

This year's inaugural Western Region Investment Research Challenge in Las Vegas was a great success for all involved. Our sponsored student team from Northern Arizona University did a fantastic job presenting their research paper covering ON Semiconductor. The students learned a great deal about equity analysis and the CFA program through this experience, and some of them are already signed up for the CFA exam in June!

Here is the student team at the event:



The Phoenix CFA Society is proud to have participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Western Region IRC and we look forward to sponsoring a team next year and well into the future. We would like to extend a special thank you to the following individuals for their hours of work in helping to prepare our student team:

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