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**Virginia Bankers Association Announces Graduates of the
Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management**

Charlottesville, VA, August 4, 2017 – Fifty-one Virginia bankers graduated on August 4, 2017 from the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The three-year school is sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association in cooperation with the Darden School of Business at the University.

Bruce Whitehurst, VBA President and CEO commented about this year’s graduating class, “We are proud of the 51 bankers who graduated this year. These students have developed a range of skills that will both enhance their current performance, as well as qualify them as potential candidates for advancement within their institutions. Additionally, the connections they have made with other students will benefit them both personally and professionally for years to come.”

Class President, Marshall Jett, Essex Bank, said of his graduating class, “The past three years of Bank School have been an amazing experience. Besides being a part of the development of bankers from across Virginia and beyond, we have accomplished some great things together for our chosen charity, the UVa Children’s Hospital. Helping raise money for kids in need was a fantastic add-on to the education we received in Charlottesville these past few years. I also cannot begin to express the gratitude that myself and my entire Class of 2017 feel for everything the VBA has done to support our class, the Bank Management School, and all of the banks in Virginia. It has been an honor to serve as the president of this class, and I am truly thrilled to see what is next for our class as we move forward in this amazing career.”

Through the use of highly qualified instructors and a challenging curriculum, the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management is designed to provide a multidimensional banking educational experience. Graduates completed three one-week summer sessions and eight home study problems, and participated in a BankExec simulation, which allowed them the opportunity to make decisions acting as senior officers of a bank. Graduates broadened their knowledge in all respects of banking, economics, and related subjects.

Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management 2017 Graduates:

Debbie Arrington
Rachel S. Ashby
Scott D. Atkins
William N. Bailey

New Peoples Bank Inc.
First Bank & Trust Company
Essex Bank
Farmers Bank

Daniel L. Baldwin	Access National Bank
Chandni Baptiste	Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
Johnna Willse Barksdale	Select Bank
Samuel B. Blaser	The Fauquier Bank
Dena M. Bonniwell	Chesapeake Bank
Amy V. Channell	Summit Community Bank, Inc
Christopher L. Clifton	TruPoint Bank
Donna H. Craft	Highlands Community Bank
Nicole M. Crandall	TowneBank
Candace L. Davenport	First Bank, Strasburg
Matt Doane	Highlands Union Bank
Amy B. Everett	The Bank of Southside Virginia
Tony Farland	Community Bank of the Chesapeake
Jared K. Giordano	Middleburg Bank, a Div of Access National Bank
Quincy A. Gregory	BB&T
Adam P. Grindstaff	Union Bank & Trust
Raleigh E. Hayter	First Bank & Trust Company
Adam J. Hill	Union Bank & Trust
James C. Hill, II	Southern Bank and Trust Company
Alicia Moniba Howard	Union Bank & Trust
D. Marshall Jett	Essex Bank
Michelle Darice Johnson	Union Bank & Trust
William R. Karst	United Bank
Nicole Kemp	Essex Bank
Tina K. Kent	Chesapeake Bank
Alexandre Knapp	Access National Bank
Michael Knotts	MVB Bank, Inc.
Shon B. Koly	Burke & Herbert Bank
Joseph A. Lewis, III	Village Bank
Hector Ochoa	Burke & Herbert Bank
Matthew G. Paciocco	Virginia Commonwealth Bank
Jason A. Padua	SunTrust Bank
Amanda B. Peay	Bank of Botetourt
Tyler Perry	SunTrust Bank
Jamie M. Radford	Carter Bank & Trust
Laurie Pennington Rowe	Chesapeake Bank
Georges Emile Saison	Peoples Community Bank
Ashley E. Stevens	Union Bank & Trust
Claudia K. Stinnie	Union Bank & Trust
Susan Templeton	Middleburg Bank, a Div of Access National Bank
Tara Totino	First Community Bank
Darren T. Tully	Freedom Bank of Virginia
Barbara Ann VanDyke	New Peoples Bank Inc.

James B. Watson
David Josiah Wood
Lauren Leigh Wood
Gregory R. Young

National Bank
Carter Bank & Trust
C&F Bank
Pioneer Bank

About the Virginia Bankers Association

Established in 1893, the Virginia Bankers Association is the unified voice for commercial and savings banks in Virginia. The VBA maintains an active legislative advocacy program, provides training to bankers statewide, and provides a variety of products and service to help its member banks best serve their communities.

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