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Ohio State University MBA Students Win ACG Business School Competition

Cleveland, Ohio, February 3, 2014 – 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 provides MBA students with a unique opportunity to present valuation, capital markets and strategic mergers and acquisitions advice to a panel of seasoned professionals and defend their positions. More than 30 ACG chapters nationwide will host teams from over 130 MBA programs in ACG Cup competitions this year.

The members of the winning team will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to InterGrowth, ACG's global conference, which will be held April 28-30, 2014 at the Aria Hotel in Las Vegas. Members of the runner-up team, also from The Ohio State University will receive cash prizes. Teams from Case Western Reserve University, Baldwin-Wallace University and Akron University also participated.

Members of the first-place team were R.H. Henry Benedict, Patrick O'Brien, John Tyler and Samuel Richey. In addition to their prize package, the school won custody of the goblet-shaped ACG Cleveland Cup for a year. The second-place team from The Ohio State University consisted of Joseph Clark, Graham Kauffman, and Dominic Porretta. The second runner-up was a team from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) and included team members: Hengchi Sun, Yunjing Zhang, Teng Wang, Yumeng Tang, and Yujing Fan.

"This was a world-class competition," said Scott Fine, a professor of finance at CWRU's Weatherhead School of Management. "Students learned as much in a week as they normally would during an entire semester. The cases in this competition are outstanding and I look forward to using them in the classroom."

"This competition is a wonderful opportunity for ACG members to forge closer relationships with leading business schools in the region while providing MBA students real-world experience and insights into mergers and acquisitions, investment banking, financial advisory and private equity," said Karen Tuleta,

president of ACG Cleveland and a partner at Morgenthaler Private Equity. “We would like to thank all participants for their great effort in the 6th Annual ACG Cleveland Cup.”

The winning team was recognized on January 30th at ACG Cleveland's annual Deal Maker Awards dinner. The Deal Maker Awards are designed to highlight Northeast Ohio's companies and individuals who have been successful in their pursuit of corporate growth through acquisition, joint venture, financing, restructuring and divestiture transactions.

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. 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.

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