

## Five Teams Move to Community Bank Case Study Competition Finals

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**Washington, D.C.** - Five student teams advanced to the finals this week in the 2023 CSBS Community Bank Case Study Competition, emerging from a second round of 14 teams.

This is the ninth year of the competition, which is open to undergraduate students in all fields of study as an opportunity to gain valuable first-hand knowledge of the banking industry. The teams have partnered with local community banks to learn how they are recruiting and retaining talent, approaching succession planning and using technology to advance operations.

"We have been impressed with the high-quality work presented by these teams, which have really given great insight into the topic," said CSBS Executive Vice President, Policy & Supervision Karen Lawson. "The final round of judging will be very challenging."

A total of 34 student teams representing 28 colleges and universities entered the competition, this year. The final five teams are:

- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Iowa State University
- Messiah University (Pennsylvania)
- The University of Tennessee at Martin
- Trine University (Indiana)

The top three teams will be announced on July 12 at the CSBS State Federal Supervisory Forum, held this year in Philadelphia.

Each student member and faculty advisor of the first-place winning team will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and present their findings at the Community Banking Research Conference in St. Louis in early October. Their work will be published in the annual CSBS Journal of Community Bank Case Studies. The second and third ranked teams also will receive scholarships and have their works published in the journal.

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