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## Winning pitch

Is Waste Management Inc. a potential Berkshire buy?

A pitch of that idea by University of Nebraska at Omaha MBA student Hallie Hanlon-Ward won a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the Genius of Warren Buffett course at UNO.

Seven students competed for the award by compiling information on companies they think would fit Berkshire's acquisition requirements and then making a presentation to a group of judges.

There's some precedent here.

Last year's winning pitch was on Amerco, the parent company of U-Haul and the subject of a Barron's magazine article last week that agreed that it has all the characteristics of a Berkshire company.

In 2012 a student pitched John Deere, and before long the farm implement dealer joined Berkshire's stock portfolio. Coincidence?

Students who take the Buffett course, which is taught by Buffett author and speaker Robert Miles, make investing decisions for a \$55,000 portfolio, aiming to hold each stock for at least 10 years.

**To read full article by Steve Jordon:**

[http://www.omaha.com/money/buffett/apple-s-potential-to-bear-long-term-fruit-spurs-rare/article\\_c9f7a1b8-0f04-5fb1-9e45-5f616c63c2af.html](http://www.omaha.com/money/buffett/apple-s-potential-to-bear-long-term-fruit-spurs-rare/article_c9f7a1b8-0f04-5fb1-9e45-5f616c63c2af.html)