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AEQUO INTERNATIONAL EXPANDS SERVICES TO HIGHER EDUCATION

St. John's University becomes first institution to utilize education evaluation services of Aequo International.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 7, 2017 — Aequo International, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NASBA, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, today announces it will serve as the sole provider of international education evaluations for graduate accounting students seeking admission to the Peter J. Tobin College of Business at St. John's University (Queens, NY). This collaboration marks the expansion of Aequo International's education evaluation services to U.S. colleges and universities.

The university's international accounting students may receive an additional benefit as evaluations requested for admission to graduate programs within the Peter J. Tobin College of Business, may also be accepted by Boards of Accountancy as they apply to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination. Mark Ulrich, Director of the Center for Accounting Research and Technology at St. John's University, shared his thoughts on the venture, "St. John's looks forward to enhancing its relationship with the exceptional team at NASBA and Aequo by integrating international evaluation services into our admissions process. This relationship will further exemplify St. John's commitment to student success by streamlining the path to sit for the Uniform CPA Exam."

At the request of the State Boards of Accountancy, NASBA began offering education evaluations to internationally-educated CPA Exam candidates in 2012. Two years later, in 2014, NASBA launched Aequo International in an effort to provide the same services to other professions and institutions. With a focus on public protection, Aequo International employs a stringent credential authentication system and uses primary source verification to ensure professions and communities are safeguarded from fraudulent educational credentials. Aequo International views this practice as a necessary step to combat the recent increase in fraudulent documents submitted for university admission.

Reinforcing this point, James Suh, President and CEO of Aequo International, commented, "The knowledge of our evaluations team on business school curriculum is second to none. With our focus on eliminating fraud from licensed professions, it was a natural progression to start one step earlier, at the admissions process for higher education."

About Aequo International

Aequo International provides efficient and knowledgeable services that set the benchmark in the field of education evaluations. As a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), the Aequo International team performs over 12,000 education evaluations annually and exceeds the industry standard of authenticating documents through a comprehensive verification process.

Headquartered in Nashville, TN, Aequo International remains dedicated to offering other professions and organizations the same high quality educational evaluations that NASBA provides the State Boards of Accountancy. Through strong relationships with state boards, educators and third-party providers, Aequo International strives to simultaneously protect the public and help students and professionals achieve their professional goals. To learn more about Aequo International, visit www.aequointernational.com.

About NASBA

Celebrating more than 100 years of service, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy ([NASBA](http://www.nasba.org)) serves as a forum for the nation's Boards of Accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license more than 650,000 certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States.

NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness and advance the common interests of the Boards of Accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions.

NASBA is headquartered in Nashville, TN, with a satellite office in New York, NY, an International Computer Testing and Call Center in Guam and operations in San Juan, PR. To learn more about NASBA, visit www.nasba.org.

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