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61 Graduate from The Southeastern School of BankingSM
Six Honor Students Recognized
Student Wins Scholarship to Graduate School of Banking

Nashville—A total of 61 students have completed requirements for graduation from the 2007 session of *The Southeastern School of BankingSM* (TSSB). The 2007 graduating class included 58 students from Tennessee, two from Mississippi, and one from Virginia. 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 Chris Phillips, president of the school’s board of trustees and vice president with Macon Bank & Trust in Lafayette. “TSSB students learn how to compete effectively in the ever-changing financial services environment.”

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

- **J. Bryan Ashby, Franklin County United Bank, Decherd**
- **Ann Bowers, Citizens National Bank, Sevierville**
- **Jason Doggett, Bank of Frankewing, Frankewing**

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- **John Liggett, First State Bank, Union City**
- **J. Tracy Temples, Franklin County United Bank, Decherd**
- **Clay Uselton, The Traders National Bank of Tullahoma, Tullahoma**

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. The 2007 scholarship winner was **Doug Hightshue, vice president, Cornerstone Community Bank, Chattanooga**. 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 2007 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 2007 Graduates**

Athens	Athens Federal Community Bank	Dana Cornett
Chattanooga	Cornerstone Community Bank	Doug Hightshue
Chattanooga	Cornerstone Community Bank	Dean Lusk
Chattanooga	First Tennessee Bank National Association	Andy Moore
Chattanooga	First Volunteer Bank of Tennessee	Jeremy Price
Columbia.....	Community First Bank & Trust	David Baker
Columbia.....	Community First Bank & Trust	Michael Franks
Columbia.....	Community First Bank & Trust	Marion Ingram
Cross Plains	The Farmers Bank	Faye Stubblefield
Dayton.....	Community National Bank	Tonya Sorrow
Dayton.....	First Bank of Tennessee	David R. Brown
* Decherd.....	Franklin County United Bank	J. Bryan Ashby
* Decherd.....	Franklin County United Bank	J. Tracy Temples
Dunlap.....	Mountain Valley Bank	Mark Wilson
Frankewing.....	Bank of Frankewing	Jesse Busby
* Frankewing.....	Bank of Frankewing	Jason Doggett
Franklin.....	Tennessee Commerce Bank	Bill Coleman
Franklin.....	Tennessee Commerce Bank	William D. Hatcher
Goodlettsville.....	First State Bank	Jeremiah Bennett
Harriman	First Bank of Tennessee	Jason Miles
Hattiesburg, MS	The First, A National Banking Association	Casey Graham
Jefferson City	First Peoples Bank of Tennessee	Carla Hickey
Jefferson City	First Peoples Bank of Tennessee	Donna Massey
Johnson City.....	State of Franklin Savings Bank	Rachel Maxwell
Knoxville	Pugh and Company, PC	Heather Patrick
Knoxville	Pugh and Company, PC	Hayley Smith
Lawrenceburg.....	First Farmers and Merchants Bank	Felicia Y. Brown
Lebanon	Wilson Bank & Trust	Jon Bell
Livingston.....	American Bank and Trust of the Cumberlandds	Karen J. White
Livingston.....	First National Bank of Tennessee	Erin Montgomery

*** Denotes honor graduate**

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Livingston.....	First National Bank of Tennessee	Ben Whitson
Loretto.....	First Farmers and Merchants Bank	Patricia Ayers
Manchester.....	American City Bank of Tullahoma	John Carter Sain
Moscow	The Bank of Fayette County	Rashida Mingo
Mount Juliet.....	Wilson Bank & Trust	Jason Loggins
Murfreesboro.....	MidSouth Bank	Jennifer Glasgow
Nashville.....	PrimeTrust Bank	R. Dale Mitchell
Nashville.....	Tennessee Bankers Association	Colin Barrett
Nashville.....	Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions	Justin Cary
Oneida.....	First Trust and Savings Bank, Oneida, Tennessee.....	Pamela Burke
Oneida.....	First Trust and Savings Bank, Oneida, Tennessee	Lisa M. Lowe
Paris	Commercial Bank & Trust Co.	Jamie Orr
Picayune, MS	The First, A National Banking Association	Steven Wood
Portland.....	The Farmers Bank	Jake Daughtry
Portland.....	The Farmers Bank	David Hayes
Powell.....	The Peoples Bank	Traci Todd
Savannah.....	Central Bank	Darren Howard
Selmer	Home Banking Company	Dawn D. Patrick
* Sevierville.....	Citizens National Bank	Ann Bowers
Sevierville	Citizens National Bank	Joshua Burnett
Sevierville	Citizens National Bank	Hope Sellars
Shelbyville	First Community Bank of Bedford County	Valerie LaCoss
Smartt.....	Beacon Federal	Dennis Clark
Sparta	First National Bank of Tennessee	Christy D. McCaleb
Tullahoma	American City Bank of Tullahoma	Michael S. TeVrucht
* Tullahoma	Traders National Bank.....	Clay Uselton
Union City	Commercial Bank & Trust Co.....	Kurt L. Baggett
* Union City.....	First State Bank	John Liggett
White House	First State Bank	Randy Cline
Winfield	The First National Bank of Oneida	Melvin Stephens
Wise, VA	The First Bank and Trust Company	Cory Dotson

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