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From the Top Highlights:

- Join the Pikes Peak Chapter for an informative tour of SYNTHES on January 10, 2006. This is a great opportunity to tour a local company and also see a world class organization.
- More CPIM classes are on the way! See page 4 for details.
- A CSCP study group is now forming. This class is a one-time opportunity to obtain your CSCP at a reduced price. More information can be found on page 4.

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Plant Tour SYNTHES



SYNTHES is a global leader in the orthopedic trauma market. Its name comes from the Swiss word "Osteosynthesis" or, literally, the joining together of bones. SYNTHES develops, manufactures and markets the materials used by surgeons to repair genetic abnormalities or fractures caused by external trauma. In addition to the assortment of screws, plates, nails & biomedical materials, SYNTHES also offers the tools necessary to perform these skeletal surgeries.

Closer to home, it houses both a manufacturing plant and a logistics facility in Monument, CO. The logistics facility is state-of-the-art utilizing DSI RF systems, vertical storage units, advanced warehousing technology, cutting-edge supply chain techniques & is considered the 'flagship' of SYNTHES Global Logistics. All orders are processed and shipped the same day, ensuring the best possible care for trauma patients.

SYNTHES maintains "World Class" customer service. Its mission is to not only satisfy its customers' needs but to provide the safest and most advanced implants, instruments and technologies to ensure optimum surgical procedures, rapid recovery and a pain-free mobility after surgery.

Directions

Take I-25 to Exit 161. Turn left at the end of the ramp onto 2nd Street. Go west on 2nd across the railroad tracks to Mitchell. Turn left. Turn left at the first stop sign (Synthes Ave). Continue around to the last drive on the right. Turn right and follow the road around to the parking lot. The entrance is on west side of the building.

January Plant Tour
SYNTHES Logistics

Date: Tue, January 10, 2006

Location: SYNTHES
1101 Synthes Ave.
Monument, CO

Time: Presentation and dinner: 5:30 p.m.
Tour: 6:15 p.m.

Call the APICS voice mail at (719) 578-1225 or email Kevin Stone at stonek@synthes.com for reservations.

Deadline: 12:00 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2006

Register soon as space is limited. (Forty people will be allowed to tour.)

If you must cancel, please do so by the deadline or you will be billed for dinner. Substitutions accepted until dinner begins.

Dinner: Executive box meals will be catered. Sandwich choices include: Turkey, turkey wrap, roast beef, honey ham, chicken salad on croissant, cold cut sub, or vegetarian wrap. Salad choices include: Creamy potato, fruit salad, bowtie pasta, or dinner salad with dressing. Chips, drink, and dessert are also included.

Cost: \$10.00

President's Corner

Happy New Year from all of us on the APICS Pikes Peak Chapter Board of Directors!

I would like to introduce you to another new offering from APICS: APICS Learning Communities. APICS Learning Communities are online forums where members can come together regularly to share and develop ideas, practices, and solutions in the field of operations management. APICS Learning Communities provide a communications tool to enhance knowledge sharing among APICS members to strengthen individuals in their work and the association as a whole. As a member, you can access your new member benefit by simply logging in on the APICS home page. Go to the Resources Section of the APICS Web site or at www.apics.org/communities. If you're not an APICS member, you can visit the APICS public community to stay up-to-date on APICS offerings.

The Learning Communities have the following online tools:

Discussions: Join in a current topic or start a new discussion.

Resources: Search for resources or submit materials for posting.

Links: Find and share links to relevant materials.

Events: List community events and discussions.

Poll: Gather community opinions about a subject.

Chat: Communicate in real time with your peers.

There are also Featured APICS Learning Communities, which are for members only. At this time there are two

Featured Learning Communities: Lean and Project Oriented Operations. The Lean APICS Learning Community connects professionals who are dedicated to the sharing and application of lean enterprise tools, techniques, and standard practices.

Their focus is to increase the value of an organization's products and services for its customers to meet or exceed customer expectations and to achieve sustainable competitive advantages.

The Project-Oriented Operations Community connects professionals from project-driven enterprises and those in government agencies who provide project oversight and may also manage resources across the operation. Day-to-day responsibilities might include production of highly engineered products with low volume, deep bills of material, and long lead times. The operations are usually proposed, contracted for, designed, and costed individually. The typical business environments are defense contracting, contract manufacturers, hi-tech electronics, specialty machine tools, medical appliances and electronics, shipbuilding, airplane and avionics manufacture, and space exploration.

I invite you to explore these new benefits of membership.



Don Simpson, CPIM

Professional Membership Benefits

APICS members benefit from:

Certification Programs

Enhance skills and career mobility through APICS certification programs. APICS members pursuing certification enjoy savings on certification preparation classes, review materials, and testing fees.

APICS Magazine

Stay current on industry trends and developments with our monthly, award-winning magazine, *APICS*, free to members. It features case studies, best practices, and innovative ideas in the fields of enterprise management, supply chain management, logistics/warehouse management, and production/inventory management for professionals at every level of an organization.

Local Chapters

You become a chapter member of this local chapter when you apply for membership with APICS. The Pikes Peak chapter offers localized services which includes professional development meetings, certification review courses, plant tours, and networking.

Electronic Discussion Lists

Share challenges and solutions with other professionals worldwide through APICS' ten targeted electronic discussion lists. These online forums provide a quick means to post

questions and receive valuable feedback from thousands of other subscribers via e-mail.

APICS Career Center

Members have full access to the online APICS Career Center. Only members can apply for jobs online and post their résumés for review by potential employers. In addition, only members can subscribe to the job alerts service which provides e-mail alerts to members when new listings are posted that meet specific criteria. Members also receive discounts on job posting packages.

Members-Only Content

When you become an APICS member, you gain exclusive access to the members-only web site.

Ask APICS

Ask APICS is a hotline service that provides personalized, real-time solutions to business challenges in areas from software selection to production activity control. It's like having a free research staff at your disposal.

APICS Bookstore

Members save 25 percent on more than 800 publications, certification materials, multimedia, courseware, and training aids available through the APICS bookstore.

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Education News



The following five modules are covered in the Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) certification:

Basics of Supply Chain Management.

Candidates explore the basic concepts in managing the flow of materials in a supply chain. In Basics you get a complete overview of material flow, from internal and external suppliers, to and from your organization. Topics include elements of the supply chain, Just-in-Time (JIT), total quality management (TQM), manufacturing resource planning (MRP II), demand planning, and capacity management.

Master Planning of Resources. Candidates explore processes used to develop sales and operations plans and identify and assess internal and external demand and forecasting requirements. The course focuses on the importance of producing achievable master schedules that are consistent with business policies, objectives, and resource constraints. Topics include demand management, sales and operations planning, master scheduling, and measuring the business plan.

Detailed Scheduling and Planning. Candidates focus on the various techniques for material and capacity scheduling. The course includes detailed descriptions of material requirements planning (MRP), capacity requirements planning (CRP), inventory management practices, and procurement and supplier planning. Topics include recognizing techniques and practices of inventory management, mechanics of the detailed material planning process, planning operations to support the priority plan, planning procurement, and external sources of supply.

Execution and Control of Operations. Candidates focus on the areas of prioritizing and sequencing work, executing work plans and implementing controls, reporting activity results, and providing feedback on performance. The course explains techniques for scheduling and controlling production processes, the execution of quality initiatives and continuous improvement plans, and the control and handling of inventories. Topics include prioritizing and sequencing work, executing plans and implementing controls, authorizing and reporting activities for push and pull systems, evaluating performance, and providing feedback.

Strategic Management of Resources. Candidates explore the relationship of existing and emerging processes and technologies to manufacturing strategy and supply chain-related functions. The course addresses three main topics: aligning resources with the strategic plan, configuring and integrating operating processes to support the strategic plan, and implementing change. Topics include competitive market issues, choices affecting facilities, supply chain, information technology, and organizational design, configuring and integrating internal processes, and evaluating

and managing projects.

Classes

The Pikes Peak chapter offers CPIM review classes to members and to the public. See page 4 for the latest class schedule. These classes require a minimum of five students per class in order to cover expenses. In addition, the chapter must receive payment at least one week (5 business days) prior to the first class session so that class materials can be ordered.



Mike Heath, CFPIM

Prices are per student and include a Course Participant Guide including a CD-ROM with a practice exam and a certificate for a free APICS professional development dinner meeting. First time students also receive an Exam Content Manual with study hints for preparing for the certification exams and an APICS Dictionary. Typically these will be provided in the Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) class. In addition, students in the Master Planning of Resources (MPR), Detailed Scheduling and Planning (DSP), Execution and Control of Operations (ECO), and Strategic Management of Resources (SMR) classes will receive the APICS Reprints booklet for the course. Additional materials may be provided at the instructor's discretion. A certificate of completion will be awarded to each student attending at least 75% of the scheduled class sessions (6 sessions for 8 week classes, 7 sessions for 9 week classes).

Students with a certificate of completion who fail to pass the certification exam may retake the class at no charge. You must submit copies of your certificate of completion and your APICS exam score sheet. No new materials will be issued. If you wish, you may purchase a new Participant Guide at a discounted price.

Payment

Classes are \$330 for APICS members. Non-members may purchase a one-year membership (\$130 value) along with a class for the bundled price of \$445, or purchase a class without a membership for \$380. Payment is due *one week prior* to the first class session. Payment may be made by cash, check, money order, or approved corporate purchase order payable to the APICS Pikes Peak Chapter.

Withdrawal

Students can withdraw for a full refund prior to the second class session with study materials returned in good condition. After that time, no refunds will be given. Students wishing to withdraw may do so by notifying the instructor or Mike Heath, CFPIM prior to the second class meeting.

Additional Public Classes

Additional public classes outside the tentative schedule can be requested, providing the five student minimum is met.

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Education News, cont'd.

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Corporate Classes

The Pikes Peak chapter can offer private classes to companies at negotiated prices. A minimum class size of four students applies.

Registration

Please contact Mike Heath at 668-8035 or email him at mheath@csu.org if you are interested in taking a class this winter or to get information on other APICS education offerings.

APICS Class Schedule

Course	Location	Starting Date	Registration Deadline
Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM)	TBD	Week of Jan 23, 2006	Fri, Jan 13, 2006
Execution and Control of Operations (ECO)	Entegris	Wed, Jan 25, 2006	Fri, Jan 13, 2006

APICS Review Classes Planned

Basics of Supply Chain

Management (BSCM): The next course is planned to start the week of January 23, 2006. This will be presented at 6:00 – 9:00 PM at a location to be determined based on the students' needs. The registration deadline for BSCM is January 13, 2006. When you register, please let me know if your company would be willing to host the class.



Mike Heath, CFPIM

Execution and Control of Operations (ECO):

This will be presented at Entegris on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 PM starting January 25, 2006. With breaks for various holidays, the course will run through April 12, 2006. Please register for this course no later than January 13, 2006.

CPIM review courses at the Pikes Peak Chapter cost \$330 for APICS members or \$380 for non-members. We have a special offer for non-members, in which you can purchase a CPIM review course plus a one-year membership (\$145 value) for the combined price of \$445. CPIM courses require a minimum of five students.

Registration: Register for any of these courses by contacting Mike Heath at (719) 668-8035 or via email at mheath@csu.org, and mailing your payment to APICS Pikes Peak Chapter, PO Box 486, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Payment may be by check, money order, or approved company purchase order. Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards yet.

CSCP Study Group

APICS introduced the Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) program at the International Conference in October. A description of the program can be found on our local web site at www.apicspikespeak.org under CSCP: Certified Supply Chain Professional.

Depending on the number of potential students, we plan to offer instructor-led review classes for CSCP starting in April. If you prefer to self-study for the CSCP, we can provide the CSCP Learning System to students in the Pikes Peak and southern Colorado region at discounted prices. If you are interested in pursuing the CSCP designation, please contact Mike Heath at (719) 668-8035 or email mheath@csu.org.

Testing for the CSCP consists of a single four-hour exam with 175 multiple-choice questions.. Pencil and paper exams are scheduled for June 17 and December 2, 2006, at a location in the Denver area. These exams will cost \$550 for members or \$700 for non-members.

There are some prerequisites. To be eligible to sit for the CSCP exam, a candidate must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus two years of related business experience, OR
- CPIM, CFPIM, CIRM, or C.P.M. designation plus two years of related business experience, OR
- Five years of related business experience.

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Professional Membership Benefits, cont'd.

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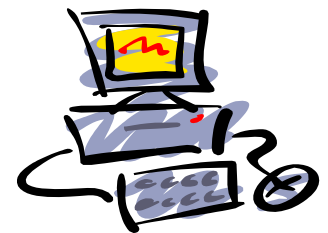
Educational Events

Members save more than \$100 when registering for the APICS International Conference and Exposition and they receive a free copy of the conference proceedings on CD-ROM upon request through APICS Customer Support.

To find out more about becoming a member of APICS, log on to www.apicspikespeak.org.

Have Your Newsletter Emailed

You can have your newsletter emailed to you instead of a copy mailed. You'll also receive it days in advance of the mailed version! If interested, email Michele Tubbs at hmgatubbs@netzero.net.



The newsletter is saved in the .pdf format and can be opened with Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer, you can download it for free from www.adobe.com.

The chapter will also have the newsletter on the web site at www.apicspikespeak.org.



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APICS Pikes Peak Chapter Calendar of Events

January 2006

- 6 Registration deadline for plant tour of Synthes USA
- 10 Plant tour of Synthes USA in Monument, CO
- 13 Registration deadline for Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) class
- 13 Registration deadline for Execution and Control of Operations (ECO) class
- 23 Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) class starts this week
- 25 Execution and Control of Operations (ECO) class starts at Entegris

February 2006

No professional development meeting scheduled

March 2006

- 23 Joint professional development meeting with NAPM/ISM at the Wyndam Hotel

April 2006

No professional development meeting scheduled

May 2006

- 9 Professional development meeting presented by the Air Force Academy cadets