

Red Stick Times

The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

ELECTION RESULTS

Mark Sulski was elected President of the Freshman class by a close margin. Mark is Market President, Kentucky Bank, Georgetown, KY. The number two vote-getter was **Kelly White** who will serve as Vice President. Kelly is Director of Branch Operations, MidSouth Bank, Lafayette, LA.

And elected to the Advisory Council are:

Hamilton Leon, AVP/Business Analyst, Bank of the Ozarks, Atlanta, GA

Tiffany Tuminello, Vice President/Loan Officer, The Cottonport Bank, Bunkie, LA

Brandy Westmoreland, Vice President, Landmark Bank, Clinton, LA.

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 2020, 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

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

- **Detra Clevon**, Bank of Tennessee, Johnson City, TN
- **Timothy Henderson**, Minnesota Dept. of Commerce, Pine Island, MN
- **David LeVeau**, Security Federal Bank, Elizabethton, TN
- **Timothy Runions**, TN Dept. of Financial Institutions, Hollow Rock, TN

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

- **David Hagan**, Trustmark National Bank, Mobile, AL
- **Leah Hearn**, The Commercial Bank, Meridian, MS
- **Dominick Jackson**, SouthEast Bank, Knoxville, TN
- **Jack Jackson**, GA Dept. of Banking & Finance, Buford, GA
- **Frankie Keeling**, GA Dept. of Banking & Finance, Valdosta, GA
- **Kenneth Sawyer**, Southern Bank & Trust Co., Rocky Mount, NC

- **Chase Thornton**, CenterState Bank of Florida, Lakeland, FL
- **Taron Thorpe**, CB&S Bank, Huntsville, AL
- **Stephen Whittaker**, First National Bank, Bainbridge, GA
Congratulations to each of you!

Who is Your Banker 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:

- **Bill Allen**, Bank of the Bluegrass & Trust Co, Lexington, KY
- **Brad E. Barber**, First National Bank of Decatur County, Bainbridge, GA
- **Shane Cowger**, Arvest Bank, Springfield, MO
- **Bill Loving**, Pendleton Community Bank, Franklin, WV
- **Chris Miller**, Southside Bank, Austin, TX
- **Robby Moore**, Bank of Perry County, Lobelville, TN
- **Robert Mullins**, Premier Bank of the South, Huntsville, AL
- **John Neal**, Union Bank & Trust Company, Fredericksburg, VA
- **Corey Sisson**, Grand Bank, Claremore, OK
- **Jason Smith**, Citizens National Bank, Bossier City, LA
- **Les Smith**, Arvest Bank, Fort Smith, AR
- **Bill Stallings**, Wells Fargo Business Banking, Winston-Salem, NC
- **John Sumrall**, Trustmark National Bank, Santa Rosa Beach, FL
- **Blake Taylor**, Southern First Bank, Cayce, SC
- **Max Yates**, BankPlus, Ridgeland, MS

Reception Report

We did not check the roll Wednesday at the state banker association receptions but the function was very well attended. Ten of the school's sponsoring bankers associations were represented and 422 bankers from these states are enrolled in the school. Judging from the amount of food consumed and the quantity of adult beverages absorbed the function was very well attended.

Size Matters

In anticipation of graduation, one eager senior has asked about the size of the diploma to be awarded on Friday, June 1st, thinking perhaps he would purchase a nice frame from the Barnes & Noble bookstore. This year your diplomas will be framed for you by GSB. This should offer some great photo opportunities. Feel free to post on social media #gsblsu2018!

Northern Partners

The school has partnered with its counterpart at the University of Wisconsin to offer a short course addressing the subject of Bank Technology Security. The program will be offered October 21-26, 2018. This program will be offered at the Fluno Center for Executive Education in Madison, WI. Be on the alert for an email addressing the topics covered in this October school.

Highs & Lows

The Graduate School of Banking definitely has a personality. The first Thursday is often associated with bankers experiencing brief periods of loneliness as they realize that the weekend is approaching and they are away from love ones and have no plans to fill the vacant time, but come Friday afternoon they attend the seafood party, have a few adult beverages, and join with like lonely bankers and make plans for the weekend and all is well!

The School also exhibits characteristics of a well-oiled machine. Problems and numerous questions arise from students and faculty Sunday to Tuesday but Wednesday through the end of the school runs like an unstoppable freight train. This is due in a large part to your cooperation! Thank you!