

# Mentor Network Program Košice



On March 22, 2012 InfoUSA Košice was filled with students, successful CEOs and a friendly business atmosphere. CSI Leasing and AmCham hosted the first Mentor Network Program in Košice. This unique program provided an opportunity for 40 students from the Technical University of Košice, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, University of Security Management in Košice, University of Prešov and University of Economics in Bratislava-Faculty of Business Administration in Košice to meet with CEOs and high representatives of the top companies in Slovakia. The reception went on until evening hours. Those who had a chance to participate enjoyed the very pleasant atmosphere and productive networking environment.

**I was surprised that I could meet so many interesting people from the IT sector. Mentors were very nice and open. The best was their approach to students and information they provided to us with.**

Student opinion

**Mentors were great; they liked to share ideas about their career path, especially when they are working in area in which I study.**

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The Mentor Network is a program which aims to provide students an opportunity for mentoring and career advice by business sector representatives and the best CEOs on the Slovak market. The concept of the Mentor Network Program originates from the Regional Business Council in St. Louis, Missouri which has a mentoring program for students in higher education. In Slovakia, the program is organized by CSI Leasing with support of the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) and the US Embassy in Slovakia. The Mentor Network Program in Slovakia was established three years ago. Since then, CSI Leasing has already hosted four receptions and follow up meetings in Bratislava. Over these years, the program has attracted more and more companies as well as students due to its excellent reputation.

The Mentor Network Program has something for all: students gain exposure to real world business leaders and their knowledge; schools can increase their reputation amongst students by offering a special program for their brightest; the business community will have access to the best talent pool waiting to access the workforce. These attributes make the program very attractive to

everyone involved: students, schools and business people.



*Martin Kardos,  
CSI Leasing Slovakia*



Ján Mendel, CEO of LB Minerals a.s. with students



One of the mentors was **Elena Petrášková**, LL.M, Vice President, Management Services and Administration of U. S. Steel Košice



From left: **Martin Kardos**, CSI Leasing Slovakia and **Rastislav Puchala**, Director of the AmCham Office in Košice