

Career Highlights of Banking Leaders' Panelists

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L. Taylor Harrell **President** **Southern Bank, NC and VA**

- . native of Gates, NC
- . graduate of UNC/Chapel Hill
- . 29-year career in banking
- . began as retail banking officer, Centura Bank, Ahoskie, NC
- . commercial lender/market executive with Centura
- . transitioned to Southern Bank, 2005
- . graduate: NC School of Banking at Chapel Hill
- . graduate: Graduate School of Banking at LSU
- . member, Southern Bank's Personnel, Loan Review and Management Loan Committees
- . responsible for oversight of Bank's Training Department
- . chair, Nansemond Suffolk Academy Board of Trustees
- . prior leadership positions with Downtown Norfolk Council, Greater Norfolk Corporation, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Ahoskie Rotary Club (President), Ahoskie Jaycees (President)
- . resident of Suffolk

Patricia R. (Pat) Lewis **Executive Vice President, Director of Human Resources** **Chesapeake Bank, Kilmarnock**

- . joined Chesapeake in 1972 as drive-in teller while still in high school
 - . post-high school, full time positions as teller/head teller
 - . additional early experience in loan administration, operations, internal audit
 - . returned to retail area as branch mgr of hometown office for 15 years
 - . 2000: asked to develop Bank's training program, and thus began her career in Human Resources
 - . various AIB diplomas throughout the years
 - . graduate: School of Banking for Human Resources, University of Wisconsin
 - . graduate: VBA Executive Leadership Program
 - . *Courtney Fleming adds this:*
- "Pat is a leader within the VBA's Executive Women in Banking Peer Group and has played a key role in helping the VBA develop and launch the VBA Women's Mentorship Pilot Program."*
- . member, VBA Benefits Board and past chair, VBA Human Resources Committee
 - . active with her church and local community college advisory board
 - . Pat says: *"I love to tutor at my local middle school, and I have a passion for encouraging others to never stop learning."*

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Thomas L. (Tom) Rasey, Jr. **Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer** **The Farmers Bank of Appomattox, Appomattox**

- . Texas native, graduate of Hampden Sydney College
 - . joined Farmers 2009
 - . has partnered with member of executive management to develop the Bank's current employee mentorship program
 - . has served as Bank's grassroots advocacy representative with federal/state regulatory agencies
 - . has led Bank's financial literacy efforts, cultivating employee engagement to broaden the Bank's reach into area schools/local library
 - . prior tenure with Scott Insurance (Lynchburg), Wachovia (Farmville), and GEICO (VA Beach)
 - . past chair and former member: VBA's Emerging Bank Leaders Steering Committee
 - . graduate: VBA School of Bank Management, 2013 (Second Honor Graduate)
 - . graduate: VBA Executive Leadership Institute, 2017
 - . currently enrolled: Graduate School of Banking, LSU, where he serves as Class Treasurer and member of the Student Advisory Committee for the Class of 2022
 - . member: Virginia Association of Community Banks (VACB) Board of Directors
 - . member, Payments Advisory Council for VA, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
 - . vice chair: Marissa's Missions Board of Directors
- [. national winner, 2020: ICBA 40 Under 40 Emerging Community Bank Leaders](#)

Sherri A. Sackett **Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer** **Select Bank, Lynchburg**

- [. has been named CEO, effective January 1, 2023](#)
- . graduate of UNC/Greensboro with 20- year career in banking
- . graduate: VBA School of Bank Management, and Graduate School of Banking, LSU
 - . trustee: Graduate School of Banking Board of Trustees, LSU
 - . member: VBA MSI Board
 - . past chair and current member: VBA Marketing Committee
- . organized and formed 2 de novo banks, including the capital raise and regulatory approvals process
 - . career began as marketing/shareholder relations officer, Community First Bank, Lynchburg
 - . has served as commercial lender and SVP of retail banking, with wide scope of experience in all areas of banking
- . helped organize Select Bank in 2006, and has been involved with subordinated debt and preferred stock offerings at Select
- . at Select, has led Bank's cultural engagement efforts, deposit incentive program, FinTech engagements
 - . director: Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Richmond Chapter
 - . chair: Fight Against Lymphoma, Leukemia Board
- . prior board positions with The Lynchburg Historical Foundation, Girls on the Run and Humankind
- . *Courtney Fleming adds this: "Sherri has been a part of the VBA Executive Women in Banking Peer Group since its inception, and has been an advocate for promoting women in banking. In her position on the board of the Graduate School of Banking Board of Trustees, she has worked with the program's leadership to bring a more women-focused curriculum to the school.*

