

Red Stick Times

The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

MONDAY, May 22, 2017

Welcome to the 68th session of the Graduate School of Banking, and congratulations to the 164 Seniors who are on campus to participate in the final two weeks of the School.

In addition to the happy 164 Seniors on campus, who have completed ten bank study projects and attended approximately 140 hours of class, we welcome 190 Juniors who are returning to the campus after successfully completing five bank study projects. And for the 200 first year students, we promise you a professional learning experience like you have never had before. A special welcome to the 31 Mexican bankers enrolled in the freshman class. Bienvenido!

The School's administration is lead by Mark Holladay, EVP and Chief Risk Officer of Synovus Financial Corporation in Columbus, GA. Mark served a 4-year term on the Board of Trustees and is a 1988 graduate of the School. The President-elect is Jody Hudgins, Senior EVP and Chief Credit Officer, First Florida Integrity Bank in Naples, FL. Jody is also on the BankSim faculty team. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees is Robert Taylor, Chief Executive Officer of the Louisiana Bankers Association. The Chairman-elect is Scott Latham, President & CEO of the Alabama Bankers Association. The Immediate Past President of the School is Watts Steger, Chairman, Bank of Botetourt, in Buchanan, VA.

OTHER members of the GSB official family: Dr. Don L. Woodland, EVP and Director, Corinne Long, Office Manager, Theresa Roussel, Secretary and Elizabeth Smith, Administrative Assistant.

Welcome Back Party

The JUNIOR and SENIOR classes are holding Welcome Back" receptions THIS evening at 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm at the Varsity on Highland Road, which is easy to find since it is next to the Chimes. All students must wear their GSBSU nametags to get in. Entertainment is by the Zip Ties. All students are invited to stop by and visit with old friends and make new ones. Admission is free for Seniors and Juniors, but Freshmen are asked to kick in \$10.00 for liquid refreshments.

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HERE are the officers and members of the Student Advisory Council representing this year's Senior and Junior Classes:

Class of 2017

President, **Ashley Yancey**, VP, Bank of North Carolina, Durham, NC

Vice President, **Ryan D. Thomas**, Loan Review Manager, Community Bank of LA, Mansfield, LA
Advisory Council:

Logan Kreais, Assistant Controller, Ag Credit, ACA, Fostoria, OH

John Naughton, VP/Commercial Lender, First Community Bank, Mobile, AL

Salvador Oropeza, Account Executive, Banorte, Nuevo Leon, MX

Nicholas Schuster, Sales Director/Partner, Cash Transactions, Austell, GA

Class of 2018

President, **Donald Hillbish**, VP/Retail Team Leader, C & F Bank, Quinton, VA

Vice President, **Lauren Burns**, AVP/Internal Auditor, United Mississippi Bank, Natchez, MS

Advisory Council:

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

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

Nadim Dergal, Specialist, Banorte, Guadalajara, MX

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

Connections to the Real World

All bankers living on campus have internet access at no charge and no "sign up" is required. Information sheets are included in your session materials. There are email stations in the ECA Activity Center.

TODAY @ GSB

4:45	FR/JR Case Groups
4:45	SR BMSim Prep Groups
5:30-6:45	Dinner
7:30-11:00	Welcome Back Reception

Food Service

During this session you will take your three squares at the 459 Commons cafeteria, located behind Lavelle dorm which features state-of-the-art serving arrangements. The food service staff does an outstanding job for the school which is greatly appreciated. You may expect to add a few pounds during the two weeks. **Please remember to bus your dishes - this station is located in the rear of the cafeteria.**

Class of 2019 Election

Permanent officers of the Class of 2019 will be elected Wednesday. At the start of the first afternoon class, a ballot will be passed out to allow class members to mark their choice. Voting should take no more than three or four minutes.

All nominations and voting will be for the office of President. The candidate who gets the most votes will be declared the winner. The first runner-up will become class Vice President, and the next three runners-up will join the President and Vice President as members of the Student Advisory Council for the full three years.

Nominations must be printed on the forms which are available at your first class this afternoon--the name, title, bank and town of the nominee--and signed by the person making the nomination. The nominee must also sign to indicate willingness to serve if elected. Non-conforming nominations will be tossed out. Nominations must be turned in to your Faculty member today or ECA Activity Center no later than 6:00 pm tomorrow.

What Do the Class Officers Do?

Here are some of the heavy responsibilities class officers take on their shoulders by virtue of their election to high office and membership on the Student Advisory Council.

Council members meet with GSB officials at least twice during the session to talk about how things are going, and to discuss questions or comments they may bring from members of their class. Students are encouraged to seek out their representatives with any concerns so we can keep open lines of communication throughout the session.

Each class is free to run its business in its own way. Some years there may be a special t-shirt. That is entirely voluntary and up to the group. The GSB office can help with arrangements but has no direct involvement with planning or expenses. At graduation, the class President is traditionally called on for brief remarks -- the briefer the better -- on behalf of the class. After graduation, class reps are asked to serve terms on the GSB Alumni Advisory Council to promote the interests of the School within their respective states.

Alcohol on Campus

The University has implemented rules regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus. These rules will be rigorously enforced. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in public areas on the campus, including the lobbies, parking lots, balconies, patio areas and grassy areas surrounding the apartments. We are guests on the LSU campus and must comply with these rules. Your cooperation is appreciated.

LSU REC Center Sign-Up

AFTER class today through Friday those who wish to take advantage of the Sports Center can sign up for one week at \$35 or two weeks at \$50. The center is a state-of-the-art facility and you will find all the "tools" you will need to keep in shape. GSB has nothing to do with this. Sign up Monday - Friday (May 22 - 26) from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at the Rec. Center.

Red Stick Times On-line

You will find the paper Monday through Friday published by 10am at www.gsblsu.org, click on Session Info, then Red Stick Times. A small supply of the RST will also be available in the cafeteria.

If it's in the Red Stick Times, you are supposed to know it. We'll do our best to put the most important stuff on the front side. Since we are scattered all over the place, this is the best way we've been able to figure out to keep you up to speed about what's going on with news, announcements, possible changes, reminders and other things you need to know to function at maximum efficiency. Every session there always seems to be some unusual, interesting, news-worthy and often funny things happening at GSB. Since we can't be everywhere at once, we rely on you to be our eyes and ears. If you come across something with potential, you can give us a call at 225-766-8595 or email donw@gsblsu.org.

Cellular Telephone Usage

Cellular telephone usage has become the preferred means of communication with family, office and others and we certainly don't want to isolate you while you are at the session, but please turn off your phone and other electronic devices when you are in class. It is extremely discourteous to receive messages, talk, or text while in class. Each faculty member will remind you of this "phone free" classroom requirement. Following this rule, the longest time you will be without telephone usage at the session is 1.5 hours!!!

A Few Rules

GSB intends to operate with as few rules as possible. However, we are serious about two:

- Full participation in all classes and other required activities. There are no provisions for excused absences except in dire emergencies.

- Punctuality in all we do, starting on time and ending on time. If you don't have an accurate watch, stay close to somebody who does.

Beyond these 'givens,' here are a few suggestions which have stood the test of time:

- Pace yourself and don't try to do everything at once.

- Keep up to date on your evaluations.

- Review your personalized schedule to be sure you know when and where you are supposed to be.

- If you have a car, observe campus traffic and parking regulations.

- Whenever groups go off campus, it would be a good idea to take turns as the Designated Driver.

- Wear your name tag whenever you are on campus. It not only lets everyone know who you are but it's also your meal ticket.