

SAMPLE SCHEDULE*

WEDNESDAY

Opening Reception (Mandatory) | 6–8 p.m.
Attire: Business Casual

Get team assignments, learn about the case challenge and network with peers. Light refreshments provided.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Work with your team at the discretion of each team member's schedule and preferences.

SATURDAY

Mandatory**

Attire: Business Formal

- 9:00 a.m. Check in; breakfast; order of panel presentations posted
- 10:00 a.m. Panel presentations begin***
 - Panel 1: Teams A, B, C, D
 - Panel 2: Teams E, F, G, H
 - Panel 3: Teams I, J, K, L
 - Panel 4: Teams M, N, O, P
- 1:15 p.m. Panel presentations conclude; lunch
- 2:15 p.m. Winning Team from each panel is announced
- 2:30 p.m. Final round presentations begin; all students welcome to stay for final round
- 4:00 p.m. Winning Team announced

* All times are approximate and subject to change.

** Saturday events are mandatory through announcement of winners from morning panel. Following that, winning teams must stay to present again. All other students are welcome to stay, but not required.

*** Number of panels and teams is determined based on total number of registrants and will be finalized the week prior to the competition.

DHS IS

responsible for providing and administering publicly funded human services to Allegheny County residents.

DHS PRINCIPLES

All services will be

- high quality, comprehensive, and accessible.
- individualized and designed to be respectful of the unique cultural characteristics of each individual and/or community
- integrated and offered through a team approach that recognizes the capacity of individuals and families to identify their own strengths, needs, and goals; create relationships with natural supports; and take steps necessary to accomplish these goals.

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CASE COMP 2019

NOVEMBER 6–9, 2019

**LOCAL
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The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) Local Government Case Competition (LGCC) began in 2007 as part of the celebration of DHS' 10th anniversary as an integrated department.

Since then, the competition has grown to include more students from a wider variety of backgrounds and academic disciplines.

The competition is generously funded by the Human Services Integration Fund (HSIF).

THE COMPETITION

Like other case competitions, the LGCC highlights challenges and managerial dilemmas faced by government leaders. Competing teams work under pressure to solve a real problem, using simulated business conditions such as time-critical deadlines and incomplete information to formulate action-oriented recommendations.

THE CASE CHALLENGE

The case challenge is not revealed until the Wednesday night opening reception, but previous topics have included:

- Find innovative solutions to move DHS clients away from housing instability
- Develop innovative community solutions to the growing problem of suburban poverty in Allegheny County
- Using emerging technologies to address human service problems

Students will be provided appropriate background materials about the case and about DHS. There is no way to prepare in advance for the case topic.

THE PREPARATION

After receiving the challenge on Wednesday night, randomly assigned teams of students will have until Saturday morning to work together at their discretion on their presentation.

All presentations must be submitted by a pre-determined time on Saturday morning, regardless of a team's presentation time.

THE JUDGING

Team presentations will be judged in the following categories:

- verbal presentation
- creativity and originality
- overall impression
- content
- team performance
- feasibility
- impact

The background of the judges varies and has included HSIF representatives, DHS staff, community leaders and subject matter experts in the chosen competition topic.

THE PRIZES

Cash prizes awarded to the winning teams.

1ST PLACE: \$3,500 per team

2ND PLACE: \$2,500 per team

3RD PLACE: \$1,700 per team

4TH PLACE: \$800 per team

Registration deadline: October 25, 2019
Submit your résumé to register to
natalia.mejia@alleghenycounty.us

THE PARTICIPANTS

Students enrolled in graduate programs pertaining to public policy, social work, non-profit management, public administration, business, law, psychology, design or other related fields may participate.

Students in non-traditional (part-time) programs are eligible.

Undergraduate students are not eligible to participate.

THE TEAMS

Students are assigned by DHS staff to an interdisciplinary team. Students may not assemble their own teams.

The final number of team members is based on the total number of registrants.

Typically, teams have three to five members.

THE TIME COMMITMENT

Students are required to attend the opening reception as well as the panel presentations.

Teams will be randomly assigned to a presentation time for Saturday morning and will learn their assigned time at check-in that day.

The winning teams from the morning presentations will be announced during lunch. Following lunch, only teams who are chosen to present in the final round are required to stay.

All other students are welcome to stay, but it is not required.

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