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## **North Carolina State University Students Win Fairfax-Based CCR Competition**

*City Serves as National 'Lab' to Teach Students Financial Reporting Using Condensed Format*

**FAIRFAX, Va.** — A team of students from North Carolina State University has won the 2017 Government Case Challenge sponsored by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA).

Six teams from universities across the United States submitted their entries of a “Citizen Centric Report” (CCR), based on financial and performance indicators from Fairfax City, Virginia. Each team prepared a CCR and video based on the same resource data from the city, and submitted them to a panel of judges.

The three students — Adam Turner, Haruka Adachi, and Benjamin Hawley, with advisor D. Scott Showalter — created the prototype CCR and a companion explanatory video as would normally be prepared by the jurisdiction’s professional staff. Fairfax City Councilmembers and staff provided support to the student teams, whose members had many questions during the preparation of their submissions. Entries were judged by a panel of government finance experts.

Click on the links below to see the CCR and video submitted by the NC State University team:

- CCR: <https://tinyurl.com/yd3zfjs7>
- Video: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/dbW0MKiVsa>

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***(NCSU Wins CCR Competition, continued)***

David Meyer, Mayor of Fairfax City, expressed his appreciation to the student team, stating, “We are very impressed with the creative content of the submitted CCR and will be able to use the students’ ideas as the city prepares to create its own inaugural CCR for our citizens.”

The CCR is a tool being used by a growing number of jurisdictions to communicate fiscal and performance details in an easily digested format to the jurisdiction’s stakeholders. The CCR is intended to contribute to a jurisdiction’s transparency and accountability as a supplement to the annual budget and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (audit).

AGA ([www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)) is a professional association for government financial management professionals located in Alexandria, Va., that advances accountability, transparency, and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation and collaboration across all levels of government, and to stakeholders. AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting initiative is intended to foster innovative communication between governments and their citizenry.

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*Pictured (from left): Mayor David Meyer; Ann M. Ebberts, MS, PMP, CEO of AGA; and Councilmember Jon Stehle at the presentation of the AGA Citizen Centric Report winning team at the December 5, 2017 City Council meeting.*