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**Virginia Bankers Association Announces Graduates of the**

**Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management**

Charlottesville, VA, July 29, 2022 – Forty-four Virginia bankers graduated on July 29, 2022 from the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management in Charlottesville. The three-year school is sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association.

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Bruce Whitehurst, VBA President and CEO commented about this year’s graduating class, “We are proud of the forty-four bankers who graduated this year. These students have developed a range of skills that will enhance their current performance, and qualify them as potential candidates for advancement within their institutions. The connections they have made with other students – even after a fully virtual program in 2020 – will benefit them both personally and professionally for years to come.”

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 complete three one-week summer sessions, eight home study problems and participate in a BankExec simulation, which allows them the opportunity to make decisions acting as senior officers of a bank. Graduates broaden their knowledge in all respects of banking, economics, and related subjects.

**Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management 2022 Graduates:**

Cameron Agricola TowneBank

Christina M. Alvino Burke & Herbert Bank

Betsy P. Bennett Bank of Clarke County

Travis Cockerham Skyline National Bank

J. Dan Convery Jr. Burke & Herbert Bank

Lynda JC Crossman United Bank

Erica A. Deluhery F&M Bank

Mark Dofflemyer Pioneer Bank

Charles C. Driest F&M Bank

A.J. Eschle CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Cody Florence Virginia National Bank

Amie D. Harden First Bank & Trust Company

Melissa A. Hicks Chesapeake Bank

Shanton S. Kittler MainStreet Bank

Sarah M. Lambert State Corporation Commission

Azita S. Langroodi United Bank

Andrew Long State Corporation Commission

Bryan Patrick Lowry, Jr C&F Bank

Stephanie N. McCoy Bank of Botetourt

Kendall P. McGee Village Bank

Natasha Merz Old Point National Bank

Seth T. Moore Atlantic Union Bank

Christopher R. Newsome First Bank & Trust Company

Andrea Pender TruPoint Bank

Rasheeda D. Perry Atlantic Union Bank

Austin C. Phipps First Bank & Trust Company

Dustin Reed Physioc State Corporation Commission

Kelly E. Poe Skyline National Bank

James William Benton Porter Carter Bank & Trust

Dennis Wayne Prescott Sandy Spring Bank

Dawn Rose Provost TowneBank

Liz Ray Burke & Herbert Bank

Kristin L. Routt American National Bank & Trust Company

Elizabeth Schaaf Atlantic Union Bank

Allen J. Scherer III Village Bank

Loren Gaylor Atlantic Union Bank

Beth Lynn Shivak Atlantic Union Bank

Julie Stevens TowneBank

Brandie Taylor Carter Bank & Trust

Ben Thompson F&M Bank

Jason Williams Primis Bank

Lindsay M. Wirth Southern Bank and Trust Company

N. Daniel Witcher American National Bank & Trust Company

David Younce Chesapeake Bank

*About the Virginia Bankers Association*

The Virginia Bankers Association represents banks of all sizes and charters and has served as the unified voice for Virginia’s $881 billion banking industry and its 45 thousand employees since 1893. To learn more about the VBA, click [here](http://www.vabankers.org/).

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