

# Red Stick Times

*The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University*

**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016**

## **ELECTION RESULTS**

**Donald Hillbish** was elected President of the Freshman class by a close margin. Donald is VP/Retail Team Leader, C & F Bank, Quinton, VA.

The number two vote-getter was **Lauren Burns** who will serve as Vice President. Lauren is AVP/Internal Auditor, United Mississippi Bank, Natchez, MS.

And elected to the Advisory Council are:

**Chad Grimes**, Vice President, Citizens Bank of Lafayette, Tullahoma, TN,

**Douglas Haehl**, AVP/Marketing Coordinator, Citizens Bank of Lafayette, TN, and

**Terry Lockhart**, SVP/Market President, RCB Bank, Broken Arrow, OK

And appointed to represent Mexico for the class:

**Nadim Dergal**, Specialist, Banorte, Guadalajara, MX

All class officers are invited to attend the School's daily faculty meeting today (Thursday) at 6:00 pm for a reception at the Nelson Memorial building over by the Ag barn. Food and drinks will be served and officers will have the opportunity to visit with the faculty and administration.

AND newly-elected officers and representatives of the Class of 2018, together with counterparts in the Junior and Senior classes, will meet with GSB officials tomorrow (Friday). When morning classes are dismissed, they should come promptly to the private dining room in the back of the 459 Cafeteria for lunch.

## **TODAY @ GSB**

4:45            FR/JR Case Groups  
5:30-6:45      Dinner

Students with questions or comments about any and everything related to the School should find one of their class reps to relay the message. If there are small problems, we like to identify and deal with them before they group up to be big ones.

We intend to do everything within our power to maintain a strong commitment to excellence in all aspects of the School. Feedback through the Advisory Council and from evaluations plays an important part to ensure that we maintain high standards of performance, especially in the classroom.

## **Junior Class Report Card**

TWO Juniors have made ALL A's. Congratulations to:

- **Brandon Nelson**, Whitney Bank, New Orleans, LA
- **Kurt Seguer**, South Atlantic Bank, Mount Pleasant, SC

SEVEN Juniors made four A's and 1B. Worthy of recognition are:

- **Ben Cayson**, MS Department of Banking, Kosciusko, MS
- **Paul Clement**, Hancock/Whitney Bank, New Orleans, LA
- **Jonathan Face**, Alabama State Banking Department, Hoover, AL
- **Joel May**, The First Bank, Hattiesburg, MS
- **Amanda Moulliet**, Whitney Bank, Belle Chasse, LA
- **Christina Osborne**, First Commercial Bank, Jackson, MS
- **John Young**, Security Bank, Dyersburg, TN

Congratulations to each of you!

## Who is Your Trustee?

The School is supervised and managed by a Board of Trustees which is made up of a banker-graduate from each of the 15 sponsoring states and the CEO of the bankers association in their states. The banker-trustees serve two-year terms.

An important responsibility of the trustees is to assist in marketing the school in their respective states and answering questions from potential students. The bankers presently serving on the board are:

- **Brad E. Barber**, First National Bank of Decatur County, Bainbridge, GA
- **Will O. Buyck, Jr.**, Bank of Clarendon, Manning, SC
- **Greg W. Caudill**, Farmers National Bank, Danville, KY
- **Tom Combs**, Union Bank & Trust Co., Oxford, NC
- **Shane Cowger**, Arvest Bank, Springfield, MO
- **Bill Loving**, Pendleton Community Bank, Franklin, WV
- **Robby Moore**, Bank of Perry County, Lobelville, TN
- **Robert Mullins**, Premier Bank of the South, Huntsville, AL
- **John Neal**, Union Bank & Trust Company, Richmond, VA
- **Rodney Shepard**, Arvest Bank, Fort Smith, AR
- **Corey Sisson**, RCB Bank, Broken Arrow, OK
- **Amanda Smart**, Cross Keys Bank, Monroe, LA
- **John Sumrall**, Trustmark National Bank, Santa Rosa Beach, FL
- **Terry Whitley**, Security Bank of Texas, Crawford, TX
- **Max Yates**, BankPlus, Ridgeland, MS

## Size Matters

In anticipation of graduation, one eager senior has asked about the size of the diploma to be awarded on Friday, June 3rd, thinking perhaps he would purchase a nice frame from the Barnes & Noble bookstore. The diplomas are 8 1/2" x 11" in size and will be delivered to you in a nice folder, purple of course, with your name printed in gold on the cover.

## Northern Partners

The school has partnered with its counterpart at the University of Wisconsin to offer two short courses addressing the subject of bank technology. The first program was offered in late April on the Madison campus dealing with bank technology management. The program was very well received.

A second school will be offered October 23-28 and will address bank technology security. This program will be offered in Madison.

Additional schools are planned for 2017 which will be offered in the south. Be on the alert for an email addressing the topics covered in the October school.

## Busy Grads

A 3-day program dealing with the broad subject of Leadership was planned for graduates during the first week of this session. The administration undertook a substantial marketing effort mailing postcards to 5,000 of our most recent graduates and sending emails to the same individuals.

The results of our efforts were very discouraging and the program did not attract a sufficient number of graduates to warrant offering the program.

Several graduates commented that they thought the program was very relevant and worthwhile and they would like very much to visit old friends and haunts in Baton Rouge, but their schedule simply did not permit them to attend this year.

Perhaps next year!

## Errant Banks

Sim examiners, though generally friendly and understanding, demand that simulated bank management follow their rules, however unreasonable their rules may be. Several banks have been found guilty of infractions and have paid \$700,000 in fines. The unbiased regulators have levied hefty charges on the sons of two of the school's past presidents who are also sons of real bank presidents. Social status is not recognized by examiners.