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**Washington, D.C.** – Fifteen teams have advanced in the first round of judging of the 2025 CSBS Community Bank Case Study Competition.

The teams were chosen from a pool of 35 student teams that represent 27 colleges and universities across the nation. This is the eleventh year of the competition, which is open to undergraduate students nationwide in all fields of study as an opportunity to gain valuable first-hand knowledge of the banking industry. This year, the teams partnered with local community banks to explore the impact of interest rates and inflation on the business of banking, with a focus on planning for the future through branch strategy, technology, and managing regulatory burden.

The teams advancing to the second round are from the following universities:

- Ball State University (Indiana)
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Illinois State University
- James Madison University (Virginia)
- Mercer University - Team 4 (Georgia)
- Messiah University (Pennsylvania)
- Mississippi State University
- Rosemont College (Pennsylvania)
- Southeast Missouri State University
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- University of Arkansas
- University of Maryland - College Park - Team 1
- University of Tennessee at Martin
- Ursinus College (Pennsylvania)
- Western Michigan University

CSBS will announce the results from the second round of judging on June 10 and the top three teams on July 14.

In addition to being invited to present at the annual Community Banking Research Conference, each student member and faculty advisor of the first-place winning team will receive a $1,000 scholarship. Their work will be published in the annual Journal of Community Bank Studies. Teams that place second and third will also receive scholarships and have their work published in the journal.

Learn more at www.csbs.org/bankcasestudy.

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