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NCBFAA Awards NYU Student \$5,000 Scholarship

Washington DC: The National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. (NCBFAA) is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2015 \$5,000 Annual Scholarship is Charles Zhao.

Charles is a freshman at New York University's Stern School of business with a concentration in international business and economics. He plans to pursue a career in logistics and hopes to become a licensed Customs Broker. He is the son of American Cargo Express, Inc., Vice President of its Asia Sales Division, Julian Zhao.

"I really appreciate this award because it helps enormously with my tuition and I would like to thank both the NCBFAA and scholarship-sponsor Roanoke Trade," he said. "This will go a long way in supporting my efforts at completing my studies."

To qualify for the award, he submitted an essay on "How Does the U.S. Trade Deficit Affect U.S. Businesses and Consumers?", which was judged by an NCBFAA panel of experts to be the winner.

This is the 22nd year that the NCBFAA has promoted this scholarship competition as a way to further education in our industry. By helping students defray the cost of learning about the customs broker and forwarder businesses, the NCBFAA scholarship program contributes to the increasing professionalism of our industry and encourages those seeking a career in international trade and commerce.

Roanoke Trade, a division of Roanoke Insurance Group Inc., specializing in insurance and bond solutions for international trade and transportation, funded the scholarship. Established in Chicago in 1935, Roanoke became a subsidiary of Munich Re and an affiliate of Watkins Underwriters at Lloyd's of London in 2008, and is the North American primary insurer of marine insurance and customs bonds for this worldwide organization. Roanoke Insurance Group employs approximately 200 employees across 10 U.S. locations with its focus on providing targeted insurance solutions backed by agile service and technology. Roanoke Trade is a preferred provider of the NCBFAA and is an advocate in setting quality insurance standards in the industry for its members.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the NCBFAA represents nearly 860 member companies with 100,000 employees in international trade - the nation's leading freight forwarders, customs brokers, ocean transportation intermediaries (OTIs), NVOCCs and air cargo agents, serving more than 250,000 importers and exporters. Established in 1897 in New York, NCBFAA is considered the national voice of the industry. Through its various committees, counsel and representatives, the Association maintains a close watch over legislative and regulatory issues that affect its members. It keeps them informed of these and other related issues through its weekly Monday Morning eBriefing and various meetings as well as conferences throughout the year.

With this 2015 Scholarship, the NCBFAA and Roanoke Trade are proud to continue to facilitate youthful engagement in this industry.

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