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The Southeastern School of BankingSM Graduates 59
Six Honor Students Recognized
Student Wins Scholarship to Graduate School of Banking

Nashville—A total of 59 students have completed requirements for graduation from the 2009 session of *The Southeastern School of BankingSM* (TSSB) with 58 students from Tennessee and one from Missouri. The school was held in July at the Owen Graduate School of Management on the campus of Vanderbilt University in Nashville. *The Southeastern School of Banking* is one of the four highly respected Southeastern Schools conducted annually by the Tennessee Bankers Association.

Organized in 1939, the TSSB is one of the oldest and largest state association-sponsored banking schools in the country. A two-year, intermediate-level school, it has provided professional training for more than 8,000 bankers since its inception. Instruction focuses on critical banking functions, their interrelationships, and determinants of profitability.

“Since it was established, *The Southeastern School of Banking* has concentrated on developing the banker’s analytical skills and management techniques,” said Greg Crihfield, president of the school’s 2008-2009 board of trustees and senior vice president with The Lauderdale County Bank in Ripley. “TSSB students learn how to compete effectively in the ever-changing financial services environment.”

Students who rank in the top 10 percent of their class receive special honors recognition. This year, six students graduated with honors. They were:

- **Tiffany Allen, First Commerce Bank, Lewisburg, TN**
- **Christine Foust, Community South, Knoxville, TN**
- **Joshua Lane, TNBANK, Oak Ridge, TN**

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- **Travis Merrell, First Tennessee Bank National Association, Gray, TN**
- **Bryan Rainey, Carroll Bank & Trust, Milan, TN**
- **Fred Redding, Community National Bank of the Lakeway Area, Morristown, TN**

TSSB's curriculum incorporates over 80 hours of classroom instruction and spans a two-year period with a one-week resident session each year. The school's curriculum was developed in cooperation with the American Bankers Association, industry experts from throughout the country, and the TSSB's board of trustees. In addition to traditional banking classes, TSSB students participate in a computer bank simulation game tailored to different levels of experience. Students generally are career financial industry employees in higher-ranking staff or junior- to mid-management positions.

Scholarship Award

In addition to the honors program, one student each year is selected to receive a scholarship to continue their banking education by attending the Graduate School of Banking (GSB), conducted at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. **Tiffany Allen, First Commerce Bank, Lewisburg, TN, was the 2009 scholarship winner.** The scholarship covers the tuition for the first year of the three-year program.

The scholarship committee bases its selection on final exam grades, home-study problem grades, evaluations by school instructors, and interviews with the candidates.

The GSB was organized in 1950 and is sponsored by 15 southern bankers associations, including the Tennessee Bankers Association.

A list of the 2009 TSSB graduates, arranged alphabetically by city, is attached.

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*The Tennessee Bankers Association, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Nashville, is a not-for-profit organization representing all of the state's commercial banks and thrift institutions and their 33,000 employees. The Association provides continuing education, develops and monitors state and federal legislative agendas, disseminates information on all facets of the financial services industry, and promotes the public image of financial institutions. **Visit the TBA online at www.TNBankers.org.***

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Class of 2009 Graduates**

Adamsville, TN.....	Community South.....	John Liddy
Brentwood, TN.....	Professional Bank Services, Inc.....	Anthony Richardson
Brentwood, TN.....	Professional Bank Services, Inc.....	Jon Stovall
Carthage, TN.....	Citizens Bank.....	Anthony Apple
Caruthersville, MO.....	Focus Bank.....	Charles Cain
Chattanooga, TN.....	Cornerstone Community Bank.....	Charles Millirons
Clarksville, TN.....	F&M Bank.....	Robert Giles
Crossville, TN.....	First National Bank of Tennessee.....	Sandy Moore
Crossville, TN.....	First National Bank of Tennessee.....	Pam Winningham
Decaturville, TN.....	Decatur County Bank.....	Erica Pritchard
Dickson, TN.....	First Federal Bank.....	Marty Smith
Dunlap, TN.....	Mountain Valley Bank.....	Jeff Johnson
Elizabethton, TN.....	Citizens Bank.....	Julie Fleenor
Goodlettsville, TN.....	Renasant Bank.....	Morgan Butler
*Gray, TN.....	First Tennessee Bank National Association...	Travis Merrell
Greeneville, TN.....	Greeneville Federal Bank, FSB.....	Chad Cannon
Helenwood, TN.....	The First National Bank of Oneida.....	Casey West
Jackson, TN.....	HORNE LLP.....	Ashley McAdams
Jefferson City, TN.....	First Peoples Bank of Tennessee.....	Joy Farmer
Jefferson City, TN.....	First Peoples Bank of Tennessee.....	Marsha Jones
Kingsport, TN.....	First Tennessee Bank National Association.....	David Reynolds
*Knoxville, TN.....	Community South.....	Christine Foust
Knoxville, TN.....	Pugh and Company, PC.....	Stacy McCoy
Lawrenceburg, TN.....	First Farmers and Merchants Bank.....	Teresa Walker
Lebanon, TN.....	BankTennessee.....	Eric Lankford
Lebanon, TN.....	Wilson Bank & Trust.....	Jennifer Smith
**Lewisburg, TN... First Commerce Bank.....		Tiffany Allen
Lexington, TN.....	Community Bank.....	April McDaniel
Lexington, TN.....	FirstBank.....	Ashley Adkisson
Livingston, TN.....	First National Bank of Tennessee.....	Amy Grisson
Livingston, TN.....	Union Bank & Trust Company.....	Amy Westmoreland
Lynnville, TN.....	First National Bank of Pulaski.....	Jack Yokley
Memphis, TN.....	Commercial Bank & Trust Co.....	Tim Shanks
Memphis, TN.....	Community Bank, NA.....	Christopher Ellis
*Milan, TN.....	Carroll Bank & Trust.....	Bryan Rainey
*Morristown, TN.....	Community National Bank of the Lakeway Area	Fred Redding
Mountain City, TN.....	Johnson County Bank.....	Clay Souder
Murfreesboro, TN.....	Wilson Bank & Trust.....	Michael Hazlett

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Nashville, TN.....	The Bank of Nashville.....	Kenneth Curtis
*Oak Ridge, TN.....	TNBANK.....	Joshua Lane

Oneida, TN	First Trust & Savings Bank, Oneida, Tennessee.....	Myke Baird
Oneida, TN	First Trust & Savings Bank, Oneida, Tennessee.....	Daniel Jacobs
Paris, TN.....	FirstBank	Samuel Mahan
Pikeville, TN.....	Citizens Tri-County Bank.....	Bridget Olendorf
Pulaski, TN.....	CB&S Bank, Inc	Brenda Burch
Pulaski, TN.....	First National Bank of Pulaski	Jay Aymett
Sardis, TN	The Peoples Bank.....	Linette Turpin
Savannah, TN	Central Bank.....	Lynzey Lambert
Savannah, TN	Central Bank.....	Erin Moore
Savannah, TN	Stacey Blackwelder
Sevierville, TN	Citizens National Bank.....	Hannah Bland
Sevierville, TN	Citizens National Bank.....	Stephanie Flatt
Sevierville, TN	Citizens National Bank.....	Regina Pollard
Sweetwater, TN.....	Volunteer Federal Savings and Loan	Shelia Knox
Tazewell, TN	First Century Bank.....	Britt Harris
Trenton, TN.....	Citizens City & County Bank	Leigh Anne Edmiston
Tullahoma, TN	First Vision Bank of Tennessee	Denise Ledford
Union City, TN.....	First State Bank	Kyle Baggett
Waynesboro, TN	Wayne County Bank.....	Holly Floyd

*** Denotes honor graduates**

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