

Red Stick Times

The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018

The end of the 2018 session is in sight and several VIPs will be arriving on campus to help bring the session to a successful conclusion. We anticipate that the ceremony will take about 30-45 minutes to complete with a small reception after.

BMSIM TEAMS MUST ANSWER STOCKHOLDERS

The performance of the BMSim banks will be judged this year by: Guy Labbe', EVP and CFO, St. Martin Bank & Trust, St. Martinville, LA; and John Womack, Chairman and CEO, Arvest Bank, Little Rock, AR. Selection of the winning banks will be based on stock price, ROA, ROE, goal setting, and presentation. The winners will be recognized at the graduation ceremony on Friday.

REMINDER: The Student Advisory Council is having a luncheon meeting with GSB officials TODAY in the private dining room in the back of 459 Commons Cafeteria. This is our last chance to talk about student reactions to various aspects of the 2018 session.

**TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE
2019 SESSION:
MAY 19 – 31, 2019**

TODAY @ GSB

11:45 am	Student Advisory Meeting
4:45 pm	1st Year Case Groups
4:45 pm	3rd Year BMSim
5:45-7:00 pm	Dinner

BANK STUDY PROJECTS

Freshman and Junior bank study projects are posted on the gsblsu.org website. When you get back to your bank, print these projects.

Bank Study Projects **must be postmarked** by the 15th of the month due. It is **not** necessary to incur the expense of FedEx or UPS to send these projects. The office records the receipt of the projects and sends them to a grader to be evaluated. Once graded, the projects are returned to you and the grades become a permanent part of your record. If you feel the grader has erred in the evaluation, you have **two weeks** to request a re-grade which must be sent to the office. It seems that most re-grades involve papers that the writers want to upgrade from a "C" to a "B" or a "B" to an "A".

TRASHY BANKERS

Those in charge of the ECA apartments report that in recent years bankers left a considerable amount of trash in their rooms upon their hurried departure. To assist in the cleaning chore this year, each apartment will receive a few large garbage bags Thursday to use in discarding trash. LSU cannot donate these discarded items. All items should be removed as LSU will charge \$50 per bedroom if the apartment is not like you found it. Dumpsters and recycle bins are available around the complex for your use. We would greatly appreciate your helping with the "turn around" of the apartments to accommodate LSU students who arrive Sunday for the summer term. The housing staff does an excellent job in preparing for our arrival, and we want to do our part in easing their chores.

TO APP OR TO NOT APP

The GSB app was created for this session has been used extensively by the students. We have 600 active users since the beginning of the session. In addition to logistical facts several faculty members are making their course outlines available on this media. We expect more faculty members to make use of the app.

GSB ALUMNI TOTAL SOARS TO 16,166

With the Class of 2018, the Graduate School of Banking will have a grand total of 16,166 alumni. Here is a state-by-state count of graduates from our 15 co-sponsoring state bankers associations since the first Class of '52. The "Other" category includes those who hail from non-sponsoring states, banking regulators, and a few miscellaneous grads. The following are listed in ascending order.

Louisiana	2,196
Tennessee	1,745
Florida	1,664
Mississippi	1,725
Georgia	1,657
Alabama	1,459
South Carolina	892
Arkansas	851
Kentucky	857
North Carolina	766
Texas	654
Virginia	466
Missouri	333
Oklahoma	230
West Virginia	169
Other	502

The Graduate School of Banking fills an important role in advanced professional education and personal career development. Our best advertisement is word-of-mouth endorsement from current and past students to others who might be interested in attending. You would be doing your friends and associates a good turn by urging them to consider enrollment. Recent surveys indicate that most bankers attending the session asked a graduate about the School before enrolling. Information and applications are available from the school office and on the gsblsu.org website.

EVALUATIONS

Your evaluations of the School, its faculty, and operations are very important to the administration. Each faculty member is given his/her score which is compared to the class high and low scores. All written comments are typed and classified by course, food service, apartments, etc. This information is made available to the Executive

Committee which meets in July to initiate plans for the next session. We appreciate your cooperation in completing the Evaluation forms (scantron and written comments) and sharing your thoughts regarding school improvements.

SWEETNESS

The School is a guest on the LSU campus for two weeks each year and its success requires the cooperation of many LSU employees. This cooperation is cheerfully offered each year and the school administration expresses its appreciation by giving boxes of candy to about 50 people on campus. Among the departments receiving this modest gift is the LSU Union, Facility Services, Lod Cook Hotel, the Rec Center, Campus Police and Parking, the Club @ Union Square, Registrar's Office, LSU Dining and Residential Life. We GREATLY appreciate the assistance of these departments.

NO ONE GOES HUNGRY

The folks who operate the 459 Cafeteria do an outstanding service for bankers. The selection of food is excellent, preparation outstanding and the service on the line is exceptional. Bankers have remarked that they would like to add to their staff employees like these who are capable of delivering quality service to their customers. The School recognizes and greatly appreciates the 459 staff.

P.S. We will miss the soft serve ice cream!

WATTS, LIGHTS OUT

A major factor in the strength of the Bank Simulation course is that it is taught by experienced senior bank officers who have ridden several business cycles and have seen interest go from near zero to over 20% while maintaining a profitable bank and serving their customers. One such faculty member is Watts Steger who has served on the BankSim faculty for 17 years and has announced his retirement from the faculty effective at the end of this session. Watts served as senior officer in the Bank of Botetourt in Buchanan, VA for 42 years and also served a term as president of the Virginia Bankers Association. His knowledge and helpful insights will be missed by future bank simulators. Best wishes Watts.