



Student Responses from 2010 CIC Survey

1. Did you feel you had enough correspondence/information (from FEF) prior to the CIC that you felt comfortable when you arrived?

Bill and Pam did a great job of corresponding regularly with me prior to the CIC. I felt well prepared and knew what to expect because I was provided with the schedule of events well in advance to the CIC.

The information was very helpful.

Bill and Pam did a great job of getting the important information out ahead of time.

I didn't feel as though I knew when activities were going to take place with the information that was sent out. Once we began meeting I was more comfortable since we were told what and when would take place next.

I like the Facebook page made it easy to contact people and I check that just as much as my email.

All the information I needed was provided through emails, the FEF website, and in the envelope given at check-in. I felt pretty comfortable with the entire process.

Bill and Pam did an excellent job corresponding with the delegates. The Facebook page was very helpful in relaying information.

Knowing all of the events/dresscode information ahead of time made planning a breeze!

I was fine with the information given ahead of time. I knew the schedule, the companies that were going to be there, even how to get to the hotel from the airport.

The event was well prepared for the students. It was definitely known what we were going to do at the event. This was very helpful.

I think it was a great idea to have a facebook group, but since I don't have a facebook I feel I might have been left out of some discussions/notifications. Also, it would have been nice to know how the roommate situation was going to work before getting there. For example, let us know that the other two people won't be from our school, that there will be an extra bed for the third person, etc.

I think the facebook group helped, if I had a question I could post it on there.

I felt I had a thorough understanding of what was planned and what was expected of us.

I felt that all information was provided accordingly. I would like to recommend that companies that students are notified about which companies are looking to hire and which ones aren't.

Y'all did a great job providing us with itineraries and information about the Conference.

The only thing I was unhappy with was that the company info sheet was sent to us fairly close to the conference date. I had loads of work to complete before I could leave for the conference and was left with very little time to accurately and thoroughly research each company.

I think more information should be provided to the students on what they should wear.

The information provided was very accurate and made arrival smooth and easy.

The information provided was quite helpful. I really liked how a listing of the employers was offered before the conference so I was able to look into the companies.

The time that I had there was amazing and I liked the opportunity to talk to the companies that were there.

I found a very comprehensive event coordination and hope to continue doing so is an opportunity that must not be missed thanks for the invite FEF

Yes. I was well informed however others failed to be knowledgeable because they failed to read the emails.

2. How well did you feel your Key Professor prepared you for this conference (i.e. transportation, scholarship application, assistance at the conference, etc.)?

Darryl did a fantastic job of telling us what to expect. We all knew what was going to take place at each of the events. He took care of arranging the transportation for us and there were no problems with that whatsoever. He also did a great job of encouraging us to fill out the requirements for the scholarships well in advance of the deadline.

My professor prepared me very well, knew the answers to my questions, and for the most part I knew what to expect.

My Key Professor provided me with all the essentials. His guidance was greatly appreciated.

Professor Webber did everything in his power to make sure this was a productive and enjoyable experience.

Transportation from the conference was a key issue. I ended up having to secure my own transportation from the event at my own expense. The cost is not the issue, the fact that it was last minute was very stressful.

We received all of the information very quickly and had help with the application process. Dr. Schwam even split a cab with us from the airport!

Unfortunately, my Key Professor could not make it to the conference with me. He did a good job briefing me on what to expect though.

Dr. Metzloff did a great job preparing us. Since he has gone to many of these, he knew what to expect from us and provided a game plan for us. He was also very helpful with the scholarship preparation.

Dr Okhuysen made sure that we had all of our i's dotted and our t's crossed.

It all happened entirely too fast and though I managed to complete everything there was entirely not enough time in at advance. Though it could have been just my schedule was too busy to begin with.

Kyle Metzloff was great in preparing the students for what to expect. He is very excited about this yearly event and prepares his students almost a year in advance for what can be expected.

Brad did a great job getting us all the information we required for the conference.

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My key Professor didn't really know a ton before my arrival but I wasn't uncomfortable at all.

was comfortable and pleasant but also a little tired

Fairly well. I only felt a little out of place when it came to the dress attire. Unfortunately, this was my first formal event where suits were worn by the majority of people. It would have been helpful to realize that the majority of the delegates wear a black suit.

Very well (I was completely prepared). He's the best. We knew exactly what to expect and what was going on.

3. How did you feel the Westin accommodated the event?

Many of the rooms were not prepared until after the first few events on Thursday. In the future, it would be nice for delegates to be able to check into and be able to change in their rooms prior to the events beginning.

The rooms and conference rooms and everything were very nice. The main problem was that people couldn't get into their rooms, some of them not until about 4 and at least one or two people weren't able to get into their rooms before the delegate mixer and had to change in their friends room.

I was completely satisfied, although one of my colleagues was not allowed to check in to her room until 5 pm. She was forced to dress for the delegate mixer on Thursday in my room.

I know there were issues with rooms being ready, but this did not affect me personally. The facility itself was nice, and the conference rooms were definitely large enough.

I thought it was a great setting. Having all of the events on the second floor made things simple.

My room was not ready before the first session started at 4. It was available before I went to dinner at 7. They informed my they would call me to let me know when the room became available and I never received that call.

The servers couldn't tell me what was in the food, so I refused to eat it.

My roommates and I had the cards to the room reset a couple of times. And I had to request an extra bed the first night, they had one within a couple of hours.

When my group arrived my room was ready but only had one bed for the three of us and it took several times asking before we got cots. Other members of my group arrived and didn't have a room ready by 4pm and didn't get their room until 7:30pm.

had to request a cot for the room since there were 3 people but they arranged for one to be brought up immediately. I do know some students had to wait quite sometime for their rooms to be available.

It would be nice if the rooms were all ready by noon or at the latest 2. I know a few people had to change in other rooms before the first event.

The accommodations were great but there were problems during check in. I checked in first and once my room mates checked in the key card was deactivated. I had to make four trips to the front desk to settle the issue. I found that this was a problem with a few other rooms as well. This might be avoided by letting the westin know that check ins might be staggered in time.

Some rooms where not ready in enough time for delegates to clean up prior to the first delegate mixer

Took a long time to get the room cleaned before we could check in.

Having centralized meeting locations was convenient.

Enough beds in the rooms for three people would be nice; although the floor was more comfortable than I thought.

Some students had to wait a long time to check in. I was not one of them.

There was the small issue of not being able to get into rooms until about 3 o'clock for some people and the issue of one person per room having to put a \$100 deposit on their card that would be returned to them in a week or so. I'm not sure if those concerns were entirely their fault or something that could have been avoided, so other than that it was really pretty good.

The extra bed prepared in the room had only one pillow and a single sheet. The bed was also of a small size, my feet hung over the end as I slept. The wireless internet would not let me connect, not even to the point to register. Information regarding log in would have been nice.

I know one of the other Purdue student's room was not available for him to check in at 3:30. He had to come to my room to change and get ready for the mixer, which isn't a great deal, but it is an inconvenience that I would not expect from such an expensive hotel.

There was some trouble obtaining a cot for roomates without a bed, perhaps they could be pre-arranged to be in the room upon arrival for next year.

Rooms were more than adequate - didn't even spend much time in them anyways!

The meeting spaces and service was great.

It appeared that many of the delegates were without a room upon arrival. Also, many of the rooms didn't have enough beds.

Some students didn't have rooms ready, and they didn't give cots until Day 2 when they were essentially useless then.

My room had one bed for 3 people, but the Westin provided cots for us so we all had separate places to sleep. At least two beds would be nice, but the availability, or lack thereof, of rooms with 2+ beds is understandable.

Nice employees and were able to bring a cot up to a room for the 3rd person.

Absolutely no complaints about the hotel accommodations.

My room was not ready until 4 pm. I needed to get ready for the first event and was unable to due to the late check in

Most of the people had rollaway beds in their rooms upon arrival. My room, however, did not. We did get one but there was some confusion at first.

My room was not ready when I arrived at 3:30, when the mixer started at 4. I had to prepare in a friends room. we did, however receive a cot on time when I know others did not.

I felt that the Westin took fantastic care of us.

we were missing our third bed, however, they rushed up a bed as soon as we requested it. I would also like to mention that their staff was very friendly.

I was completely satisfied with the accommodations. My room was ready when I arrived. However, my classmates did have a problem getting into their room.

Good location in relation to downtown Chicago's extracurricular activities.

Didn't like that the rooms weren't ready when we arrived.

The lunch on Friday could have tasted better.

The Westin was a great hotel with great services for everyone. The only trouble that we had was upon checkin, we had to wait a while get a room because it had not been cleaned yet. Other than that it was a great venue.

The facilities at the Westin were great, the rooms were all nice and the service was great.

Great check in/out service

-Nice and clean rooms

- room key didn't work at first when assigned

I wasn't able to enter my room until late thursday night which left me to change in my classmates room.

If anything it was TOO fancy. When a guy in a tuxedo puts cheesecake in front of me, he doesn't need to apologise for not offering me chocolate sauce.

The food could have been better. The food was rather bland.

I didn't get my room until 10 min before I was meeting for dinner. I would like to have known when I was going to get my room upon arrival.

treatment was good was nice

Very well. Three delegates per room was adequate in my opinion.

Very well. I had no complaints; it was a comfortable clean Hotel.

4. Were you able to secure a dinner invitation on Thursday evening?

I was asked by 5 different companies to dinner. Unfortunately, I could only dine with one so I had to politely thank the others for their offer and tell them I had already accepted to go with someone else.

I was eventually asked to dinner, but not actually with a delegate company.

I feel like the people from the companies chose people based on who would be most interesting to talk to, not necessarily who they would be willing to hire. Not like that's a problem or anything.

I went and asked *** if I could go out with them they took my card and then about an hour after they took it they told me no. According to them they had a few cards and the two representatives had to discuss which students got to go with them. Instead Pam set me up to go with *** instead. I was only upset that I was told no because originally I was told yes.

With help from my Key Professor and talking to additional representatives, I was able to secure an invite.

I had dinner with ***.

It was great!

The company treated our group very well.

*** asked me to dinner almost immediately. However, I definitely felt like a fifth wheel as there were four other students and one in particular that the company was obviously interested in. I was treated very well, don't get me wrong. Dinner and the night following were great. However, if I had actually been in need of finding a job, I would have definitely wasted the evening. They were clearly only interested in 1/5 students that were with the group.

Dinner was fantastic, and all employers were approachable and courteous.

I was not directly invited by a company, but Pam connected me with one at the end of the industry session and I ended up having a great time. It was extremely pleasant without any business-talk and I enjoyed one of the best steaks I've ever had!

I enjoyed my dinner with ***.

I was invited to Gibson's steakhouse, which was excellent.

Yes, I was, although I ended up having to go out with a company that was not hiring since the companies that were hiring were not interested in a to-be graduate student. No problem though, as I got accepted to graduate school between my application to head to the CIC and the CIC itself.

I had to go see Pam at the end of the session to pair up with a company. My experience in metal casting is not as extensive as most of the other delegates at the CIC. I felt that this was the reason that I was not invited to dinner.

I actually had more companies ask me out for dinner than not ask me.

I almost did not. I was about to give up when I decided to try a last table or two. The last one invited me.

I was asked to dinner by 8 companies! Awesome!

I had dinner with *** and had a great time!

*** was a great host for dinner. I was even contacted by them for a potential job opportunity.

I had a great time at the dinner. In an unusual setting with people from industry.

It seemed like our employer was there to scoop up the kids that didn't get offers and we had an amazing night!

the company that took me out was amazing im thinking about corresponding with them in the future.

I had a great time, and think the invitation went well.

Yes. The dinner was excellent to interact with the industry.

Yes. It wasn't a problem at all. I received offers from several different people.

5. Did you personally observe any improper behavior by other delegates?

The other delegates all seemed to be very respectful and courteous.

A few of the delegates acted very immature and would not have represented their school very well. Sexual comments regarding the female gender were made to each other in a boisterous manner that would have been very offensive if heard by the opposite sex. Perhaps a reminder to the delegates from the key professor about the importance of representing themselves in a proper manner is needed.

I did witness some students ditch out on cab fair of a group of delegates late Friday night. Other than that, I did not.

Other than the occasional "push all" buttons in the elevator, everyone was on their best behavior.

Delegate arrived late to luncheon, bragged about previous nights drinking.

Other delegates were having fun in an appropriate way. I'm sure some of them had a little too much to drink Thursday night, but it wasn't necessarily inappropriate.

However, I heard through another delegate about a *** company representative who embarrassed a delegate by verbally putting down his resume.

The delegates were as friendly as possible.

Everyone was polite and respectful.

6. How well did you relate to the speakers? Please explain.

I have dreams of owning my own business one day, so being able to hear Corey and Sid talk was very inspirational and informational. Kai also had a unique perspective being in such an influential position at such a young age. The fact that they all were delegates in the past gave me hope that I can one day sit in their shoes and tell future delegates of my successes in the metals casting industry.

The speakers were very inspirational to hear talk. I can not image putting everything I owned into a business and either be sink or swim.

The speakers all had very interesting things to talk about and great stories.

I was able to relate to Sid the most. He was a hometown boy with a hometown education and a dream, which he successfully achieved. He appeared to be happy with his successes and enjoying those rather than chasing dreams further. I believe he has taught me that even though you feel like you aren't prepared, you just have to trust in what you know.

Although I am not particularly interested in starting a business right now, current coursework has to do with entrepreneurship.

Their thoughts about school and the decisions they made. The thought process and feeling relating how they felt at the time and how we feel now. I thought the speakers did well at telling us, students, "we've been in your shoes".

It was interesting hearing how each of the speakers got to where they are now and the paths they took. It got me thinking more about my future and the steps I need to take to get to where I want to be in the future.

It was very interesting to hear about there personal life experiences. Also how they coped with building there own business's.

I feel that I will have some hard decisions later in life and having heard how they compared the pros and cons I will be better prepared to make a decision that I will not regret.

All three were exceptional speakers but i have no interest in starting a company so it was somewhat difficult for me to relate

I like the fact that two of the speakers talked about how they started their own business. This was useful information that I found very interesting. Also, I like the fact that the speakers were diverse in the sense that one was from a large company and two were from small companies.

The subject of the speakers did not reflect our current position of job seekers rather than entrepreneurs. The topics were very interesting for me, however.

Because of their experience in the industry it is hard to relate to them. But Corey Jarvis and especially Sid Tankersley had really good pointers when it comes to starting a business that tie into running one as well.

It was interesting to hear the struggles of starting your own business.

The speakers did a good job relating to the students by giving good advice. They have a great deal of industry experience and we are just students getting ready to jump into industry. Overall, they had good advice and the data was useful.

They were very down to earth and easy to relate to.

I would have liked talks that are a little more diverse. They mostly seemed to be about how hard it is to start a company. A little technical talk for variety wouldn't hurt.

I have also started my own small business in college so I could relate somewhat to the gentleman who started his own foundry.

It was great to hear all the different viewpoints, but it might have been a little nicer to hear a few more specifics on how Kai got to be at his current position or how Corey got his start in the industry such as what jobs he looked for, how did he approach the job process, or if he had that particular long term goal from the beginning?

I would have liked to hear more about the educational background of the speakers as to know what to expect to increase chances of a successful career. From that information, I could have made a comparison of myself to a person of success in the industry.

The two speakers who talked about starting up businesses was informative and interesting. Very insightful.

Very common fields, and have done some of the same or similar work/studies

Corey Jarvis was employed by my Key Professor and I have always been interested in lost foam casting so hearing Sid speak was very interesting.

They were very informational. I can't really relate because I've never had a career or tried to create my own business. However, I did enjoy Sid the most. I felt that the GM employee could only generalize statements. I also felt that Chris had too much of a chip on his shoulder trying to prove how much better he was than the "corporate" world.

I do not have quite as much experience in industry as some other delegates, so some of the points the speakers made were beyond my scope, but still an informative talk.

I don't think I'd ever want to start up my own foundry/casting business, but it was a unique perspective on the industry.

I have always had an interest in opening a foundry someday and it was reassuring to find that even with the large amount of capital required it would be possible to still open a foundry today.

They all seemed to be in the same place with me, which shows that I could have the ability to advance my career just as they had.

It was great to hear how they made their transition from academic to professional lives. I loved hearing all of them speak about their experience in the industry.

It was nice to here first hand accounts of people in the industry.

I could relate somewhat to them. I believe that this was because I simply have not experienced as much as they have.

Next year, I would really like a woman from industry to speak, because this a predominately man industry. I would also like to see someone from just a small company, instead of 2 that started their own business.

My dad started his own business, which I can relate to two of the three speakers.

It did me well to hear there honest perspective on their careers. No BS. It was very informative and I was glad to hear what they had to say.

I feel that the speakers all had something different to share about their careers, and how they learned and grew as professionals within the industry. It was a good experience for me.

They were very interesting speakers and I enjoyed listening to them. I'm not sure if I can relate to the two that started their own foundries. I have no dreams to start my own as of now, so their advise and information on the topic was not quite relevant to me.

I always wondered about how difficult it would be to start a foundry business. It was nice to have a few different viewpoints on how to start up and run a foundry smoothly.

I do not plan on starting my own business.

I believe there could have been some more diversity between the 3 speakers. Also, some of the delegates and I were wanting some technical information related to metal casting.

There were certain instances that i could relate myself and my work experience to what they were describing. Especially being a young supervisor/manager and having older individuals that will report to you.

I related to Corey and Sid in many ways. It was very surprising and very beneficial. i thought they did a great job.

The speakers offered great insight on how to turn yourself into somebody of power by building something great from nothing.

I have always been interested in possibly running my own foundry. It was interesting to hear the initial problems they had along with some problems they still have. It was nice to have someone from a major company like GM and then someone from a smaller foundry.

The speakers gave us, as delegates, a good perspective of how our futures could easily include a successful career in the metal casting industry if we stay interested and exhibit our passion for metal casting by applying it to our studies and research.

I feel like I could want to start my own business.

I really did not relate with them. They have a lot more experience in the field but it was interesting to see their journey to where they were. I liked hearing the whole story. From being fired to sticking with it when it didn't look to be working.

All three speakers had great tips and were very motivational.

The speakers were great. I could really relate to them because the path I would like to take is more in the management direction with the intentions of maybe even owning my own foundry one day.

Eventually I would like to own a facility that supports the casting industry. The information gained will be useful down the road.

Each speaker answered at least one question about the future that I have wondered about at some point.

It was nice to hear their experiences. I have yet to start my career so I couldn't fully relate. But it was nice to be able to hear about each of their paths and how different their careers are from each other. Give me an idea of what I want from my career with respects to working around family time, travelling and goals.

There was a lot talked about business, where I feel there should have been more dealing with metal casting.

The speakers made a lot of sense and gave me a lot of ideas for the future.

I felt a little like them in the fact that the organization is the best I have ever been a part of and will continue to be with FEF.

The speakers all had a passion for metals casting, even though their career paths were different. I feel they all were able to hold my interest because they had all been in my shoes years ago.

I can appreciate each individual's accomplishment. I rather enjoy listening to other people's life and adventures. I can relate with striving to accomplish goals.

Yes. It opened several doors, as well as expanded my knowledge of casting industry and those hiring.

I feel that the speakers strayed a bit from the proposed topic of "Reinventing Yourself..." and talked solely of the current economic hardships. I would have liked to hear about their initial

training experiences and any issues they may have had developing their products or processes. Many delegates have only experienced the foundry in an academic setting and it would be helpful to hear of the transition from academia to industry.

7. Did this conference effect you personally with regard to your career plans? Please explain.

It opened my eyes to a multitude of other potential career avenues I could explore.

It definitely pushed me towards the casting industry. I kept hearing how it was like a big family and fun to be a part of and they weren't kidding!

I will be taking a previous job offer I received before the CIC.

It made me more willing to relocate. I think it will certainly make the interview process easier and more relaxing.

I will definitely be working in the cast metals industry now.

The conference was a great experience I will never forget. Having a conference that only focuses around metal casting and such is a real treat for metal casting majors. A great way to get involved with the metal casting industry.

I am now absolutely sure i want to be part of the cast metals industry

I did not get involved in metal casting until late in my junior and was not certain that I wanted to go into the career. However, after the conference I have a stronger interest in the casting industry and hope to one day be apart of it.

After completing my Bachelors, I intend on pursuing further education in regards to casting.

I will be going into the casting industry for sure after this conference.

I did not get too many job leads, but I did learn about different Graduate opportunities from the key professors and students there. I know for sure now I am going to go for my Masters, and now have a good foundation of information to help me make my decision.

I have wanted to work in the foundry and the conference gave me a chance to get a job in the foundry business.

I was able to talk with many companies looking for full time employees. This gave me a new insight to the opportunities available within the industry.

This is hard to answer. I did not leave with a job offer but I did leave with a lot of contacts for the future.

Although the industry presentations were quite interesting, I've still got enough time before my graduation that I couldn't make any strict career plans with the companies there. That being said, I'd like to think I have a foot in the door with some of them when I start looking next year.

Gave me an idea of what it wold take to start a foundry, which would be my ideal career path

It has definitely opened my eye's toward seriously persuing a job in this industry because the opportunity is definitely out there.

I met some great companies that I fully intend on contacting that I might not have contacted had it not been for the CIC!

The various types of casting are very intriguing and more knowledge of lost foam and centrifugal casting would be beneficial to become a success in a field over populated by standards of practice. The engineering behind casting is more enticing to me than actual casting itself. Thanks to the conference, I feel that a career in mold design or process engineering would be more enjoyable that a foundry-man.

I found the information provided by talking to the companies and to hear the guest speakers to be helpful in how to plan for the future. Also, speaking to others at the lunch and dinner from both educational and industrial professions gather positive advise.

I was very surprised at how needed my occupational background is, and how eager some employers are for students

It gave me very valuable contacts in the casting industry which I hope to be a part of in the near future.

I already had clear plans and intentions to go to the industry. This conference did strengthen that choice.

I have not had a great deal of experience in the industry and in fact never seriously considered it as a viable industry for employment before this conference. Now I would not hesitate to take a position in any area of metal casting.

As a graduating senior, I came into the conference slightly set on my career goals/plans. Overall though, I think I did discover a few options that appealed to me should my initial plans not come through.

This time at the conference was really positive in the directions that I could go within the foundry industry.

After attending CIC I am much more serious about careers in the metal casting industry because I know how much it has to offer.

Several companies requested further interviews, which could very well result in employment.

I am now seeking opportunities with ***.

It made me see that there are a lot of opportunities to get involved.

Received several interviews from the CIC, good contacts and networking.

Before the conference, I was divided about whether or not I should go into the metals industry or the ceramics industry; my experience is mixed between the two. After the conference, I feel like I am leaning toward metals now.

I had already decided I wanted to work at a foundry. However, I did explore new opportunities with new companies.

I feel like the foundry industry is something i want to stay involved with throughout my entire career

It actually helped me to decide what route I want to take upon graduation. I also might get a job offer from the company I ate with.

I have seen the support in the metal cast industry, I will probably get interviews out of this experience

Yes, I think i have layed some positive groundwork in regards to where I may end up in the next year or so.

Yes it did. It helped assure me that I am in the right field. It also gave me an idea of what to expect when I start interviewing and really helped build my confidence. Most of the companies were very friendly and informative.

I feel more connected and made great networking opportunities for future use.

not really, i knew i wanted to get into the metal casting industry just not exactly sure where yet. If anything it narrowed my choices down of where i want to work.

It affected me in a good way because i met a few industry employers and made good contacts for futre networking.

Although this conference showed me new opportunities that exist for my career, I have not really begun to consider my career path following graduation (beyond attending graduate school), and so I was more dedicated to gathering information than planning a career.

I like metalcasting. This conference help people like me into the industry.

I still would enjoy a job in the casting industry but ideally to end up at a job I really love it seems I will inevitably have to work at a few places prior.

I realized I have a much more viable future in the metalcasting industry than I once thought. I am now more interested in a career in the industry than I was before attending the conference.

It only helped further my future in the metal casting industry.

It showed the importance of casting and the need for individuals to keep the industry moving forward.

It has given me an insight into the types of opportunities available post-grad.

I already work in metal casting.

I have better knowledge of the companies out there. I have a new interest in the steel making industry. Have made connections and contacts with industry representatives.

It has sparked an even greater interest for me in the Metal Casting industry.

It differently opened my eyes to more opportunities in the casting industry. I meant a lot of good people and feel they reflect the industry as a whole.

I loved casting before because it was fun. Now I love it because it is interesting!

I already planned on working in the foundry industry

I was able to secure a job by using other methods.

If I change my plans E.U.A. is another country that's next level to see how things work on the technologies that have the work easier industry

My career plans didn't change because of this conference, but they were strengthened.

Yes! Up until this point, the majority of my focus has been towards machining and manufacturing, but now I realized that I can switch career paths and utilize my knowledge and experience while I learn a whole new industry. I have recently begun researching many companies and graduate schools in the Midwest that have metal casting facilities.

How much FEF cares about students and their futures, and how they are willing to put the money where their mouth is.

My career plans for the past year have focused on the metal casting industry. The conference did not alter my intent to work in this field.

8. Please share some of the things that impressed you most about the CIC.

I was most impressed with the organization of the conference. Bill and Pam did a phenomenal job of organizing the event. Every activity seemed well planned and organized. I really enjoyed the panel session with Corey, Kai, and Sid. I also really enjoyed the chance to network with companies at the student/industry career mixer. Seeing and experiencing the generosity of the companies in taking the delegates out for dinner on Thursday night was also eye-opening.

The number of foundries and suppliers that showed up is what impressed me. Also, the willingness of them to take us out to dinner.

Everything seems very well organized. You could tell that this has been going on for a long time which was nice. Also everyone was very friendly and willing to talk and answer questions.

I was thoroughly impressed by the willingness of metal casting companies in various aspects. I was astounded by the overwhelming financial support, openness to conversation, and general life advice given to me by FEF companies and their staff.

The number of companies and their support impressed me tremendously. It was really just a great experience to be able to talk to so many companies in the metal casting field and get more comfortable asking and answering questions. The willingness of the company representatives to talk was very nice. The food was excellent, and the schedule was kept. The conference was full of friendly people, and I had a spectacular time.

The organization and the location.

The amount of companies that were present was impressive and they all presented themselves well. The speakers were all good and gave really good insight and how to meet personal goals. It was really awesome winning a scholarship.

Bill Sorensen was way cool.

Just the scale of everything.

The amount of companies at the event was really impressive especially with the regards to how the economy was going. The event was very professional in regards to how everyone dressed and acted. I was proud and excited to attend this very special event.

I figured CIC would be presentations, others talking, and basically just meetings. I got so much more out of it than I could have imagined. Getting the chance to meet students from all different colleges and share our interest and experience on something we all enjoy. Everyone attending was so welcoming and helpful. In a way I feel as though I was accepted into a family.

The most impressive thing was the fairly large number of high quality companies that were looking to hire students. I did not expect that kind of turnout with the slow economy.

I was also really impressed with how smoothly everything went. I know a lot of work was involved to make this event work. From arranging accommodations to making sure everyone knew where to be and when the entire conference was flawless. Kudos to those set this up and made sure it ran so smoothly.

Great to have a chance to openly talk to executives in a potential career field.

I thought this was a very well organized event. There are not many things I would change at all.

What impressed me the most was the preparation that went into the conference, but it also seemed as if everything was done with the students in mind, which I appreciated. In addition, there was a welcoming atmosphere amongst industry members and other student delegates.

I was impressed at the steps that were taken to force students, industry and faculty to mix as much as possible. I liked how you broke us away from the groups we came in to help network.

The amount of support from industry, and the companies looking for employees at the conference. This reflects the great reputation for the conference.

The professionalism of the event in general. Everything was incredibly well prepared. The food was fantastic. Hard to think of any improvements. This event was a great experience and was very beneficial. I was able to increase my personal network along with finding some possible new employers.

Well organized and planned. Professional atmosphere. Comfortable for communicating between students and industry.

The people were very nice and fun to hang around. The dinner with the companies was excellent.

The support from the industry was great. Events seemed to flow smoothly from one to the other.

The best thing that I noticed was the Facebook page set up prior to arrival. This was an excellent way to communicate and network with other delegates.

All the food, beverages and accommodations were top-notch - The enthusiasm of some of the companies when trying to rope in students

Every one was super nice and helpful, making it much easier for those who were nervous coming in. The idea of separating the delegates was also very cool, forcing people to learn to interact with people they are not already comfortable with, much like a real world setting.

The hospitality and how well FEF and the industry people took care of us. All the meals and events were great.

The respect and hospitality of the companies and the FEF towards students was truly unique. I have been to quite a few networking events and other industry type events, but none come even close to being as effective or direct as the CIC.

The company tables were very organized and for the most part, so was the conference. The schedule was very hectic with no end times but with start times for the separate events.

Level of interaction with industry and other professionals attending the conference.

The student to student meet and greet was great to meet others with the same interests. The meeting with companies soon after was a great chance to see what kind of businesses are out there looking for employees, and what kind of skills help. The exchange of information, impressions, and resumes in such a fast order among so many employers was a great experience!

The wide range of industry professionals present at the conference and the wide array of delegates present from different universities and walks of life.

It was, for the most part, as I expected it to be. FANTASTIC.

The emphasis on delegates to meet industry members was my favourite element of the conference. No where else have I been able to meet industry leaders in such a friendly setting. I also appreciated the atmosphere of the whole conference, representatives, speakers and MC's were jovial and created a pleasant atmosphere that rubbed off on delegates and made meeting a variety of people easy.

I think the 'family' attitude of many of these small forging/casting companies is just great. It almost felt like a 2-hour conference (with the speakers) and then a 2-day party/hang out informally with the industry representatives.

The professional aspect when discussing careers and opportunities, but also the personal level that you get to really see the people in this industry. The amount of effort that went into making the CIC possible. Bill and Pam did a wonderful job.

I think the fact that the delegates were treated with such great respect is surprising. The companies who attended really tried to take good care of us and show us a good time. The

closeness everyone shared for the love of the industry really was present in all the events. I loved hearing about the history of the CIC and all the members who were important in its creation and maintenance. Overall it was a very positive experience and has left quite an impression on me.

I was impressed with the number of companies that attended the conference as well as with how involved each company was with talking to students. Each company that I visited with was gave a very thorough description of their company and were happy to answer any questions about the casting industry.

I was also impressed with the execution of each event. Dinners, mixers, and lectures were well planned and stayed true to the agenda set for the weekend.

This event was a great opportunity to network my name to numerous companies as well as many other student pursuing a career in metals casting. The location in Chicago was also very fun and exciting.

Well, everything! The Westin. All the events. Getting to meet so many people from the industry. Being invited out to dinner.

I loved to see how many companies were here. And I really liked the Q and A session with the people in industry.

The extent to which companies were willing to contribute to such a conference was inspiring.

I have been interested and sold on the idea of working in the industry for some time now, and will be accepting one of a few job offers in the upcoming weeks. Being a part of the CIC made me feel even better about the industry I am about to enter. Not many industries host conferences like this for students, and ones that do are not nearly as extravagant. It is nice to see that people care and the industry as a whole is interested in our future. The hospitality at the event could not have been better and I would like to thank everyone who was in charge for setting up a very successful CIC. Thank You.

I was very impressed by the size of the conference. I was personally expecting something a bit smaller. Also, even though I was the only person from my school, I felt welcome by the metal casting community. This made me less nervous when it came to talking with companies and other delegates with much more experience than me.

I was impressed with the friendliness and support from company representatives. Everyone was easily approachable and very helpful. It was a relief. Also, the time in Chicago was wonderful. The hospitality was perfect. Overall fantastic time.

The willingness to help students.

I was impressed by how many people were there. I did not know there were that many metallurgy programs out there. I was also surprised at how many scholarships were available. I feel everything went smoothly.

I was impressed with the event in general, everything revolved around students! I have never been to another conference like it. I really enjoyed the social time with the companies, and I think there is a lot of opportunity for me available.

The one thing that impressed me most about the CIC was the approachability of the industry representatives and their willingness to have a meaningful discussion with the students and answer questions. I was also surprised at how tight knit the industry seems to be. I had drinks with two men from industry who are direct competitors yet also consider each other friends. You don't seem to see that in other industries.

I was very impressed with the fact that this was put together by Bill and Pam. The level of organization and ensuring that all of the students were given equal opportunity was great.

I was really impressed with the whole set up of the conference. I loved the idea of meeting all the companies and then having the opportunity to go to dinner with them to get to know each other on another level. I thought the companies did a great job of being very hospitable and personable with all the students. I went in not really knowing what to expect and terrified about the whole interviewing (conversation) process, mainly because my GPA and my lack of experience. I love the metal casting field and it is right up my ally. I know if I could get the opportunity I could exceed all expectations. However, I did criticized about my GPA which was the thing I worried about most but I believe it made me stronger. The food was great and all the receptions and group meeting was really nice to make random people meet. I really enjoyed this conference and it overly exceeded all my expectations! Thank Y'all!

I was most impressed by the money, time, and resources that were spent to reach out to students of the industry. The support was impressive! I have never been to a conference of such that shows as much compassion towards helping students.

I feel like everything ran very smooth. I really enjoyed talking to all the companies and seeing what they where interested in. It helped me in deciding where i want to work. The speakers where all really great, a lot of humor which made it enjoyable.

I was very impressed by the degree of industry participation at the conference. Not having heard about the CIC before being selected to attend, I was surprised by how well conducted the conference was. I personally felt under-prepared by my lack of knowledge of the conference.

Receiving a scholarship; Meeting with companies; Gaining knowledge from speakers.

The shear size of it. The range of students who involved from all types of major and background.

I was very impressed with how professional the event was and everyone who attended it. All the time spent planning his event was well worth it for all the delegates that attended. Very heplful as graduation is creeping up on all of us.

At the info session on Thursday evening, it was really nice to see so many companies at one place with most looking to hire. It was like a job fair for the metal casing industry.

I was impressed by the amount of industry support, and the extent to which the companies in attendance were really interested in being a part of the metacasting community, and in drawing talent from within that community.

One thing that impressed me most about CIC was the organization of the entire thing. It was very well scheduled and ran very smooth the entire time. There was no confusion about what was going on or where we had to bed whatsoever.

Being able to relate with individuals from different schools and majors. I'm a mechanical who has very little experience in castings, even tho I didn't have that experience I was able to enjoy myself and meet some great people.

I was very impressed with the number and quality of the companies that were at the industry conference, and how well networked everyone was. It really seemed like all the industry people already knew each other and that made it seem like a more "family" oriented type of industry where you will always know someone.

Extravagant accommodations and the fact that industry reps treated us like adults. The piano playing was very classy.

Organization of the events

- Industry representatives and their willing to answers any questions students may have about the business and their sincereness.
- AFS handing out complimentary books and DVDs

It was good to see past delegates and listen to their experiences of how the conference helped them.

The amount of people there as a whole was impressive along with the industry doing this for the students. I was impressed with the fact that industry wants to give back so much.

I was most impressed by the family apnosphere that the CIC was able to pull off.

I was very impressed with all the sponsors as well as the number of delegates that attended. I was not expecting the event to be that large and was surprised to see that we were in formal dress attire but had a feeling of business casual.

Managers of companies that will solve your questions; The quality of the event; Dinner with the industr

I was really impressed with the employer/delegate ratio. The career fair was probably the event I enjoyed most because at any other career fair which I have attended, the amount of employers looking for metallurgists is slim, and the amount of casting industries is slimmer. Here, however, most of the companies were looking for resumes and there were plenty of opportunities to talk to representatives.

What impressed me the most was the industry's passion to reach out to student delegates. I was rather impressed by the camaraderie of the organization and how many former delegates attended the conference. I especially enjoyed the mixture of academic and industrial professionals.

9. Were there things that you felt could be improved? Please explain.

I have absolutely zero complaints about the conference and its programming. The only complaint, which I already voiced, is with regards to the hotel accommodations. I fully realize this is out of the hands of FEF, but I just wanted to mention it again to make sure it is realized. Other than the few issues with checking into rooms, I cannot think of anything that could have been improved.

The main problem was with the rooms not being available. Not the FEF's fault.

Although I believe giving students the chance to seek their own dinner invite to companies they are interested in is a very practical and rewarding experience, it can be very demeaning to one's self confidence such as myself when you still do not have a dinner invite an hour and a half into the event. I spoke with, and distributed my resume, to 13 companies in the course of the event and never received an invite. At that point in time I would have rather crawled into bed than go out to dinner with an arranged company and feel like a burden or ugly step child. Lunch the following day only drove the point home while sitting through an awards ceremony where student after student received awards, and I left with a greater sense of insecurity.

Honestly that was the first big conference I have been to so, I can not think of anything. I thought everything was well organized; felt comfortable talking to the representatives and sponsors.

I know you have no control over how the hotel treats it's guests, but it would have been nice to have been able to be checked into my room prior to the first session.

giving students free time in the morning. The speakers could be moved to the afternoon.

I wish there was more time during the job conference to meet with all the companies and the Q&A session after the speakers.

Some things that could be improved could be the fact that I did not have a bed to sleep on and there were three of us in the room with only one king size bed. The lunch during the final day was not very appetising. Other than that it was a great time!

There is nothing I can think of that needs to be improved if the conference, however The Westin did not seem prepared for the students to arrive. It could just be that it was their first year and didn't know that to expect.

Only a minor issue, but it was a little crowded at times when all the students were moving around and talking to companies. It was in no way a problem just more of an inconvenience. I know the space is limited by the venue but maybe by spreading out the larger companies booths and placing smaller companies in between, some of the congestion of people waiting in line to talk to companies could be eliminated.

Having the delegates room mates be completely random was not a good idea. Having the mixers was great but rooming like that was just uncomfortable and made me a little nervous about leaving all my stuff out and sleeping with strangers.

These are both out of FEF's control:

- 1)The rooms were not ready by noon and some were not ready until 3 or so.
- 2)The food was not the best but the choice of chicken was a good idea. I feel as if most people like chicken.

I was very satisfied with the experience. The only area I feel could be improved would be the company list packet. It had brief descriptions about each company and fields of interest, but when I spoke to a few industry members during the "career fair" portion, they were not familiar with it. They didn't have a clue what was listed under their company profile in the packet.

Prior to this portion of the event, I believe each industry table should receive the same packet the students got, so they can review it and correct anything on it they deem necessary.

Not that I can think of. Maybe switch the speakers to when lunch is on going and have the awards at dinner to make sure people attend both. This would give the students the chance to have the morning to themselves and let the professors/board members the morning to take care of business they wouldn't normally have.

The luncheon on Friday could have been a valuable way to meet more companies. I think it would have been beneficial if companies had their own tables and invited students to sit with them. I would have liked this so I would have had an extra opportunity to learn more about another company that I was interested in.

Food was a little lackluster, not unappealing though.

The Industry information session felt short with the number of tables to visit, a half hour more would make it seem more comfortable.

I had to wait a few hours before I could get in my room when I first arrived

A more detailed event list would have been appreciated. Start the industry career fair sooner in the day. This would give us more time to prepare for the dinner and get back earlier for the early start of the next day.

I believe everything went excellent except the whole room check-in situation.

Perhaps a list of which companies are hiring and if they take international students.

- Slightly longer introductory mixer, or at least something to encourage the subgroups of delegates to mix around
- A short speech about the things we may want to see

Well I believe I was one of the last people to get checked into a room so I would have to say maybe that process could have been better.

A more complete tentative schedule could be provided to the delegates as to the ending times of the events. This would allow delegates to schedule other activities such as the completion of homework or site seeing of Chicago's attractions. If possible, extra pillows and a blanket could be provided for those who require more than one pillow and a comforter. With three delegates to a room, more coffee and more coffee cups could be added for the convenience of the non-morning people. Possibly a "what to bring list" could be created for those delegates who have not encountered this type of conference before. I felt surprised as to what others had brought as well as packed in terms of clothing. A definition of "business casual" and "Dress attire" could be relayed to the delegates due to the fact that every event seemed to need a dress suit. My form of business casual is a polo shirt and dress slacks. Wearing this would have left me severely under-dressed.

Possibly having to companies take the students/future employees out to dinner the night after the ceremonies/awards.

Some more speakers would give a better representation of the very diverse casting industry.

1. The conference should be moved earlier into the Fall semester. An October conference would be much more beneficial to those students, like me, that are graduating in December and still searching for jobs. I have been fortunate enough to have a few job offers so I did not have the pressure on me at the CIC. However, I know many students that are now scrambling for jobs and may be forced to jump at the first thing that crosses their path. I feel a CIC in late October would be much more beneficial and still not too early for May graduates.

2. If GPA truly does not matter, then make that evidently clear with all companies and FEF members involved. Tom and Bill said this multiple times when they spoke to the group, yet I still heard many embarrassing experiences from other students at the CIC with the company representatives. Particularly 1 student from ***, whom I had gotten to know, and a company rep from ***. The student was very humble and did not want to say anything about it.

The only thing that could be improved would be the timing of the second day. After travelling and then going out on Thursday night I was really out of energy so perhaps the breakfast could be pushed back a bit to allow everyone to catch up after a busy Thursday.

My only suggestion is that the Friday events began a little early, especially for those of us who were thoroughly entertained by industry reps the night before.

Perhaps instead of a break in the afternoon, the day could begin with lunch, then the speakers then go right into the reception. Maybe the other couple of events such as the professors meeting could be shifted around and held in the late morning

Everything went rather well, but I have a small comment. After each speaker on Friday morning, a small 5 minute break could have been used for coffee or going to the restroom. I know I drank way too much coffee before the conference and had to get up in the middle of a speaker's presentation to use a restroom.

I can't say that everything was perfect, but also I cannot think of any specific thing that I would like to improve. The only thing I could mention is that many of the rooms did not have enough beds in them which caused a person to sleep on the chair. That isn't really that big of an issue though.

I feel that more time could have been allotted on Thursday for the industry information session. I felt a bit rushed and did not have time to visit with several companies that I was interested in.

As a 21 year old college student, I feel that the Friday morning events could have been started later in the morning in substitution for the afternoon break. Many of the companies wanted to "hang out" and spend quality time with the delegates late into the evening, which made it more of a challenge to be sharp the next morning. We're responsible students, however, it is difficult to say no to industry leaders who say, "just one more drink."

I would've liked to learn about some new things in industry at this conference too, instead of just here how people got into the industry.

I did not understand how the dinner invitations worked. I was under the impression that if they were interested in you, you would be asked. This part of the conference was poorly talked about since I knew others in my same shoes. Also, This creates a competitive culture among students. During parts of the conference, I could see many people being left out (at times, myself included). You MUST remember, at our age, some people have a "frat boy mentality" while others are passive.

Some of the companies were not very receptive to what they were looking for. In some cases, I didn't even know why they were there since it seemed like they had already decided exactly who they wanted to find. All were nice people however.

*** was looking for people with a 3.5 GPA. At our school, I think about 30 people in the entire engineering department have that, and they aren't going to go to work for a *** foundry (they will work for NASA/JPL). Again, some companies didn't know their audience.

Not quite sure, I felt that the conference was well done. Maybe only have one speaker that started his own foundry and have the 3rd come from a different background.

Not very much. It would have been nice to have more time for questions directed towards the speakers. Other than that, everything was flawless.

Maybe less alcohol events.

I think there could have been more diversity between the 3 speakers. 7 AM is a little early for breakfast. Why not 8 or 8:30?

My only complaint with the CIC is a minor one: being from the west coast and losing 2 hours going back to Chicago, the scheduling for Friday morning seemed to come pretty early. The 7:15 breakfast started at 5:15 Pacific time and it was pretty early to me.

Things that I felt that could be improved would be:

1. List of companies looking to hire could be a bullet list with links to the company profiles.
2. Allow the students to know who they are rooming with ahead of time maybe to encourage social interaction.
3. More icebreakers as there were students that seemed rather timid.

The only thing i would change is the early start on the second day. The companies wined and dined us to the gills! Push breakfast back to 9am and omit the afternoon break from 3-5pm.

The only thing that i would have enjoyed is a little more free time to roam the city. There was a lot of things i wanted to check out, but really did not have the time. Everything else was great!

I think the layout of companies at the information session could have been better arranged (perhaps segregated according to business area), but otherwise, the conference was fantastic.

I felt a little rushed during the industry tables/ job fair. I spoke a little too long to one specific company and ran out of time.

The info session on Thursday should be longer. There were a lot of companies that I wanted to talk to but was unable to do so because I ran out of time.

I felt more information should have been made available regarding the state of the industry and whether or not companies were hiring. It was dispparraging to me to spend time talking to a company at the industry conference only to have them tell me that they are not hiring.

I was really impressed with the entire conference. Off the top of my head I can't really think of anything else that could be changed accept maybe a little more time for the questions and answers part during the speakers.

I feel that there could be a little bit more Canadian content in terms of industry representatives. It was great to see all the companies out but it was quite disappointing that none of the companies were really interested in our group.

I just wish I could have got into my room in a more timely manner, not getting in there until late was a bit stressful.

The price of beer at the Weston was over priced and could have been more student friendly.

The only complaint was that I didn't receive my room until 7 pm.

I did not enjoy sitting through the three speakers without any intermission. I would recommend a five minute break between speakers, so as not to interrupt the audience or speaker by leaving the room while they are presenting. Aside from this, everything was superb.

10. This event changes from year to year based on suggestions we receive. Please share any ideas and suggestions for future conferences.

Again, I cannot come up with anything that needs to be changed for next year. I would suggest giving thought to moving back to the Drake or working with the Westin to fix the issues (which were their fault) from this past year. As far as programming for the CIC is concerned, my recommendation is to keep everything the same for next year.

I would suggest on Thursday night when students are supposed to be obtaining dinner invites some form of company rotational schedule where students meet with certain companies prior to the free for all. It would give students the chance to meet a few (2-3) companies before the chaos of battling other students for time with companies begins. It would also help relax students and give them a concrete sense of worth before the stress of finding a company interested enough in you to take you to dinner begins.

It would be nice to have a few more companies from the South, but I know this is probably not always worthwhile for those companies. I think if the setup is kept the same as it was this year, you will never hear a complaint. I am sincerely thankful for being given this opportunity.

I was thoroughly impressed with both days of the conference and wouldn't change a thing, except for switching back to the Drake for the hotel accommodations. Thanks again for a great conference and I look forward to a long, healthy, and wealthy career in the cast metals industry.

The conference was not vegetarian friendly.

Please make sure everyone has a bed to sleep on.

I realize that on Friday night we were considered on our own but we did gather together since the company got us wrist bands for the bar. It seems that the students that couldn't drink or didn't drink were outcasted. Maybe a suggestion is if a company is going to put something together maybe that non drinkers can also enjoy.

I think it would be nice if our packets had 10-20 business cards that have our contact information on them. This way the delegates can exchange personal contact information if they wish to.

Just about everyone at the conference went to the same bar at the end of Friday night. It would be nice if that was taken into account as part of the planned activities in the future. I was able to have several very good conversations with industry people in a very informal and relaxed setting. Plus since it was mainly word of mouth some students stayed in when they should have/ could have come out. Personally it was a very fun way to get to know the other students better and a way to end the conference with a bang.

A formal interview process by the companies might be better to get to know us better as candidates for a job. For example a private conference room where a company and their representatives can ask you professional related questions and see how you respond to them. This would be beneficial to the companies and the students.

Instead of having the breakfast at 730 in the morning on Friday have the professors meet then and the students could stay out longer with the companies on Thursday night.

Have the industry companies specify what position they are looking for, skills needed, and a money factor. It seemed like everyone was vague in what they were looking for. This makes it difficult to make important career decisions.

Possibly a second speaker section in the afternoon

To wrap things up...

1. A full tentative schedule could be provided a head of time as to prepare for the series of events.
2. The sleeping arrangements would be considered more equal if every student had a full size bed with two pillows, sheets, and a comforter.
3. Maybe room arrangements could be organized by delegate characteristics provided by an informational survey required to be completed by every delegate. This would ensure that delegates would be placed in a room with "like personalities".
4. The sleep of some delegates was interrupted from intoxicated delegate roommates arriving back to the room late in the morning. I'm not sure how to accomplish this.

Possibly allow more time to interact with other student delegates and explore city, by arranging time of events more efficient.

More speakers and possibly some more involvement on what different FEF chapters do at their universities.

Let the companies contact students ahead of time. I can understand not allowing students to contact ahead of time, but if there is someone the company specifically thinks is a good fit let them contact the student. This will allow the company to select the students they want and then not waste other students time. I spent a lot of time 10-15 minutes talking to several companies only to find out at the end that they did not offer what I wanted or vice versa. If the companies could contact students ahead of time they could then turn away other "unwanted" students earlier and more tactfully rather than wasting the student's short 2-hour period of time. I believe an up-front approach can be appreciated by both students and companies alike. As long as both parties can have a tactful way to get their point across.

I thought that the conference was very well run as it is, but it would have been helpful to know where other delegates we met were roomed, so that it was easier to link up for our free time on Friday night. It would also be nice to see some more Canadian content (eg. Canadian firms and/or more Canadian friendly jobs) at the conference if at all possible.

More time for the industry information session.

I believe that this event was very well organized and I'm grateful to have been able to attend. The only suggestions I can think of would be: 1. A later start on Friday morning. 2. Different mints at the refreshing stations (they tasted like soap!)

The only suggestion I have is that the conference be moved back by about a month. It was personally difficult for me as I came to the conference with a job offer. I will be attending interviews from companies I met at the CIC, the time frame in which I must decide and the hiring companies must act is severely compounded. I feel that adding holding the CIC a month before would allow for a timelier courting period for students who attend the 2011 CIC.

An extra half hour talking with the companies before dinner would have been great.

Better check in.

A scheduled sight-seeing tour would be a cool thing to do for people coming from out of the Chicago area. It can be optional and delegates can sign up for it when they register.

As I stated earlier, it would be nice to know how the rooming situation will work out. Just knowing that there are three to a room leaves a lot of people skeptical of how it's going to work. It would be nice to know that you won't be rooming with people from your school, and that there will be three beds for three people.

I think the event was, overall, very organized and impressive. I know there were some issues with the 3rd beds in the rooms and that could have been more organized on the hotel's behalf. In addition, a colleague of mine was not allowed to check into his room because it was not clean so he had to stay in my room to get ready while waiting for the front desk to call him. I think it would also be beneficial if the students were notified that they were going to be required to provide credit cards with a 100 dollar deposit when checking in. I, personally, had to cover a few people because they could not afford the deposit which put me in a position where I was a bit uncomfortable. However, overall, this was a great even where I was able to gain HUGE amounts of networking and potential leads on jobs. Thanks again.

Everything went great i feel, the only suggestion would be more free time to explore the city.

The timing of the conference is oddly inconvenient. Would it be possible to schedule it for a weekend rather than during the week? That would seem to be more accommodating to students with extremely busy schedules, which may favorably affect the diversity of students present at the conference.

Possibly some way to get students business cards before the event with their name and university to give to possible employers or other students they meet. Sometimes it is just overwhelming to try and grab numbers and names and remember who they were or who they were with. Or for me asking for other students numbers after just meeting them.

Not sure if it is possible but maybe get more companies in other parts of the country. I know that the metal casting industry is mainly concentrated around the upper midwest. Seemed like every company that attended was from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana etc. Like I said, not sure if this is controllable at all.

The more companys that we could talk to the better. If the companys were divided by regon or state that they were from would help deturmin who i wanted to talk to.

would last one more day the Even; bring more industries; people who come from far to go one day before; give more scholarship even less money

On Friday, we had a long break before the final dinner. The Westin was ideal because of its close location with Hancock building. However, there is also a tour bus that offers two hour tours of Chicago. This would have been an awesome experience to have partaken in. However, the tour takes 2 hours and it was scheduled at 2, 4, and 6. We had a break right before 2 and if I would have know, I would have arranged to take the tour. If the Westin is planned for next year, perhaps this information might help others who might want to take advantage of their free time on Friday.

Intermission between key speakers.