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Idaho State University Students Named Finalists in Community Bank Case Study Competition

Boise, ID ... The Idaho Department of Finance congratulates a group of undergraduate students from **Idaho State University** for advancing to the final round of the **2016 Community Bank Case Study Competition**.

The Idaho State University team will join 11 other college team finalists as they compete to become winner of the 2016 Community Bank Case Study Competition; the winning team will be announced May 26, 2016. The Idaho State University team was chosen among 23 student teams from 20 colleges and universities around the country participating in the competition.

"Congratulations to the Idaho State University student team for being named a finalist in the 2016 Community Bank Case Study Competition," said Idaho Department of Finance Director Gavin Gee. "I am excited to see our students take interest in community banking and the larger state system of financial supervision. Community banks play an invaluable role in communities around the country and especially here in the state of Idaho, and the research from these students will foster even more insight into the impact of community banks on small businesses."

Facilitated by the **Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS)**, the Community Bank Case Study Competition encourages students to explore community banking by partnering student teams with local banks to conduct original case studies. The 2016 competition focused on the impact of small business lending efforts by local community banks.

Student members of the Idaho State University team include: **Jacob Hall, Michael Hunn, Hye Joon Lee, Carlie Lutz, Ben Wilson** and student videographer, **Ryan Byers**. The team's faculty advisors were **Dr. Ann Hackert, Dr. Tyler Burch** and **Dawn Konicek**. The students partnered with **Citizens Community Bank**, in Pocatello, a division of Glacier Bank. The bank participants were **Amy Rhoads**, President and CEO, **Dan Heiner**, EVP/Senior Credit Officer, **Nathan Christensen**, SVP/Commercial Loan Officer, **Ryan Ward**, EVP/Senior Real Estate Loan Manager, **Jeff Garvin**, SVP/Chief Financial Officer and **Susan Gibbens**, SVP/Branch Administrator.

More information about the 2016 CSBS Community Bank Case Study Competition is available at [CSBS Bank Case Study](#).

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