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## **Saint Joseph's University Takes 1st Place for the Second Year in a Row in NAAIA's 9th National Talent Development Competition**

**Washington, DC** – NAAIA is thrilled to announce the rankings of NAAIA's 9th National Talent Development Competition, held on October 22 and 24. This year's case study, developing innovative embedded insurance products for U.S. customers, was answered by eleven teams of talented undergraduate students.

Taking 1st Place for the second consecutive year was Saint Joseph's University! Students Trinity Summers, Nick Thomas, and Allen Yadeta each earned a \$1,500 scholarship. Everest served as the Corporate Advocate for the students, with mentorship provided by Everest employees and St. Joseph's University faculty.

"Everest is committed to developing our industry's next generation of leaders," said Dr. Jhan D. Doughty, Everest's Global Head of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. "It is truly rewarding to see our talented student team from St. Joseph's University demonstrates their unwavering commitment and preparation, earning them a remarkable first-place win."

The University of Hartford took second place, sponsored by Munich Re (students: Neville Grey, Danae Ormsby, and Meimouna Thioune), and Howard University, sponsored by Swiss Re, placed third (students: Kaori Adams, Delana Amoah, and Adam Campbell)

All participating students received scholarship awards and a complimentary NAAIA student membership, thanks to the generous support of NAAIA Partners, the NAAIA Foundation and the Spencer Educational Foundation.

Esteemed leaders from NAAIA Partner Network served as competition judges: Carey Bond from Lloyds, Nic Gaither from Amerisure, William Wharton from



ARGO Group, and Mar'ee Woodberry from Symetra. Their insight and dedication made this event a resounding success.

"NAAIA is excited to congratulate all the teams for their hard work and dedication," said George Woods, NAAIA National Board Chair. "We are inspired by the bright future ahead for these upcoming leaders and NAAIA is committed to supporting their growth and placement within our partner network."

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### **ABOUT NAAIA**

The National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA) was organized to create a network among people of color and others employed in or affiliated with the insurance industry. The association has over 2,500 members and 24 chapters, with others in development, throughout the nation and its members represent every sector of the industry. NAAIA's focus is the professional development and personal empowerment of its members, and to serve as a gateway to diverse talent at every level of the industry.

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