A team representing the University of North Carolina, Wilmington competed in the regional Fed Challenge competition held Nov. 4 at the Charlotte branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

The team included students Trevor Stanley, Daniel Soques, Lukas Soderberg, Matthew Raines, Sebastian Royer, and Colin Hart and was coached by Professors Thomas Simpson and Julianne Treme.

Teams competing in the Charlotte round included representatives of the following North Carolina schools: Gardner-Webb University, Western Carolina University, Appalachian State University, Johnson C. Smith University, North Carolina A&T State University, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Guilford College and Methodist University. The competition also included the following teams from South Carolina: Anderson University, Winthrop University and Furman University.

Students delivered 20-minute presentations on monetary policy and were scored on content, teamwork, responses to questions, presentation and style. Judges included Matt Martin, Richmond Fed senior vice president and Charlotte regional executive; Richmond Fed economist Richard Kaglic; Clare Adkin, North Carolina Council on Economic Education; Shawn Robinson, senior vice president, BB&T Co.; Richmond Fed Assistant Vice President Kelly Stewart; and Jewel Glenn, Richmond Fed Public Affairs manager. The Richmond Fed sponsors College Fed Challenge, a regional academic competition, to encourage better understanding of the nation's central bank, the forces influencing economic conditions in the United States and abroad, and the ways the economy affects everyone.