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Morgantown, W.Va. Subject of Winning Citizen-Centric Report
Nation-Wide Challenge Created Morgantown's First Comprehensive Report

Alexandria, Va. – The Association of Government Accountants, or AGA, is proud to announce that students from the Auburn University at Montgomery are the winner of the 2018 Government Finance Case Challenge for their Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) on Morgantown, West Virginia.

Students from the university took top honors for their helpful and concise CCR of the city's budget, expenditures, goals, performance metrics and future challenges. Armed with the new CCR, Morgantown is now better equipped to serve its citizens.

"All levels of government aim to be transparent with their spending. Sometimes though, they fall short of their goal of providing the public with relevant facts about where the money is going and what is being achieved," said AGA CEO Ann Ebberts. "Programs like the Government Finance Case Challenge and citizen-focused reports like CCRs, help local governments fulfill their promise to their constituents to communicate clearly and transparently in non-technical terms."

Since 2007, over 400 CCRs have been created by government agencies and students. CCRs give government entities an opportunity to demonstrate how tax dollars are spent in a non-technical, visually appealing and succinct in nature to easily understood by every citizen.

Every fall and spring, AGA invites students from across the country to compete in the Government Finance Case Challenge to create a CCR for a government entity for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship for each participant.

During the competition, students form teams to analyze data and develop a CCR for a specified U.S. state, city or county government. Submissions are judged by a panel of government finance experts and the top teams present their findings via video. The challenge gives students a new perspective on their moral reasoning, raises awareness of the importance of accountability and opens doors to a career in government.

Learn more about AGA's Government Finance Case Challenge [here](#).

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