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### **PENNSYLVANIA TEAM PLACES THIRD IN ANNUAL CSBS COMMUNITY BANK CASE STUDY COMPETITION**

**Harrisburg, Pa.** – The Conference of State Bankers Supervisors (CSBS) announced the winning teams from its annual CSBS Community Bank Case Study Competition this week, with a team from Pennsylvania taking third place - Messiah University paired with LINKBANK.

The competition is a national program that pairs undergraduate college/university student teams with local community banks to provide valuable first-hand insight into the banking industry. This year's competition focused on how local community banks are recruiting and retaining talent, approaching succession planning and using technology to advance operations.

The third-place team from Messiah University included Nathan Clark, Justin Brubaker, Clayton Dimpsey and Natalie Martin. Their faculty advisor was Dwayne Safer, and their bank partner was LINKBANK. All students will receive a \$500 scholarship from CSBS.

"One of our core purposes at LINKBANK is to support the development of the next generation of community banking leaders. In pursuit of this objective, it was our privilege to partner with Messiah University students on this case study," said Andrew Samuel, LINKBANK chief executive officer. "We were impressed with their professionalism, intellect and genuine interest in and desire to learn about community banking and its critical role in our economy. The future of community banking is bright with talented young people like these engaging with our industry."

"The Pennsylvania Bankers Association congratulates the Messiah University/LINKBANK team on its third-place finish in the 2023 CSBS Community Bank Case Study Competition," said Duncan Campbell, president & CEO of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association. "We are incredibly proud of all Pennsylvania teams for their work throughout the competition and thank the bank partners who continue to educate the next generation."

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