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Pickin' and grinnin'

It appears as if Union Graduate College in Schenectady has what it takes to beat the stock market — at least for now.

A team of stock pickers from the school is leading the pack — and in a big way — in the chase for the Adirondack Cup, a college trading contest being held at Adirondack Funds in Guilderland.

As of Dec. 2, Union Graduate College's mythical \$1 million portfolio was up 18.48 percent. Ithaca College was in second place with a 5.33 percent return.

Steve Gonick, a principal with Adirondack Funds, says the Union team has made “uncommonly good bets” with its portfolio.

Who knows, however, how Union Graduate College will do? The teams can only make trades in their portfolios of five small cap stocks twice before the contest finishes in April.

Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs has been bringing up the rear with a negative return of **15.85 percent.**