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UCC Human Resource students place in top two at national business tournament

MONTREAL—Three UCC business students have placed second in a Canadian Universities Tournament in Human Resources hosted at the University of Quebec.

Rina Toteda, Scott Neufeld and Holly Dyck represented UCC at Excalibur March 22 and 23 where 16 teams, eight English and eight French, were given a Human Resources case study and asked what the best outcome for the situation would be.

"We looked at an organization that had been integrated with other companies. Their biggest problem was employee retention," said Toteda. ""Basically, (the judges) wanted us to tell them the best way to retain employees."

Each group had an hour-and-a-half to come up with a proposal, which they presented to a panel of nine judges.

This is the first time, UCC students have competed at Excalibur, which was established in 1987, and the results had them very excited, said Toteda.

"We honestly didn't think we would place in the top three," she said from the airport in Montreal today.

The goal of the tournament is to promote human resources professionals by evaluating their ability to resolve a practical case and to bring together students, human resources professionals and corporate executives from across the country. The University of Prince Edward Island placed first in this year's competition.

The UCC team returns to Kamloops March 26 and will make a presentation on the conference to the UCC business department in April.

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