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**ACCESS GROUP NAMED “BEST IN BUSINESS” BY WILMINGTON, DELAWARE  
NEWS JOURNAL**

**Wilmington, Delaware:** Access Group, the nonprofit graduate loan specialist, was recently named “Best in the Business” in an annual competition sponsored by Delaware’s *The News Journal*. The organization was named a “Top Employer” in the “Best Large Companies” category. More than 95 employers throughout Delaware took part in the workplace analysis survey representing nearly 30,000 employees and more than 7% of Delaware’s working population.

Contest results were based on answers to an electronic survey, conducted by Workplace Dynamics, in which participating employees were asked to rate their workplace on issues such as quality of life in the business environment, company culture, leadership, quality of employees, training, benefits and pay scale. The survey was disseminated to businesses in twelve of the state’s business sectors including advertising, health care, hospitality, education, nonprofit, professional services and retail.

This is the third time Access Group has been recognized in the “Best in the Business” competition. The company was chosen as the “Best Place to Work” in the Banking and Finance category in both 2003 and 2004.

According to Christopher P. Chapman, Access Group’s president and chief executive officer, “It’s very important to all of us at Access Group to maintain a company culture that fosters and nurtures a positive workplace environment. We’ve always focused on a collaborative environment in which employees across the company have input into important decisions and can see their effort and achievements recognized.”

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As a nonprofit organization, Access Group has specialized in providing student loans for graduate and professional education for more than 25 years. In addition, the company offers a broad range of free educational materials to help students learn about student loans and to become wiser borrowers and successfully manage their loan repayment. Access Group also serves students and school administrators with a broad suite of online services. Visit [AccessGroup.Org](http://AccessGroup.Org).

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