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DHS MAKING AN IMPACT

DHS Local Government Case Competition

The DHS Local Government Case Competition challenges graduate students to find solutions to real-world problems faced in everyday human services delivery. Placed in interdisciplinary teams, participants have 1.5 days to examine a problem and submit an executive summary for a chance to present the solution to a panel of judges. The competition is intense and fast-paced, but can be a valuable experience for its participants.

To learn more about the DHS Local Government Case Competition, contact DHSComp@AlleghenyCounty.us.



Rich Fitzgerald
Allegheny County Executive

Chris



As a full-time law student, Chris did not think Case Competition was a good fit, let alone something he would have time to do.

“I initially attended a presentation on Case Competition for the free food, but found myself intrigued and decided I could spare the necessary time to take part.”

Over the three days of the competition, Chris and his teammates worked tirelessly to generate ideas that could solve transportation-related issues for residents who don't own a car or live near their work.

“I worked with other up-and-coming Pittsburgh professionals; learned about some of the challenges our neighbors face; and saw firsthand, even if only for a little while, what it is like to work in the public sector. I wouldn't have gained these experiences without Case Competition.”

Now a practicing attorney at a mid-size firm, Chris' career path is still being shaped by his experience.

“Before Case Competition, I wasn't interested in ever working in the public sector, but by the time I was done, I was regularly keeping up-to-date with state and government legal job postings. I still consider public service to be a possible part of my future.”