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Oklahoma City Subject of Two Winning AGA Citizen-Centric Reports

Alexandria, Va. – The Association of Government Accountants, or AGA, is proud to announce that students from the University of Guam and the Lucille and Jay Chazanoff School of Business at the College of Staten Island, City University of New York are the winners of the 2019 Government Finance Case Challenge for each of their Citizen-Centric Reports (CCR) on Oklahoma City.

Graduate students from the College of Staten Island and undergraduate students from the University of Guam took the top honors for their concise and helpful CCRs and video presentations. The winning projects focused on an in-depth review of the city’s budget, expenditures, goals, performance metrics and future challenges. Armed with the new CCR, Oklahoma City is now better equipped to serve its citizens.

“Citizens are entitled to accurate and timely information about how their government is spending their taxpayer dollars,” said AGA CEO Ann Ebberts. “Programs like the AGA’s Government Finance Case Challenge and citizen-focused reports, like CCRs, give governments the opportunity to restore citizen trust. Government entities that communicate simply and transparently in non-technical terms provide citizens a much-needed public service and will help inform the public about recent accomplishments and what to expect in the future.”

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 format to be 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](#).

About AGA

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