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**Ohio State Wins ACG Cup for Third Year in a Row**

**CLEVELAND** – January 20, 2016 – For a third year in a row, a team of MBA students from The Ohio State University won the ACG Cup, a rigorous investment banking case study competition organized by the Cleveland chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG).

The ACG Cup competition gives MBA students an opportunity to deliver advice on valuation, capital markets and strategic mergers and acquisitions to a panel of well-versed professionals in the mergers and acquisitions field. ACG chapters across the nation host ACG Cup competitions, where members create stronger relationships with leading business schools. Additionally, the competition provides corporate growth professionals with the opportunity to connect with up-and-coming talent. This competition, “opens up students’ worlds to opportunities in mergers and acquisitions, particularly in Northeast Ohio,” said Matt Roberts, ACG Cup committee member and associate at MelCap Partners, LLC.

The first-place team included OSU students, Jeffrey Scudder, Philip Larger, Michael Dean, Krisztina Nadasdy and Chris Buehler. The second place team was comprised of students, Noel Juguilon, Evan Lyons, Jennifer Phillips and J.B. Blackwelder from Baldwin Wallace University. In third place was another OSU team including students, Gabriel M.C. Lima, Conrado Kretli Castro, Rajat Kapoor, Trevor Morse and Julanda Al-Riyami. Teams from Youngstown State University and Case Western Reserve University also participated in the competition. In total, there were nine teams entered in this year’s competition.

The members of the winning team are invited to attend ACG Cleveland’s Deal Maker Awards, which award leading corporate deal makers for their accomplishments in the mergers and acquisitions field. They will also receive an all-expenses-paid trip to InterGrowth, ACG Global’s annual conference, which will be held May 2-4, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, La. In addition to the prize package, OSU won guardianship of the ACG Cleveland Cup trophy for one year. Members of the runner-up team will receive cash prizes.

**About ACG and ACG Cleveland**

Founded in 1954, ACG is a global organization with 56 chapters and over 14,500 professionals involved in corporate growth, corporate development, and mergers and acquisitions. Doing business is at the heart of the ACG membership experience. Chapters in North and South America, Europe and Asia bring dealmakers together to help them achieve their business and professional goals. For more information, visit [www.acg.org](http://www.acg.org). ACG Cleveland has nearly 500 members and is one of the largest ACG chapters in the world. For more information, please visit [www.acgcleveland.org](http://www.acgcleveland.org).

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