The Cotton Industry Support Group (CISG) sponsored a Student Paper Presentation Competition during the Beltwide Cotton Conferences. The goal of this award is to promote interest in Cotton Engineering/Ginning Research and to help develop presentation skills of our potential industry leaders. To encourage participation, CISG provides a plaque and a cash award of $250, 200 and 150, for first, second, and third place, respectively. The competition rules and score sheets were sent to each of the students prior to the presentations. Judges were selected to score the presentations and rank the students.

The Cotton Engineering Student Paper Presentation Competition was held at the 2009 Beltwide Cotton Conference in San Antonio and awards were presented at the end of the Joint Session of Cotton Engineering-Systems and Ginning Technical Session. There were seven entries into the student competition. The 2009 award winners were:

Cory L. Multer, first place, presenting study results on the Advances in Cotton Ginning Simulation: Transportation Resource Management: C.L. Multer, C.B. Parnell, Jr., R.O. McGee, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

Robert G. Hardin, IV, second place, presenting study results on the Design and Evaluation of a Cotton Redistribution Device for the Module: Robert G. Hardin, IV and Stephen W. Searcy, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

Mary Thelen, third place, presenting study results on the Evaluations of EPA Approved FRM PM 2.5 and PM 10 Samplers: Abhinav Guha, William B. Faulkner, Mary Thelen, B.W. Shaw and C.B. Parnell, Jr, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

Mary Thelan, third place winner, with Kelly Green and Tommy Valco presenting check and plaque, January 8, 2009.
Shay Simpson with Robert G. Hardin, IV, Mary Thelen and Cory L. Multer, displaying plaques after the Beltwide Cotton Conference Engineering and Ginning Student Paper Awards Presentation Competition.