

## MBA Case Competition Committee News - December 2025

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MBA CASE COMPETITION  
COMMITTEE

### Happy Holidays from the MBACCC

As the fall semester draws to a close, the whole team wishes you a happy holiday and a very happy new year! Thank you all for your participation, and we wish you success in 2026.

### CCC Internal Case Competition

On November 16th, 2024, the MBACCC organized an Internal Case Competition, featuring a mandate from non-profit associations' the West Island Assistance Fund and On Rock Community Services. Four teams worked diligently over the two week period and we would like to commend all of them for their hard work and dedication.

The mandate focused on the strategic merger of both organizations, including the roles and responsibilities of both teams. Teams proposed solutions that allowed the merged entity to make a greater impact on the community and continue to promote volunteer engagement, while reducing operating costs to funnel more funds to the people who need it.

A big thank you to the case sponsors and judges from the *West Island Assistance Fund*, Gregory Orleski and Nicholas Ouellette, and *On Rock Community Services*, Ted Sparkes, Kayla Reid, Laura Ciamarra, Josiah McCooeye, and Kim Reid. Both organizations joined us for the presentation and provided invaluable feedback to the teams. The live Q&A and feedback is one of the most formative parts of the case competition and is critical to the experiential learning.



**1st Place Team:**  
Jailyn Meade,  
Hayagrish Balaji,  
Luvdeep Bhandari



**2nd Place Team:**  
Ezzat Al-Barazi  
Mostafa Ismaeel  
Mahmoud Sabsabi  
Omar Abdelkarim



**3rd Place Team:**  
Vishal Adesara  
Abdelmoniem Khafagy  
Prachi Goyal

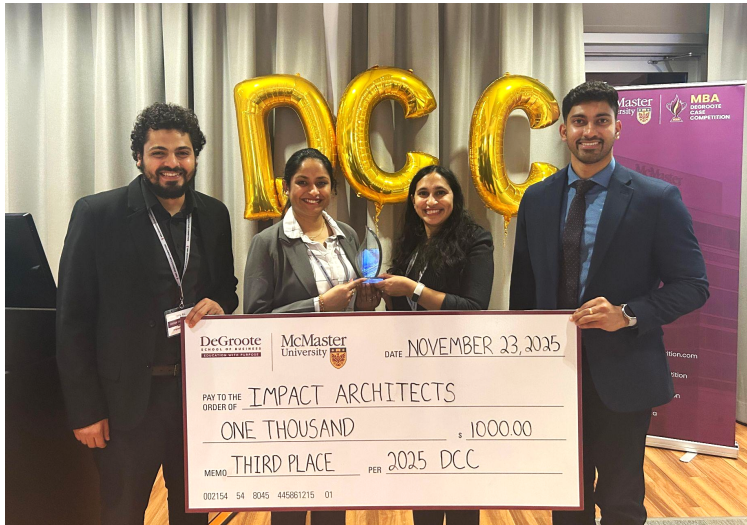


**4th Place Team:**  
Arlo Egan  
Robin Dionne

This event's success was made possible by the generous support of our sponsor, the Andrew Lutfy Foundation.

# Case Competition Highlights

## DeGroot Case Competition - November 21-23



Join us in celebrating Omar Abdelkarim, Hayagrish Balaji, Anu Sharma and Pragma Tiwary who competed at the DeGroot Case Competition at McMaster University, **finishing in third place overall!**

The team worked through three case formats: a research case, a medium 6 hour case and a short 3 hour case. Supported by their coaches Jonathan Faerman, Damian Wolff and Beth Clarke, the team has brought home the first award of the 2025-2026 season.

(L to R): Omar Abdelkarim, Pragma Tiwary, Anu Sharma and Hayagrish Balaji

*“This competition was the fastest I learned about strategy and teamwork in a case-based method, beyond what I could have learned in class.”*

- Pragma Tiwary

## Concours KGP - November 8, 2025



In November, three teams competed at the largest academic project management competition in Eastern Canada, le Concours KG, hosted by ESG UQÀM.

We are extremely proud to celebrate the efforts and performance of our teams, highlighting their dedication, creativity, and strategic thinking during this challenging event. For some, this was the first opportunity to compete in case competitions and start their journey with the MBACCC.

Photo 1: Mostafa Ismaeel, Mahmoud Sabsabi, Ehsan Pasha, Simy Apte. Photo 2: Hayagrish Balaji, Swapnil Hiarni, Pragma Tiwary, Rahul Arora. Photo 3: Imran Deen, Harmehr Sekhon, Vishal Adesara, Tarek Almuhdi

# What's Coming Up?

## John Molson MBA International Case Competition - January 4-9

Join us in wishing Stephanie Hurtubise, Mostafa Ismaeel, Ezzat Al-Barazi and Pierrick Roberge the best of luck as they represent JMSB and Concordia University at the John Molson MBA International Case Competition!

Over a five-day period, the team will face challenging cases in what is one of the oldest and largest MBA Case Competitions in the world. Thanks are in order to their coaches, Cedrin Law, Matthew Beck and Raul Braganza, as the team finalizes their preparation.

## Winter Bootcamp - January

The MBACCC will host the Winter 2026 Case Cracking Bootcamp in January, 2026. Our faculty advisor, Tim Field will give a walkthrough of the fundamentals of solving a case and presenting a strategic solution.

We will also provide you with more information about upcoming competitions and how to get involved in the world of case comps. Stay tuned for more details!

## Recruitment: Case Competition Committee and Strategies in Action

Interested in getting involved with case competitions? Look no further!

The recruitment for the CCC team will open in the next semester. We will look to fill 6 positions: President, VP Marketing, VP Communication, VP Internal, VP Finance and Analytics, and VP Logistics.

The committee supports MBA students that want to participate in case competitions, organize the internal case competition in the fall semester, facilitate coaching and manage the logistics for external Canadian and US case competitions.

Additionally, we will be recruiting competitors to join the case cracking classes:

- MBA659: Strategies in Action (**3 credits** - Fall Semester)
- MANA690: Live Case Experience (**3 credit** - Summer Intensive)

This recruitment will involve a tryout during the winter semester. Enrolling in these classes gives students the basics of solving a case, developing impactful presentations, presenting with confidence and working with a team. It is experiential learning at its best, applying business theories to real-life scenarios, with coaching to steer you in the right direction.

Details to follow in the new year.