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## Ohio State Wins ACG Cup for Fourth Year in a Row

**CLEVELAND** – January 18, 2017 – For a fourth 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 first-place team included OSU students, Kyle Bushey, Trevor Morse, Dave Jones, Alex Teuscher and Mireille Hartley. The second place team was comprised of students, Brian Parro, Richard Price, Anthony Manna, Jeff Foote and David Alvarez-Carbonell from Case Western Reserve University. In third place was another Case Western team including students, Junwei Li, Xinxin Zhang, Aoxue Li, Xiarui Zhang and Yuhe Zhang. Teams from Baldwin Wallace University and Youngstown University also competed. In total, there were nine teams from local MBA programs that entered in this year's competition.

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 is a wonderful opportunity for MBA students to gain real-world experience and insights into mergers and acquisitions, investment banking, financial advisory and private equity. We look forward to seeing how these students leverage this opportunity to advance their careers," said Matt Roberts, committee chair of the ACG Cleveland Cup competition and a vice president at MelCap Partners. "We would like to thank all participants for their great effort in the 9th Annual ACG Cleveland Cup."

The winning team will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to InterGrowth, ACG Global's annual conference, which will be held April 24 – 26 at the Aria Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. 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 <a href="www.acg.org">www.acg.org</a>. ACG Cleveland has 500 members and is one of the largest ACG chapters in the world. For more information, please visit <a href="www.acgcleveland.org">www.acgcleveland.org</a>.

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