like to extend a very large thank you to your association for its sponsorship! Without your generous donation of \$1000 to the Rutgers Turf Club we would have never been able to fund a trip out to California with three undergraduate students. Opportunities like these truly bring our education to a higher level and expand our horizons.

It was great to interact with professionals of the industry from all over the country and hear their lectures, multiple view-points coming from multiple professionals creates a great learning environment. Fortunately we were also able to meet students at other universities and begin friendships that may last throughout our careers. Of course leaving the below freezing temperatures of New Jersey to bask in the 75 and sunny weather was a major plus to the trip as well!

Thank you again for your support, we look forward to interacting with your association this year as newly joined student members. Best of luck to everyone as the spring rapidly approaches, the grass begins to rejuvenate and the athletics resume!

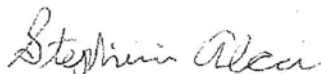
The 2009 Rutgers University STMA Student Challenge Team,



Will Reardon



Eric Koch



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