



Society Of Actuaries Announces Recipients Of Student Case Study Challenge

Schaumburg, IL (May 17, 2016) - The Society of Actuaries (SOA) announced the winners of the Student Case Study Challenge, which included the University of Waterloo, University of Hong Kong, University of Iowa and Georgia State University. Over the course of eight weeks, teams of college and university students participated in a research competition to apply their actuarial skills on health care industry adverse disruptors. The student teams researched situations, conducted actuarial analysis, developed solutions and provided recommendations.

"This year's SOA case study challenge focused on health disruptors, and we are proud of the many different perspectives and insights from these actuarial students throughout the world," said Dale Hall, FSA, MAAA, CERA, CFA, SOA managing director of research. "We received over 40 entries for this first-ever SOA case study challenge, and we look forward to hosting another challenge next year. This provides an opportunity for actuarial students to apply their research skills, and for us to see creative ideas from these bright and talented students."

Students from the University of Waterloo in Canada received the first place and a \$5,000 grant. Their case study entry focused on the likelihood and severity of impact of a pandemic and the possibility of Accountable Care Act repeal. In their entry, the team noted "For the purposes of this project, we believe that an appropriate model needs to be applicable to a wide range of disruptors, accuracy in its estimates, relatively easy to implement and require only data that is available."

Students from the University of Hong Kong received second place with a \$3,000 grant, and there was a tie for third place with students from the University of Iowa and Georgia State University. These two teams each received a \$2,000 grant. Team members on these top four winning teams will receive \$500 per student from each team.

Access information on the SOA student case study challenge, including details about the top winners and runner-ups.

About the SOA

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